

Friends of Northeast Christian University (FNECU)

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The proposed Northeast Christian University sponsored by the Council of Baptist Churches of Northeast India (CBC-NEI) to be established in Nagaland beginning first with an one building campus (Anchor) in Dimapur now has a US based advocacy and fund-raising board known as "Friends of NECU."

The officers and board members are:

1. Jerry Cain, Chair, MO
2. Don Ng, Vice-Chair, CA
3. Ben Chan, Treasurer, PA
4. Fred Downs, Secretary, MA
5. Peter Armacost, FL
6. Leno Peseyie Maase, CA
7. John Sundquist, Honorary Chair, MI
8. Joseph Huse, Development Director, IN

FNECU has its own bylaws and has applied for a 501-C3 status in Florida. It has received \$26K from WRC and \$24K from Palmer Grants for start-up costs. Dr. Anjo Keikung, NECU Chancellor visited the US in July by attending the World Missions Conference at GL and then visited a number of prospective donors and ABC leaders for 2 weeks before returning to India.

FNECU is setting up a checking account at the Christian Community Credit Union to deposit contributions and pay expenses. Donations can also be received through our normal mission giving channels. The immediate financial goal is to raise \$2 million to renovate the Dimapur building in order to begin offering classes. The total projected cost to develop the permanent campus in Nagaland is \$27 million. FNECU is actively seeking donations for this project. A website is being developed by Naga expats in CA after meeting with Dr. Anjo this past July. We are hoping that the website can be linked to both the IM and ABCUSA sites.

In September, Peter Armacost who was president of Ottawa and Eckerd colleges and served as a consultant in establishing a Christian university in Pakistan is currently in Nagaland at the invitation of NECU for 3 weeks to lay the foundation for the university. He will be meeting with both religious and governmental officials.

For the purpose of gaining broader support for NECU, there are plans to sponsor a visit in early 2017 to Northeast India and particularly Nagaland for ABC leaders including regional executives, pastors and lay leaders who would support NECU in both prayer and financial giving.

The FNECU believes in this long-range effort to provide Christian 4-year liberal arts and science degrees in an area of the world where none exist today. After ABC missionaries proclaim Jesus Christ over 180 years ago in Northeast India, there is still work to be done to provide necessary education for a healthy and vital society to thrive.