

SINGAPORE CENTRE FOR GLOBAL MISSIONS ANNUAL REPORT 2015



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Missions Movement in
Singapore*

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in Missions Mobilisation
in the 21st Century*



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The world of missions is a rapidly changing environment. We need someone to keep tabs on developments and alert us so that we can do missions in the most effective and relevant way. SCGM fills this need for us.

Bishop Dr Wee Boon Hup
The Methodist Church in
Singapore



SCGM STRATEGIC THRUST 2012-2016

Singapore Centre for Global Missions (SCGM) is a centre for world missions established in 1980 by a team of local pastors and missions leaders in Singapore. Previously known as SCEM, we have been serving to coordinate the efforts of local churches in missions and promoting partnership in our missionary endeavours from Singapore.

STRATEGIC THOUGHT LEADERSHIP IN MISSIONS

SCGM serves to bring the best of missiological strategic thinking and best practices to Singapore from all around the world as we keep abreast with what God is doing in the 21st Century. We research, network and participate in missiological conferences and missions networks regionally and globally. We encourage the development of more Asian missionaries and missiologists who will advance the missionary enterprise from Asia, and Singapore.

CONTEXTUAL MISSIOLOGIES AND INNOVATIONS

SCGM helps grow contextual missions strategies from Singapore as we reflect on our missions practice contextually and work with other Asian missions innovators in providing relevant solutions to strategic and sustainable missions initiatives.

GLOCAL PROJECTS CONSULTATION

SCGM works alongside local churches and missions partners in developing strategic missions projects. We provide training resources and capacity building for local churches involved in missions. We consult with and coach missional business project teams and help develop missiological frameworks for their projects. We encourage holistic and transformational projects which uplift the poor both spiritually and socially.

MISSIONAL MOBILISATION

SCGM partners with local churches and missions agencies to encourage missions mobilisation and facilitate strategic missions partnerships. We have been serving the local churches through organising national missions conferences and consultations over the past decades. Since 2002, we have played a key part in organising the triennial GoForth National Missions Conferences and serving as the secretariat.

STRATEGISE. CONTEXTUALISE. GLOCALISE. MOBILISE.

NATIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT 2015

by Lawrence Ko, SCGM ND

Jesus ...A Migrant in Egypt

After the wise men were gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up! Flee to Egypt with the child and his mother," the angel said. "Stay there until I tell you to return, because Herod is going to search for the child to kill him." That night Joseph left for Egypt with the child and Mary, his mother, and they stayed there until Herod's death.

Herod was furious when he realized that the wise men had outwitted him. He sent soldiers to kill all the boys in and around Bethlehem who were two years old and under... Herod's brutal action fulfilled what God had spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: "A cry was heard in Ramah - weeping and great mourning. Rachel weeps for her children, refusing to be comforted, for they are dead."

Matthew 2 13-18



The year 2015 marked the 50th year of Independence for Singapore. As the nation celebrated SG50, we commemorated SCGM35 ... celebrating 35 years of service in God's missions through serving His churches.

Since 1980, SCGM exist to promote missions among the churches in Singapore. In 2013, we adopted the strategic thrust with the tagline of **Global Missions 21** as we focus on the global challenges and issues in the 21st Century. We work with thought leaders and key organisations to develop the needed response from Christians to impact missions in this exciting new era.

In 2015 we continued to surface key agendas which we believe are important for churches in Singapore to engage in. Being one of the richest nations on earth and in the Asian region, with Christians among those well blessed, the Singapore church needs to respond to the needs of the poor, who are seeking not only spiritual peace but also material uplift and social well being. In the holistic gospel of Christ lies the Hope of humanity. In the Resurrection of Christ, we have the historical and theological basis for a Living Hope as we live and serve God in the present towards a glorious future culminating in His imminent Return.

Globalisation and rapid urbanisation continue to characterise the present 21st Century. Christian missions need to develop new missiological thinking to respond to the immense needs and unprecedented challenges with new emerging megatrends. Five years ago, the Arab Spring happened and changed the landscape of the Middle East. Last year, Europe was faced with the deluge of Syrian refugees flooding in on all fronts. Xenophobic concerns continue to rage. Singapore is not exempt. Five years ago, Singapore raised great concerns about the large migrant communities living and working on our shores putting pressure on our infrastructure. Last year's population report states that there are 1.63 million non-residents living in Singapore. There are always these unprecedented challenges but also immense opportunities. What is the Church's response to the missional opportunities at our doorstep? Are we equipped to respond?

Two years ago, the SCGM Council decided on 3 areas of mission focus, one of which was addressing the needs for urban migrant missions. The staff team was tasked to develop partnership and programmes to work with the global and local church to spotlight and mobilise resources for these new key areas, viz., Creation Care, Missional Business and Urban (Diaspora) Missions.

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National Director's Report (Cont'd)



It's heartening to see SCGM continuing to be a driving force for Singapore churches to keep on the cutting edge of what God is doing in the 21st Century.

May God's hand continue to work powerfully as SCGM creates even greater opportunities for God's Kingdom and empowers His people to be God's light in our turbulent world.

Rev Dominic Yeo
General Superintendent,
Assemblies of God, Singapore
Senior Pastor, Trinity Christian
Centre, Singapore



SCGM Council members with Guest of Honour Pastor Dominic Yeo, and Special Guest Bishop Kuan Kim Seng at SCGM's 35th Anniversary ETHNIC RHYTHMS CONCERT in July 2015.

THESE 3 FOCUS AREAS of Creation Care, Missional Business and Urban Diaspora Missions will require active participation of the Christians in every church and every pew to engage. Thus we affirm the thrust developed at GoForth 2014 that all of us are called to serve in God's missions as it takes "Everyone to reach Everyone" with the gospel. Mobilising "the Whole Church" in missions means getting every member of the church involved, not just the clergy or those called to full-time career missionary service, but also every believer young and old, at home or in the marketplace. Hence we worked actively with academics, business leaders, civil society leaders and missions leaders.

SCGM ND was privileged to be the invited speaker at English Presbytery's Mission Consultation on 28 March focusing on "Creation Care" as the theme. The inaugural Creation Care Singapore Conference organised by the Graduates' Christian Fellowship on 11 July was themed "On Earth as it is in Heaven". SCGM ND was one of the 3 key speakers along with Prof Freddy Boey and Dr Tan Yak Wee and provided the missiological keynote address. In Nov 2015, the United Bible Society and Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences organised a "Bible and Environment" Forum and invited SCGM ND to participate. ND presented a paper on "Can the Desert be Green? A Christian Understanding of Christian Care" which was later published by the British and Foreign Bible Society as part of the advocacy efforts during the climate conference in Paris in November 2015.

SCGM remains committed to promote the need for a robust theology of creation care and the advocacy of responsible and sustainable living, so that Creation Care develops as a missiological strategy to combat climate change as well as reach the poor and marginalised who are usually the victims of environmental degradation and disasters.

In the focus area of Missional Business (MB), SCGM took another step forward in 2015 beyond discussing MB concepts and **catalysing missions in Singapore**

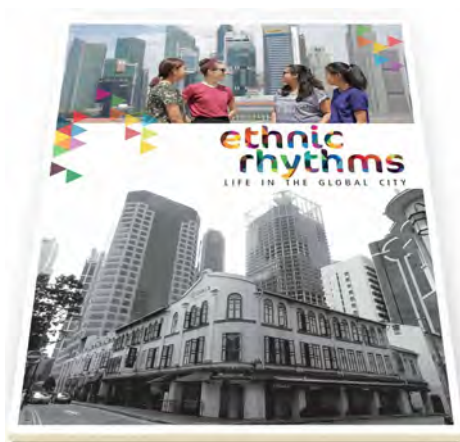
National Director's Report (Cont'd)



Prof Brenda Yeoh and Dr Mathews Mathew attending SCGM Focus Group to share their research on issues in Asian urbanisation and opportunities in urban missions



The Ethnic Rhythms book was launched on 3 Sep at the St Andrew's Cathedral at the SCGM Missions Breakfast Fellowship. The book was also distributed the same morning at CCOWE conference in Singapore and at Singapore Bible College's Missions Week (highlighted here are SCGM Staff with Dr Calvin Chong).



measurements in March 2015 to launch a MB Start-Up Weekend in May 2015. With the help of 3 consultants, we worked with 15 business leaders to develop business plans for implementable missional business strategies. Plans were also launched to bring MB delegations to visit and explore business opportunities in the cities of China and India. We held a China Business Talk in August to encourage business development and job creation for the urban poor in China. In September, a team of 8 visited China and learnt about urban enterprise development.

ETHNIC RHYTHMS... Celebrating 35 years of ministry

The highlight for the year 2015 must have been the launch of SCGM's publication which focuses on the demographics and dynamics of the diaspora communities in Singapore. Entitled "Ethnic Rhythms: Life in the Global City" the 80-page full-colour image-heavy coffee-table style book seeks to introduce the diverse cultures and communities in Singapore along with the issues of urban living. The writers including academics, practitioners and pastors seek to encourage churches and believers to reach out and embrace the 120 nationalities at our doorstep right here in the global city of Singapore.

A multi-lingual and multi-cultural concert was also staged on 26 July to celebrate SCGM's 35th Anniversary with over 10 ethnic churches performing before an audience of 800. We pray that the **vision of the Church as an eschatological community** which was cast at the concert will continue to grow so that we will become God's transformational agent in urban missions.

As Singapore turned 50, we are reminded of our immigrant roots. Scriptures remind us that Jesus was a refugee right from birth and the early Church actively ministered to diaspora communities. We need to do the same. **God is the God of the sojourners.**



SCGM Staff, Interns and Volunteers at Ethnic Rhythms Concert in July 2015

SCGM CALENDAR 2015



ND meeting missiologists with Ng Zhiwen and NMS 2014 team



ND with leaders of the Lausanne Asia-Pacific International Students Ministry Forum



Bishop Emeritus Dr Robert Solomon at SCGM Missions Breakfast Fellowship



ND with President of China's Three-Self Patriotic Movement, Elder Fu Xianwei



ND presenting books to Principal of Jinling Union Seminary at Nanjing, Rev Chen Yilu

- Jan** **SCGM Breakfast on “Engaging One Billion (Buddhist Worldview)” by Ps Ramylal Fernando**
SEANET CONFERENCE in Thailand
Love Singapore Pastors’ Prayer Summit
Chinese Culture & Festivals at The Bible Church
- Feb** **SCGM Breakfast on “Japan After Tsunami” by Ps Yoshiya Kondo**
- Mar** **SCGM Breakfast on “Children & 4/14 Vision” by David Leong**
National Spotlight on Children Ministry - Pastors’ Lunch, Children Ministry Leaders’ Retreat & Public Rally (12-13 Mar)
Global Diaspora Network Forum in Philippines (23-27 Mar)
SCGM MB Talk: Missional Biz Metrics by Mats Tunehag
English Presbytery Mission Consultation on Creation Care
- Apr** **SCGM Breakfast on “A Hole in Our Gospel” by Ajit Hazra**
SCGM Annual General Meeting (23 Apr)
SCGM Annual Lecture 2015: The Courage To Be by Dr Bruce Nicholls (23 Apr)
Church Missions Strategy Consultation (24-25 Apr)
- May** **SCGM Breakfast on “Asian Ethnomusicology” by Joseph Lee**
SCGM Missional Business Weekend (21-23 May)
- Jun** ICHE ANNUAL CONFERENCE in Cambodia (3-6 Jun)
- Jul** **SCGM Breakfast on “The Care of Souls” by Dr Jimmy Tan**
Creation Care Singapore Conference (11 Jul)
SCGM 35th Anniv Concert: Ethnic Rhythms (26 Jul)
- Aug** **China Business Talk (1 Aug)**
SCGM Breakfast on “The Soul of the City” by Bishop Emeritus Dr Robert Solomon
Lutheran Church Missions Conference (23 Aug)
- Sep** **SCGM Breakfast on “Diaspora Missions in a Port City” by Rev Peter Manimuthu**
Launch of Ethnic Rhythms publication
Church Missions Strategy Consultation (11-12 Sep)
SCGM Asia Urban Mission Media Project (18-25 Sep)
- Oct** **SCGM Breakfast on “Engagement in Public Space” by Dr Kwa Kiem Keok**
SCGM Council Planning Retreat (3 Oct)
Lausanne Asia-Pacific Int’l Students Ministry Forum (1-3 Oct)
- Nov** **SCGM Missional Breakfast on “Missions Practice in the light of Urbanisation and Migration” by Jon Hirst**
Global Hindu Ministry Network in Thailand (9-13 Nov)
“Bible & Environment Seminar” Shanghai, China (18-21 Nov)
- Dec** **Conclusion of 3-month Urban Missions Workshop: “From Careers to Carers: Building a Community of Compassion and Care” at Salem Chapel**

catalysing missions in Singapore



NATIONAL SPOTLIGHT ON CHILDREN MINISTRY



Pastor Bill Wilson inspires with his Can Do spirit in ministry to children



Rev Dr Mark Griffiths making a point in his usual animated presentation



Dr Lim Teck Boon and Lawrence Ko praying for speakers Pastor Bill Wilson and Rev Dr Mark Griffiths at the closing of the Conference

As part of the follow-up to one of the strategic workshops at GoForth 2014 National Missions Conference on “Challenging the Next Generation” to reach the children and youths, SCGM organised a National Spotlight on Children Ministry jointly with Scripture Union and Child Evangelism Fellowship, and supported by St Andrew’s Cathedral.

This National Spotlight on Children Ministry was held on 12-13 March 2015, featuring a **2-day special retreat at Changi Village Hotel**. Over 150 Children ministry leaders took time off to consult with the children ministry specialists as well as joined in the time of prayer and for personal rejuvenation. A **Public Talk on Children Faith Formation by Mark Griffiths and Bill Wilson**, specially for Sunday School teachers, children ministry workers and parents took place at the Cathedral’s new sanctuary which saw over 200 participants engaged in the dialogue with the speakers. SCGM ND chaired the **Pastors’ Lunch** on 12 March 2015 at Bugis Village Hotel which brought 110 pastors together to discuss how local churches can envision the importance of children ministry and thus help to mobilise resources to strengthen the church’s outreach to children. We are thankful for Far East Organisation which sponsored the Pastors’ Lunch.

Pastor Bill Wilson, the Founder and Senior Pastor of Metro World Child, the World’s Largest Sunday school headquartered in Brooklyn, NY, enthralled the participants at the 3 sessions with his emphasis that every child is God’s child and that, “It’s easier to build boys and girls than to repair men and women”. Revd Dr Mark Griffiths, Vicar of Warfield, Berks, shared how he developed children outreach clubs, children’s discipleship groups, and passionately pointed out that successful children’s ministry is a major key to church growth. His book title “One Generation from Extinction” was adopted as the theme of our meetings.



Sri Bakhta Potana with organising team



Global Hindu Ministry Network Consultation Organising Committee



ND with Dr Thomas Harvey, programme director of Lausanne Global Diaspora Network Forum in Manila, March 2015

Global Hindu Ministry Network Consultation

SCGM organised the inaugural Global Hindu Ministry Network Consultation from 9-13 Nov 2015 in Chiang Mai, Thailand. This strategic initiative to reach Hindu worldview believers with the love of God was supported by WEA Mission Commission and OM Int'l and funded by the TRAC Board of Missions. Over 50 ministry leaders and missiologists from all over the world met to learn about faith, spirituality and cultures in South Asia and the Hindu diaspora. Academics, missions workers and pastors shared the diverse approaches to share the love of God with the various communities from the villages to the cities in Asia as well as the diaspora communities in the cities of the Western world. For a more detailed report on the GHMN consultation, henceforth known as Hethne Consultation, please email shanti@scgm.org.sg.

Global Diaspora Network Forum 2015

The Lausanne Global Diaspora Network (GDN) led by Dr Sadiri Joy Tira and Dr Ted Yamamori convened a global forum at Manila in March 2015. SCGM ND was invited to participate in the forum by Dr TV Thomas, the new Lausanne facilitator for the GDN who took over from Dr Tira at the end of the Forum. The GDN Forum took time to hear the papers from the unpublished book and discussed improvements to the compendium which was presented in draft form. The appeal continues to churches everywhere to mobilise, train, support and empower diaspora mission workers for the diaspora fields ripe for harvest.

Diaspora Missiology is defined by the Seoul Declaration on Diaspora Missiology as “a missiological framework for understanding and participating in God’s redemptive mission among people living outside their place of origin”. Diaspora mission is a providential and strategic way to minister to “the nations” by the diaspora and through the diaspora and beyond the diaspora. Later in Oct 2015, Dr Tira visited Singapore and met with SCGM ND to discuss the possibility of convening a Global Diaspora Missiology Educators Consultation in Singapore in 2016. SCGM was amenable to the partnership proposal and agreed to host the consultation which was scheduled for 2-6 Mar 2016.

EFOS Council both rejoice in and resonate with the vision and the vital and vibrant work of SCGM. There has indeed been a shared history and heritage. We also thank and praise the Lord for the dedication and dynamism of SCGM leaders all these years including its present National Director who chairs our Asia Evangelical Alliance Mission Commission.

Elder Dr Lawrence Chia,
Chairman,
Evangelical Fellowship of Singapore



ETHNIC RHYTHMS & URBAN MISSIONS

SCGM invited 20 academics, missions leaders and pastors to a focus group discussion in April 2015 on understanding the issues of the diaspora communities in Singapore. This followed ND's participation at the Global Diaspora Network forum in Manila at the end of March 2015. By June, we went to press with a collection of 32 articles from 22 writers covering demographical, ethnographical, sociological and missiological perspectives on the needs and opportunities for urban missions in Singapore, a global city. The publication which was funded by churches and individuals, was launched in September 2015 and distributed free to all public libraries, schools, junior colleges and universities as well as community clubs, missions agencies, seminaries and of course local churches. We pray that this Ethnic Rhythms publication will be used of God as a resource to develop more research and development of urban missions in Singapore, in Asian cities and beyond. For information on how to receive a copy of this publication, please email admin@scgm.org.sg



ETHNIC RHYTHMS CONCERT

SCGM celebrated her 35th anniversary with a multicultural, multilingual Ethnic Rhythms worship concert on 26 July 2015 at Bartley Christian Church auditorium. The concert started with a Guzheng prelude, a Chinese hymn solo and a processional involving 10 performance arts groups which would sing and dance in Karen, Nepali, Russian, Tagalog, Tamil, Telegu, Spanish and Thai. Prayers were said in Finnish, Kenyah and Bahasa languages. Pastor Dominic Yeo, our Guest of Honour, challenged the audience of 800 to a vision of urban engagement listening to the Divine Rhythm for the city. Bishop Kuan Kim Seng led in a commissioning prayer at the close of the concert for SCGM Council, staff and all present to go forth to reach out to the migrants in the cities.

Singapore Centre for Global Missions is doing an outstanding work in seizing opportunities for service.

Knowing Lawrence Ko and his commitment to Jesus Christ's holistic mission, I know SCGM will continue in many proactive programs as they mobilise the church for its whole mission. I commend SCGM and pray for greater success in the days to come.

Dr. Ken Gnanakan

Chairman, International Council for
Higher Education



SCGM ANNUAL LECTURE 2015

THE COURAGE TO BE



Dr Bruce Nicholls delivering the
SCGM Annual Lecture 2015



SCGM Staff Team at Annual Lecture

Dr Bruce Nicholls, a missionary who has served in Asia for over 4 decades and co-founded the Asia Theological Association, of which he remains an active theological consultant, delivered the SCGM Annual Lecture 2015 entitled “The Courage To Be”. Addressing a full house of 120 audience at the St Andrew’s Cathedral South Transept Hall, Dr Nicholls called on the Singapore Church to respond to the unprecedented and rapid change that is happening in Asia as it is around the world. With the rise of persecution, secularism and internet revolution, we need Asian Christians who have the courage to be agents of change in a world of change. The internet revolution and technology has transformed the world into a global village, and missional opportunities along with educational opportunities abound and must be seized by the Church to prepare and equip the younger generation.

The 21st C missionaries must have spiritual vitality, a conscious sense of the call, adaptability and sensitivity to engage in spiritual warfare. Missionary training need to combine both gospel and culture, evangelism and social justice, prophetic and servant leadership as well as theology and technology. It is a call to an integrated and holistic missions. Research is critical, especially into the world of the other religious world views, and we need to invest heavily in these in order to understand and appreciate effective ways to reach the people of other faiths. The Church must also publish so that research can be placed in the hands of the church community which needs this to be effective.

Dr Nicholls challenged Singapore Christians to respond to the call of God’s missions and be courageous. He concluded with Christ’s commission: “As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you”. John 20:21



Dr Bruce Nicholls



Dr Phil Marshall

Snapshots of Participants at Missions Strategy Consultations



SCGM MISSIONS STRATEGY CONSULTATION Apr '15 & Sep '15

SCGM organised 2 Church Missions Strategy Consultations in 2015 with Dr Bruce Nicholls as the keynote speaker for the April consultation and Dr Philip Marshall for the September consultation. The purpose of the consultations was to engage pastors and church missions committees in understanding and developing effective missions strategies for the local churches.

The keynote addresses by both our speakers Dr Nicholls and Dr Marshall focused on the need for paradigmatic shifts in missions strategies in the 21st century, as well as developing strategic alliances in the mission fields to serve and reach out together.

SCGM ND Lawrence Ko also shared 6 Emerging Trends in 21stC Global Missions: From Urban Evangelism to Ecology; Urban Missions for the Future City; Globalisation & Media Ministry; Energy, Economics & Environment; Higher Education & Future Economy; Food, Agriculture & Technology; as well as Missional Business & Job Creation.

Panelists included pastors and leaders from churches who have experienced the paradigmatic shifts as well as mission leaders and missionaries who have forged alliances in the fields. Lively group discussions and presentations by the participants added to the learning. The challenge remains immense but the participants, who included some senior pastors and church mission committee chairpersons, were resolved to mobilise the whole church for missions in the whole world.





Mats Tunehag speaks on
Missional Business Metrics



MISSIONAL BUSINESS WEEKEND 21-23 MAY 2015

The market place is the new harvest field, and businesses (including social enterprises) and not charities, will become the strongest influence of livelihood and lives in almost every nation on earth. Christians must learn to do business. To venture into business for missions with unquestioning zeal taken for faith, and with business naivete can turn the harvest field into a minefield of adventurism. Kingdom resources are frittered away. More critically, the opportunity cost is in the souls of men.

Hence SCGM is pioneering and staging the conversation of Missional Business in Singapore. **The Missional Business Weekend is crafted as an Entrepreneurs' huddle, an exercise of faith to go into the market places of the world.** Through this yearly event, the Missional Business



Lawrence with MB consultants
Antti Johanson and Peter Teong



Participants discussing their business
models with consultants

BUSINESS is God's Calling - Dato Edward Ong

Weekend, we hope business acumen will accompany missionary zeal as stakeholders gather to talk, to learn, to brainstorm, to encourage, to network, to partner, to be obedient to the call to go into the nations.

Fifteen business leaders and entrepreneurs gathered to pitch their ideas for missional enterprises and then worked with consultants to tweak their business plans. Practising humility and honesty and referencing the LEAN Startup methodologies, the participants defined and tested their business ideas and refined their business models, and inspired others to co-labour with them. We were thankful for Peter Teong and Antti Johansson who facilitated the sessions. Lee Kwai Seng and Bernard Lee also served as coaches and shared their wealth of experience in developing enterprises overseas. At the end of the event, teams showcased their prototypes and received valuable feedback from a panel of missional & business experts.



"Can the Desert be Green?"



ND with Rev Peter Harris, at lunch hosted by Amity press in Nanjing



ND with Prof Li Xiangping and Dr Yan Kejia from Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences



CAN THE DESERT BE GREEN?

WHY NOT?

LAWRENCE KO
AUTHOR,
CAN THE DESERT BE GREEN?
PLANTING HOPE IN THE
WILDERNESS



CREATION CARE SEMINARS 2015

SCGM helped facilitate the Green Desert Kids Club programme at Pulau Ubin on 14 March 2015 for 30 children and youths from Faith Assembly of God Church. There they learnt about the issues of Climate Change and concepts of Christian care and engagement in the environmental stewardship. They spent an afternoon in the international coastal clean up programme clearing rubbish from Jelutong beach. SCGM programme manager Chong Ching Ching together with intern Tammie Gwee also helped lead a Creation Care children programme during the church camp in June 2015 in West Malaysia for the Methodist Church of the Incarnation.

SCGM ND Lawrence Ko was the speaker at the English Presbytery Mission Consultation on 28 March 2015 on Christian Understanding of Creation Care. He was also one of the key speakers for the inaugural **Singapore Creation Care Conference** held on 11 July 2015 organised by Graduates' Christian Fellowship, A Rocha Singapore and the Creation Care Singapore (CCS) network and supported by SCGM. Lawrence spoke on the missiological basis of Christian involvement in Creation Care through environmental projects to reach the poor and marginalised, often the victims of environmental degradation and disasters. The other speakers include Prof Freddy Boey and Rev Dr Tan Yak Hwee. Over a hundred participants attended the half day event at OMF Auditorium.

Lawrence was also an invited speaker at the **Bible & Environment Seminar** organised by the United Bible Society, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences and Shanghai Centre for the Studies of Religion and Culture. This was part of an annual seminar organised by the UBS with the Academy on the Role of Christianity in Modern Society. Lawrence presented a paper entitled "Can the Desert Be Green? A Christian Understanding of Creation Care" which was selected to be published by the British and Foreign Bible Society in UK as part of its efforts in advocacy during the Paris Conference on climate change. Singapore's Rev Dr Choong Chee Pang, a visiting professor at Beijing and Fudan universities, who presented a paper on the biblical basis of Creation Care, was the respondent to Lawrence's paper.

SCGM 2016 PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS



- Jan **SCGM Breakfast on “Humanity Washed Ashore”**
by Kurt Johansen (7 Jan)
SEANET Conference in Chiang Mai, Thailand
Pastors Prayer Summit, Malacca, Malaysia
- Feb **SCGM Breakfast on “Asia Dreaming... Sustainable Development?”** by Dr Lee Soo Ann (4 Feb)
- Mar **SCGM Breakfast on “Diaspora Missiology”**
by Dr Sadiri Joy Tira (3 Mar)
Lausanne Global Diaspora Missiology Educators’
Consultation, Singapore (2-6 Mar)
SCGM Fundraising Concert (5 Mar)
- Apr **SCGM Breakfast on “Art, Media & God in the City”**
by Kelvin Tan (7 Apr)
Creation Care & Urban Farming at Onesimus Farm (23 Apr)
SCGM Annual General Meeting 28 Apr 6pm-7pm
SCGM Annual Lecture 2016: Social Holiness Transforms
by Rev Dr Kevin Mannoia
- May **SCGM Breakfast on “Faith Entrepreneurship”**
by Robert Kee (5 May)
ICHE Board meeting & Annual Conference in Johannesburg, S Africa
- Jun Kg Kapor Methodist Church Oikos Camp (8-11 Jun)
Green Desert Project (13 Jun-1 Jul)
- Jul **SCGM Breakfast on “Mobilising the Active Sages”**
by Rev Dr David Wong (7 Jul)
Creation Care & Urban Farming at Onesimus Farm (15 Jul)
- Aug **SCGM Breakfast on “Theology of Disability in the City”**
by Rev David Teo (4 Aug)
SCGM Fundraising Dinner (11 Aug)
SCGM Urban Missions Forum 2016 (12-13 Aug)
- Sep **SCGM Breakfast on “Hethne: A Passage Beyond India”**
by Dr Ashok Kumar (1 Sep)
- Oct **SCGM Breakfast on “China’s One Belt, One Road”**
by Lawrence Ko (6 Oct)
SCGM Council Planning Retreat
- Nov **SCGM Breakfast on “Reaching Your Neighbours”**
by Rev Eddie Chandra (3 Nov)
Missional Business Trip to India
- Dec **Missional Business Trip to China**

*“In a short span of time, the Singapore Centre for Global Missions has been able to accomplish a lot in **building bridges for partnership in global mission, promoting innovations and learning for greater effectiveness in missions, igniting passion for holistic mission** among the younger generation, children and youth. I see an increasing contribution of SCGM to missions and mission movements in Asia and Globally.”*

Bambang Budijanto, Ph.D.
Vice-Chairman, Asia Evangelical Alliance &
Director of AEA Mission Commission

catalysing missions in Singapore

SCGM BUDGET 2016

SINGAPORE CENTRE FOR GLOBAL MISSIONS BUDGET 2016			
DESCRIPTION			
RECEIPTS	BUDGET 2015	ACTUAL 2015	BUDGET 2016
DONATIONS	170,000.00	78,094.00	100,000.00
STAFF SUPPORT	130,000.00	42,484.00	90,000.00
PROJECT GRANT/SPONSORSHIP	40,000.00	53,000.00	30,000.00
PROJECT INCOME	25,000.00	100,723.00	47,000.00
FUNDRAISING	100,000.00	61,324.00	100,000.00
EVENT MANAGEMENT FEE	10,000.00	6,000.00	18,000.00
BOOKS SALE	10,000.00	4,597.00	5,000.00
MEMBERSHIP	5,000.00	7,600.00	5,000.00
OTHER INCOME	10,000.00	8,466.00	5,000.00
TOTAL	500,000.00	362,288.00	400,000.00
EXPENSES			
STAFF COST	203,276.00	181,005.00	215,976.00
OPERATING COST	37,000.00	37,547.00	43,100.00
PROJECT COST	115,000.00	107,977.00	80,000.00
FUNDRAISING COST	20,000.00	37,082.00	10,000.00
COMMUNICATIONS	2,600.00	2,217.00	3,700.00
RESOURCES	1,000.00	204.00	1,000.00
OTHER EXPENSE	400.00	1,994.00	1,700.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	379,276.00	368,026.00	355,476.00
SURPLUS/ DEFICIT	120,724.00	(5,738.00)	44,524.00

FROM CAREERS TO CARERS
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Urban Diaspora Missions,
Creation Care and
Missional Business
in response to the pressing challenges in our Global Village and to seize the immense opportunities for Christian Missions in 21st C Asia.

For more information on how you can partner and participate with us at SCGM, please email us at admin@scgm.org.sg

SCGM PARTNERS IN 2014

SCGM is a vital missions structure for the Church in Singapore,

serving as the handmaid to catalyse our national missions movement. What our spiritual forebears initiated nearly a generation ago is even more important today, as we see the closing days of the Great Commission. I strongly commend the work of SCGM to the Church in Singapore.

Bishop Rennis Ponniah
Diocese of Singapore



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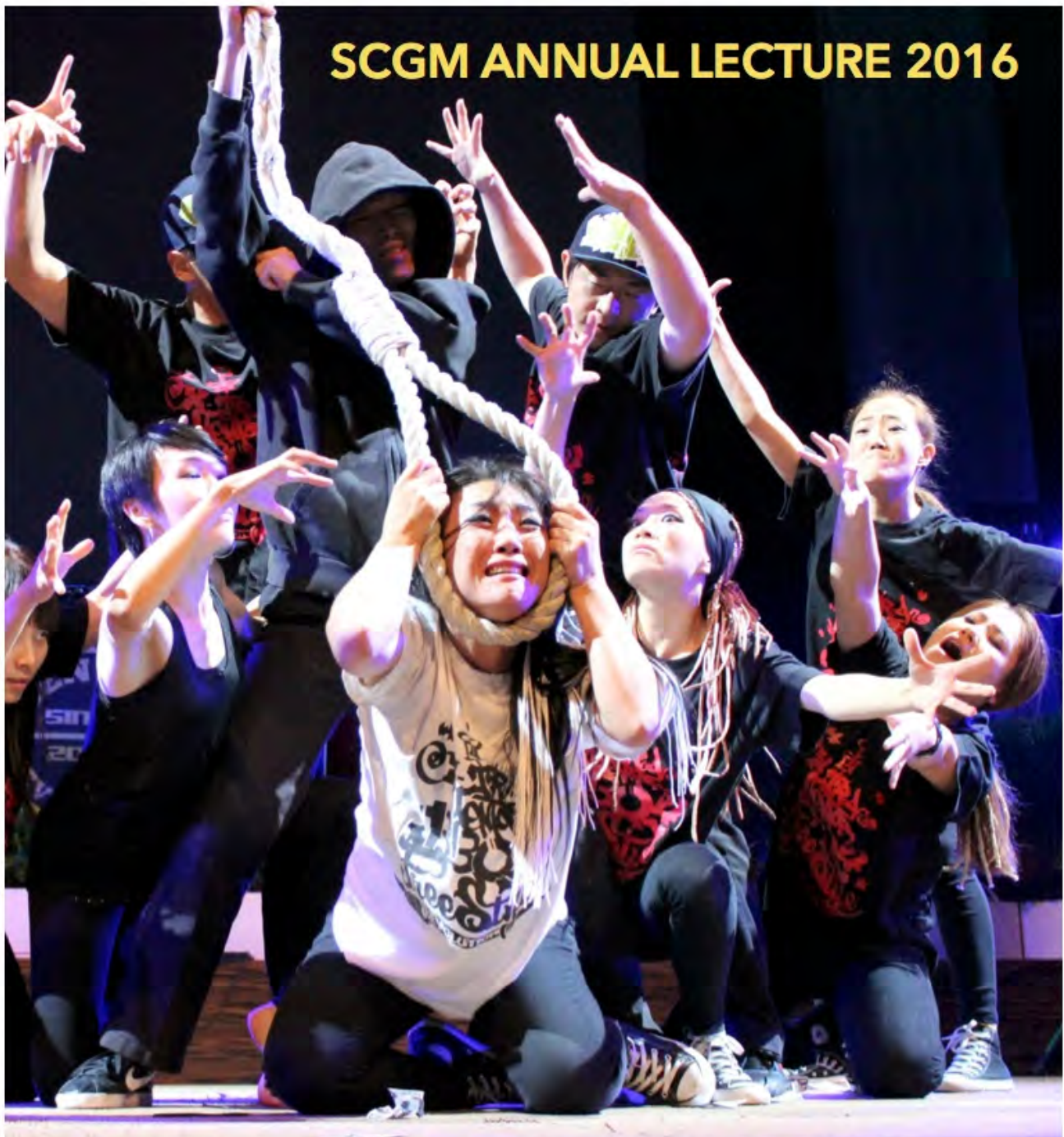
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