

Greetings from St. Andrews cathedral Singapore



It has been a very busy conference and my body is tired. Today at lunch time I sat with the Korean church delegation. They're from Sarang Presbyterian Church, Seoul, Korea. 36 years ago they started with 9 people. Today it is a church of 40,000 worshipping members. They help churches with a program called "Call to Awaken the Laity" also known as Discipleship. I will go to a workshop now being led by the Vietnamese church planters. I have many exciting stories to share with you. God is using churches in Southeast Asia to plant new churches. They are focused on Mission and Evangelism and

God is blessing these churches. Our Bishop has called for us to be engaged in mission and evangelism. I wish we could bring some lay and clergy from our churches in the Diocese of Eau Claire to experience the fervor, joy and strategic plan to reawaken the fire in our belly! The Cross of Jesus is the power of God. We have resources, church buildings, theological degrees but lack a desire for evangelism. Many of us are in the maintenance mode. If we do not wake up with urgency to get engaged with the agenda of the Gospel, we shall be presiding over the funeral of our congregations by closing more parishes in the coming years. I give thanks to God for giving me an opportunity to be with church planters, evangelists, bishops and Archbishops of the Anglican Communion who desire to do the work of an Evangelist. We can learn from these young churches.

I send you my love and best wishes.

Patrick Augustine.