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ANNUAL REPORT 2018



WHY CITIES MATTER TO THE CHURCH

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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 our local churches in missions and promoting partnership in our missionary endeavours from Singapore.

VISION

SERVING THE LOCAL CHURCH IN MISSIONS MOBILISATION IN THE 21ST CENTURY

“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



MISSION

CATALYSING THE NATIONAL MISSIONS MOVEMENT IN SINGAPORE

“SCGM has been faithful to its mandate to serve the church in promoting missions and partnership in their missionary endeavours. Noteworthy is their contribution to the success of all the GoForth National Missions Conferences in Singapore.”

Bishop Terry Kee

The Lutheran Church in Singapore
President, National Council of Churches of Singapore
SCGM Advisor



SCGM STRATEGIC THRUST

2012-2018

1. STRATEGIC THOUGHT LEADERSHIP IN MISSIONS

SCGM serves to bring the best 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, collaborate 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 in Asia, and Singapore.

2. CONTEXTUAL MISSIOLOGIES AND INNOVATIONS

SCGM helps grow contextual missions strategies as we reflect on our missions practice in Asia. We actively collaborate with missions practitioners and innovators in researching and understanding Asian religious world views and spiritualities. We continue to explore issues related to Asian missions as we minister the gospel of Christ holistically and with relevance.

3. GLOCAL PROJECTS CONSULTATION

SCGM works alongside local churches and missions partners in developing strategic missions projects. We workshop together and seek to provide appropriate framework and training resources for local churches involved in missional business especially in the urban settings. We encourage holistic and transformational projects which uplift the poor economically, socially and spiritually.

4. MISSIONAL MOBILISATION

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

“I wholeheartedly support the purpose and ministry of SCGM as we, the Church in Singapore, work towards the Commission so that 'this Gospel of the Kingdom shall be proclaimed throughout the whole world.' (Matt 24:14) Surely God has willed Singapore into our current geopolitical existence for such a purpose.”

Bishop Kuan Kim Seng

Retired Asst. Bishop of the Diocese of Singapore
Commissary Bishop for The Horn of Africa Episcopal Area
SCGM Advisor

NATIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT 2018

by **Lawrence Ko**



What a privilege to be alive and to serve our God in the present times. The world is witnessing a huge global migration flow with porous transnational borders, and cities have become increasingly the destinations of migrants. The United Nations reported that in 2015, close to 4 billion people (54 per cent of the world's population) lived in cities and the urban population will rise to 5 billion people by 2030 with accompanying challenges.

In Asia, many migrants will come to the cities from near and far, drawn by the urban magnet, leaving their homes in the mountains and rural villages to descend on the cities. The large population in the urban centres will include hundreds of ethnicities, tribes and nationalities living together. Singapore is such an example of an urban centre which has become a global city. The city is the harvest field of the 21st Century. The church needs to be engaged in urban missions.

Over the years, SCGM has also focused the importance of the church's ministry to migrants (people who have left their homes of origin and are on the move)

and how the church in the city can play a catalytic role in the social integration of the urban diaspora to the host city. The Church can serve the migrants in what missiologists call the mission "to, through and beyond the diaspora".[1] SCGM hosted the Lausanne Global Diaspora Network missiology consultation in Singapore in 2016 attended by missiologists and educators to develop training curriculum for diaspora outreach especially in the cities.

Cities have tremendous needs. Although urbanisation has addressed many of the developmental issues especially among the rural poor by providing better housing, healthcare, education, transport, and a host of other amenities, new concerns continue to arise in urban living. The Millennium Development Goals Report 2015 noted that as rural poverty declined, urban poverty continues to rise especially in the absolute numbers of urban slum dwellers.

[1] Thomas Harvey, "Pilgrims On A Journey: Diaspora and Mission" in Sadiri Joy Tira and Tetsunao Yamamori eds., *Scattered and Gathered: A Global Compendium of Diaspora Missiology*, Regnum Books International, 2016. pp. 147-160

GO URBAN

The New Urban Agenda (NUA) which was adopted out of the Habitat III conference in 2016, calls for sustainable urban development to promote social inclusion and an end to poverty; creation of urban prosperity and equal opportunities for all; as well as the development of environmental sustainability and resilience.[2] The NUA is a sustainable development platform which the public, private and people sectors can engage in together to shape the cities of the future.

SCGM continues to share the New Urban Agenda through the Urban Thinkers Campus which we jointly hosted in 2017 with WEA Creation Care Task Force in partnership with UN-Habitat. We were glad that members of the global team in the Urban Shalom Project were in attendance as we sought to encourage churches to engage and participate in the NUA.

In 2018 SCGM continues to lead in spotlighting and exploring the importance of the urban missions for the churches in Asia. SCGM has facilitated urban missions teams to visit cities in Asia and meeting leaders (from the palace to the slums) to better understand the challenges and complexities of addressing urban poverty. We are glad that GoForth National Missions Conference 2018 adopted the theme "Go Urban" and SCGM

is glad to continue to serve as the organising secretariat for the conference along with churches and agencies.

SCGM also organised talks and forums in 2018 to explore how Christian business leaders and professionals can engage in urban missions through entrepreneurship and business development to create jobs and transform communities including the growing cities in Myanmar to the rest of Asia. At the SCGM 38th Anniversary Dinner held at the Orchard Parade Hotel in August 2018, we were glad to have not only Bishop Kuan Kim Seng as our Guest of Honour but also Dr Cheong Koon Hean as our special Guest Speaker. We specially invited her to address the topic of "Why Cities Matter to the Church?" as she is a global expert on urban issues as an architect, urban planner and CEO of HDB.



“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

[2] <http://habitat3.org/the-new-urban-agenda/>

GO URBAN

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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

The Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) is also a strategic area of concern and consultation SCGM has been engaged in as we think together in urban missional business. I was glad to be a panelist at a forum in October 2018 organised by GCF's Isacchar Community. When Ethos Institute launched Dr Kwa Kiem Kiok's book, *Seeking the Shalom of the City*, SCGM's national director was invited to be a panelist at the launch event in September 2018. Several churches are in discussion with SCGM to explore strategies for developing urban missions and workers in the cities beyond evangelism and church-planting in the cities.

In November, SCGM's national director was privileged through the invitation of the United Bible Society to present a paper on "The Urban Church" at a Bible in China seminar organised by the Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences on the theme of "Migration and Community". This is also in response to the mushrooming of hundreds of cities and urban centres in China over the past thirty years.

The paper was highlighted in the UBS China Partnership report through the following quote: "The Church needs to be present at the street level and visibly engaged with both the rich as well as the poor, especially those marginalised by economics, education and ethnicity, viz., the last, the lost, and the least. Migrants in the diverse urban diaspora can be reached, invited and welcomed into the Church as a home for the Prodigals in need of restoration, Pilgrims in the quest for transcendence and Priests in their obedience to love and bless others." (source: <https://www.ubscp.org/bible-shared-future-humankind-migration-community/>)

It is our hope that the SCGM can help develop an integrated strategy of urban missions especially in Asia. May the Lord continue to help us as we seek to reveal God's Kingdom and His Righteousness in Asia for His Glory.



LAWRENCE KO
National Director, SCGM



SCGM 2018 EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Jan **SCGM Breakfast: "The Lord of the Harvest: A Focus on Indonesia Missions"**
by Rev Dr Timothy Chong
GoForth Publicity at Pastors Prayer Summit in Malacca, Malaysia
SEANET Conference in Chiang Mai, Thailand with Claire Lowe & Lawrence Ko as speakers
- Feb **SCGM Breakfast: "East Asian Rituals and Christian Spirituality"** by Lawrence Ko
Field Trip on Urban Poverty in Metro Manila
- Mar **SCGM Breakfast: "The Royal Priesthood and the Holy Nation"**
by Dr Philip Satterthwaite
TRAC Seminar "A Christian Perspective on Qing Ming" with Lawrence Ko as a speaker
- Apr **SCGM Breakfast: "The Gospel from a Karmic Perspective"**
by Rev Dr Kim Chong Pae
Certificate in Mission Practice course "Missio Dei: Historical and Holistic Perspectives"
(begins 4 Apr)
Missional Business Exploratory Trip with Paya Lebar Methodist Church team
SCGM Annual General Meeting (26 Apr, 6pm-7pm)
SCGM Annual Lecture 2017 (26 Apr, 7:30-9:30pm)
"Righteousness in the City" by Mr Richard Magnus
- May **SCGM Breakfast: "Landscape of Missionary Sending in Singapore"**
by Dr W M Syn
- Jun **GoForth National Missions Conference 2018 (21-23 Jun)**
CMP Practicum Field Trip: Green Desert Project in Inner Mongolia (1-14 Jul)
- Jul **SCGM Breakfast: "Building Faith in the Next Generation"** by Daniel Jesudason
Certificate in Mission Practice course "Issues in Christian Mission" (begins 4 Jul)
- Aug **SCGM Breakfast: "Social Integration in the City"** by Dr Tan Ngoh Tiong
SCGM Anniversary Fundraising Dinner (21 Aug, Orchard Parade Hotel)
- Sep **SCGM Breakfast: "Urban Missions Through the Diaspora"**
by Walter McConnell
- Oct **SCGM Breakfast: "China Missions: Challenges & Opportunities"**
by Kua Wee Seng
SCGM Council & Staff Planning Retreat (19-20 Oct, Changi Cove)
- Nov **SCGM Breakfast: "The Church Incarnate: Resilience In Ministry"** by Rev Paul Kim
SCGM Missional Business Forum (2 Nov, Bartley Christian Church) on "Myanmar & Beyond: Strategies & Technologies Along The Road" with speakers Rev Paul Kim, Melvyn Mak, Timothy Liu, David Kwee, Lai Wan Chung & James Quek
The Global Leadership Summit (5-6 Nov)
Shanghai Bible in China Seminar: "Migration & Community" with Lawrence Ko as speaker



Ng Zhi-Wen, emcee for SCGM 38th Anniversary Dinner 2018



SCGM at St George's Church Missions Fair 2018



Reception ladies at SCGM 38th Anniversary Dinner 2018. L-R: Claire Lowe, Shirlyn Ko, Shanti Merry, Joan Alikazin



Speakers & Panelists at Missional Business Forum 2018. L-R: Melvyn Mak, Rev Paul Kim, Lai Wan Chung, David Kwee, Lawrence Ko, Timothy Liu, James Quek

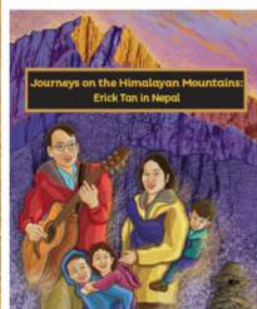
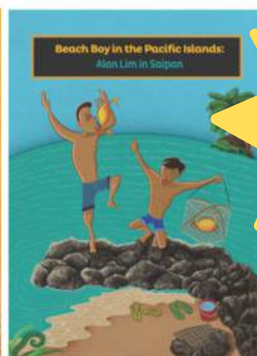
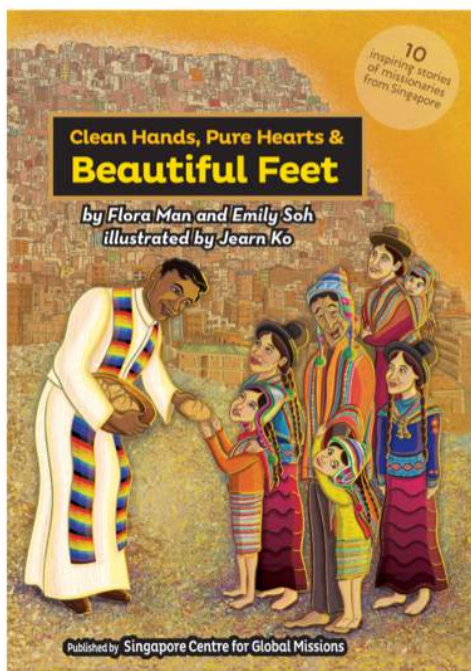
SCGM ANNUAL LECTURE 2018

RIGHTEOUSNESS IN THE CITY

by Mr Richard Magnus, Former Chief District Judge

Mr Richard Magnus, a former Chief District Judge and Chancellor of the Singapore Anglican Diocese, delivered the SCGM Annual Lecture 2018 on **Righteousness in the City**. The adjunct professor gave a broad sweep of the issues and challenges facing life in the city, including a studied definition of the ideological as well as lived reality of urban living. He alluded also to the New Urban Agenda which seeks to build better cities for the future. He then addressed biblical perspectives of righteousness and God's concept of Shalom seen in the triad of hesed, sedeqah and mispat. He also pointed to Jeremiah 29:7 and the 2 epistles of Peter which exhort Christians to engage in good works in community solidarity for the common good as part of our pursuit of Christian social ethics while holding onto an eschatological view.

Our respondent **Dr Philip Satterthwaite**, principal of Biblical Graduate School of Theology, affirmed the position and underscored the teachings of the Old Testament in particular to demonstrate the mission of God's chosen people to pursue God's agenda for shalom.



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Clean Hands, Pure Hearts & Beautiful Feet

BY FLORA MAN & EMILY SOH. ILLUSTRATED BY JEARN KO

Full-colour illustrated Children Story Book about 10 missionaries from Singapore
Published by Singapore Centre for Global Missions.



The sixth edition of GoForth National Missions Conference 2018, held once every three to four years, drew to a close on 23 June 2018, with participants from close to 200 churches and Christian groups.

More than 2,330 participants – including children, youth and adults attended this Conference across the English and Chinese tracks at ACS Barker Road Campus. Among the participants were 400 children, aged seven to 12, who attended a very engaging two days of activities in the Children's Programme as well as more than 500 invited guests at the Leaders' Programmes organised respectively by the two language tracks.

In addition – each of the three free Public Night Rallies saw an exuberant crowd of 1,300 persons as believers from all over convene for an uplifting time of worship, honouring of previous generations, drama presentations and inspiring sharing by keynote speakers.

The other highlight was the Exhibition where 40 missions agencies and Christian outreach ministries showcased a myriad of ministries globally and within Singapore, testifying to what the Lord is doing throughout the world. Exhibitors offered opportunities for participation and preparation for the Great Commission, in areas such as cross-cultural training, discipleship courses, social enterprises, multi-media evangelistic ministries, working with the persecuted and oppressed, crisis relief and so forth.

All Protestant denominations in Singapore were represented as well as many of the independent churches. There was also a good representation of members from overseas churches in Asia and further afield.

GoForth 2018 was very much a multi-generational Conference, with about 45% of the participants attending the English Track below 35 years old. For many, GoForth 2018 was their first missions conference experience.

“ This was my first experience in a missions conference. I enjoyed how down to earth the whole experience was, which ironically made it a heavenly one. It was very encouraging to be in the same place with so many who have run the race before me, and are still running. I caught a glimpse of how God is at work, through some of the practical tips and processes shared, and how missions can be done, even in unconventional ways. ”
- Lee Wan Xiang, 27 year old, Trinity Christian Centre



SCGM Exhibition Booth at GoForth 2018 manned by our very own ND with the help of his family!



Children's Programme



Bishop Dr Chong Chin Chung, Chairman of GoForth NMC 2018 Organising Committee (centre) with David Leong (left) and Pastor Nicholas Choo (right).

Missions-Centric Programme: Plenaries, Bible Study, Workshops, Circles of Passion

English Track keynote speakers: **Bishop Efraim Tendero**, World Evangelical Alliance; **Dr Mark Beliles**, Global Transformation Network & the America Transformation Company; **Rev Guna Raman**, City to City Movement & Agape Baptist Church; **Mr Joseph Chean**, Fellowship of Missional Organisations of Singapore (FOMOS) & Youth with a Mission (YWAM) Singapore; and **Bishop Emeritus Dr Robert Solomon**, Retired Methodist Bishop; led Bible Studies, Plenaries in the Leaders Track, Morning and Night Programmes as well as workshops together with other specialists in different aspects of urban missions.

With the overarching theme of '*Urban Realities, Seeing Possibilities*', the morning plenaries showcased four important aspects of urban missions-related topics: livelihood and the marketplace, navigating digital spaces, growing the urban church and hope amidst social realities.



SCGM Staff Team serving as Secretariat of GoForth 2018. L-R: Lawrence Ko, Joan Alikazin, Noel Tam, Christina Stanley, Shanti Merry, Terence Goh, Ng Zhi-Wen.



Joseph Chean, one of the Keynote Speakers of GoForth 2018.

Participants then adjourned in the afternoons to attend up to two of the 55 TED-style workshops on each of the two days. With the theme '*Embracing Realities, Creating Opportunities*', these were organised along four tracks – Multicultural Mix, Ministry Mandate, Maturity March and Megashift Mastery. Topics included reaching out to migrants; discipling international professionals and students; cross-cultural communication; urban poor; arts ministries; ministry to the exploited, the heart-broken, the dysfunctional and the broken-spirited; multi-lingual education; using sports as a catalyst; business for transformation; marketplace mentoring and workplace collaborations; and harnessing technology and digital spaces and so forth.

In the Business for Transformation workshop, there was a fresh call to global missions enterprises and where links between business and mission can be forged. Social enterprises offer a lifeline to the oppressed, like sex workers, victims of human trafficking and the poor as they can provide dignified jobs. The speaker reminded workshop participants that it all begins with giving dignity and respect to those in need, one individual at a time, so that transformation can take place from inside out, hence giving hope to the community over time.



Visitors at SCGM Exhibition Booth.

On each of the nights, a special segment was dedicated to recognising and appreciating the following persons who have contributed the larger part of their lives to the work of missions within and out of Singapore as well as those who have shaped Christendom in Singapore.

Those who came and sowed in Singapore:

Rev Dr Fred Seaward and Rev Dr Margaret Seaward; Rev Dr Naomi Dowdy; as well as a special tribute to the late Rev Dr Rick Seaward.

Those who went from Singapore to sow:

Bishop Raphael Samuel and Mrs Michelle Samuel (Bolivia, South America); Dr Andrew Ng & Mrs Belinda Ng (Niger, West Africa).

Those who have impacted our city:

Canon James Wong; Dr Bobby Sng.

The extraordinary stories of each of these individuals inspired everyone present at the Rallies, including youth and millennials, many of whom may not be familiar with these servants of the Lord.



Bishop Raphael Samuel and wife Michelle were sent by the Diocese of Singapore and served in Bolivia for over 25 years.

“I thought it was going to be a ‘the Bible calls us to do missions, go forth’ kind of thing, but it was so much more. I have never been a missions-oriented type, but after hearing people talk about their struggles, successes and ultimately what God has been doing, I was challenged to reach out more. I don’t think I’ve seen so many missionaries come together and celebrate the work of the Lord, and educate others on how to carry on the same way. My personal message from God was clear – I need to take missions much more seriously if I am to call myself a follower of Christ.”

- Jegan, 20-year NSman

Public Night Rallies: Three Evenings of Uplifting Praise, Worship & God’s Word

Dr Mark Beliles laid the foundations for being called to serve the city through the seven spheres on the first night, ‘Birthing in Love’, which was a combined rally with the Chinese Track.

On the second night, Joseph Chean spoke on social justice as a ‘Bridge of Hope’. In his message, Joseph shared that God has revealed Himself in all spheres of society – as Artist, Parent, Great Teacher, Provider, Creator & Healer, Communicator and King. We are called to fill the earth with the knowledge of God, but each of us – on our own, hold only a few pieces of the jigsaw puzzle, and therefore, we need others along the journey. It is only when we walk with God – the fuel – that we can fulfil the Great Commission in collective obedience. This Great Commission is made up of three strands – the Gospel of Salvation for every person (Mark 16:15); a Gospel to transform every community and people group (Matthew 28:18-20); and a Gospel serve the poor and marginalised (Matthew 25:37-40).

On the final night, Bishop Efraim Tendero challenged all present through his message ‘Blessing to Nations’ to fully appreciate and arise to our calling as an Antioch nation, as we are like unique keys with the heart of Jesus to bless the world.

GoForth 2018 Chinese Track Sees Best Ever Attendance

About 300 participants from 60 churches here in Singapore and around Asia and missions agencies attended the Chinese track of GoForth 2018. This was the largest number of participants to date at a GoForth Chinese Track programme.

Rev Dr Chen Lip Siong, Asian Centre for Mission, Sabah, shared at the morning plenary on mission trends and the mission base today. He provided insights on strategies to win the world and to transform cities. He encouraged believers to step out to engage the world. The mission of the church is in the cities – and just as Paul the apostle chose cities as the starting point for evangelism, we should too.



The late Dr Andrew Ng and wife Belinda were the first medical missionaries who served in Niger with SIM 3 years ago.

SCGM 38TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

WHY CITIES MATTER TO THE CHURCH

by Dr Cheong Koon Hean, CEO of Housing and Development Board, Singapore



Dr Cheong Koon Hean was our special Guest Speaker at the SCGM 38th Anniversary celebration dinner, with the theme: **Envisioning Asian Urbanism**. Dr Cheong is the CEO of HDB and shared on this occasion a powerful and inspiring message integrating her professional life as an urban planner par excellence and her faith as a Christian who loves the city. Her address entitled “**Why Cities Matter to the Church**” pointed out that cities have enormous influence financially, culturally and spiritually. She listed seven challenges facing the cities today and listed ways we can respond.

Firstly, the rapid urban growth makes the city a fragile one, especially as migrants including refugees, descend on the cities. Secondly the lack of affordable housing and the huge gap in services and infrastructure can make urban life a miserable one. The global climate change and environmental challenges is the third challenge. Ageing population is the fourth as the elderly are vulnerable in the city if they do not have adequate retirement plan, access to health care and help in the face of loneliness and emotional stress. The fifth is technology disruptions which impact not only jobs but social interactions. The sixth challenge is that of social inequity with the rich-poor divide especially stark in the cities, The final challenge is the lack of strong leadership and good governance which makes for the implementation of good urban plans, which are otherwise worthless if they are only kept in the drawers.

Dr Cheong highlighted the opportunities for the Singapore church to meet the holistic needs of the city and ended with a personal challenge: What Can I Do for My City?

Over 200 friends, members of SCGM and partners in missions gathered for the SCGM 38th Anniversary celebrations dinner held on 21 Aug 2018 at the Orchard Parade Hotel. We are grateful that the banquet was underwritten by the sponsorship of the Far East Organisation and the Diocese of Singapore mission board.



Our Guest of Honour was Bishop Kuan Kim Seng, who recently retired from active ministry and the role of Director of Missions for the Diocese. He gave a passionate plea for churches and Christians to fulfil the destiny of Singapore Church which is to fulfil the Great Commission and thus to support the work of SCGM. He encouraged individual giving to SCGM, advocacy on behalf of SCGM as well as encouraging friends to resource SCGM. He later led in a prayer of dedication for the SCGM Council members and also graciously presented a gift to the guest speaker of the evening, Dr Cheong Koon Hean.



L-R: Dr Cheong Koon Hean, Ps Neo Ban Hui, Bishop Kuan Kim Seng, Daniel Jesudason

SCGM 38TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

NATIONAL DIRECTOR'S ADDRESS

"We thank Dr Cheong who has come to challenge us with her vision of "Why Cities Matter to the Church?" and pray that we will respond to reveal the Gospel of Christ to the cities of Asia. The future of Asia's Billions lies very much in the urban centres and mega cities which are here around us. The cities are God's harvest fields of the 21st Century. As we Envision Asia's Urbanism, we seek to Reveal God's Righteousness in the City, personified in the Christ of history. Kierkegaard calls Hope the "Passion for the Possible". The Passion for the Possible is made possible only because God in Christ has made it possible.

In Luke 18: 8 Jesus told the parable of the unjust judge and the poor widow and asked the question: When the Son of Man returns will he find faith on earth? Will there be people in positions of power and influence in society, the people with wealth and resources in hand, who will stand up and be counted and seek to make a difference to help needy and defenceless poor widows in the city? We want to see more judges reach and address the plight of the poor widows. We want to see more people in positions of influence stand up to do good for the city and bring hope for the community.

This is our theology of Hope which inspires our missiology of action in the City. To reveal God's Grace and Righteousness in the city... in the very present. Our Christian faith in Christ calls us to have a holy discontent with the reality as it is now. It calls us (and hence becomes our calling) to participate from where God has placed us to battle the injustice of the present.



What will this Urban Mission vision look like? At SCGM, we have been praying and stewarding this vision of an integrated urban missions strategy which will allow the churches in the cities to be truly urban churches with an urban missions vision. We pray that we can integrate Creation Care, environmental stewardship promoting sustainable lifestyle, which will unleash the Whole Church on the Whole City with a Holistic Gospel.

We seek to create a more humane community and a more spiritual culture also with Missional Business in the cities where policy makers, professionals and business leaders can transform businesses into redemptive enterprises (as Melissa Kwee calls it) helping the urban poor develop new mindsets and skillsets which can provide them with new jobs. We hope to see a more equitable economy, which will allow for human flourishing in the cities of Asia.

Isn't this a great way to unleash the local churches into urban missions? We can mobilise and unleash half the congregation, if not the whole congregation in God's mission, to be involved in the cities. We will need not more Priests and Levites per se, but more Good Samaritans in the city, in every position God has placed us, as we strive for an Urban Shalom, and to reveal God's Righteousness in the City."



Bishop Kuan praying for SCGM Council (L-R: Ps Neo Ban Hui, Daniel Jesudason, Saw Seang-Pin, Lawrence Ko, Rev Benjamin Lee, Wong Kron Joo, Eugene Lim & Chou Fang Soong)

MISSIONAL BUSINESS FORUM 2018

MYANMAR & BEYOND: STRATEGIES & TECHNOLOGIES ALONG THE ROAD

"Myanmar and Beyond" was a Missional Business Forum jointly organised by SCGM, and our partners TBN Asia and ACTXplorer and supported by Bartley Christian Church and Calvary Baptist Church, with an aim to encourage prayer and thinking for Missional Business to engage the Asian countries in the Belt and Road Initiative.

SCGM ND Lawrence Ko in his welcome address, highlighted the strategic importance of China's Belt and Road Initiatives (BRI) and in particular, of Myanmar as 2 out of the 6 economic corridors in the BRI passes through Myanmar. After 7 years of democracy led by Aung San Suu Chi's political party, the new government is also eager to see greater economic growth and development to fulfil the earlier campaign promises. These contexts will provide great business opportunities which missional business can seize and create transformation in the country.

The two keynote speakers included **Melvyn Mak** and **Rev Paul Kim** who have active business and ministries in Myanmar. Melvyn Mak shared about the vision of *the Jubilee Gospel*, which he believes is God's heart right from the Bible, a solution to alleviate poverty, and demonstrate the Good News of the Kingdom as well as its restoration. He also shared about the business opportunities and impact of Raffles Air, a travel agency, as well as Actxplorer and TBN Asia, a not-for-profit impact investment venture company.



Melvyn Mak



Rev Paul Kim

Rev Paul Kim, a military chaplain who invests his time in Myanmar also shared on the strategic importance of Myanmar and the current spiritual position of Myanmar in reaching the unreached in the 10/40 Window. He inspired the audience with his audacious faith in God during his stint as military chaplain during the military conflict in the Iraq and encouraged the same faith for business ventures.

Over a hundred participants attended the half day forum which included tea break visits with the 4 business booths set by ACTXplorer, ACTSmarket, Mastercoach App and SMB Network.



Timothy Liu



David Kwee

The Forum saw 4 Panelists including **Timothy Liu**, CEO of Dover Park Hospice and Managing Consultant of GenOne Consulting & Services who has been a Lausanne catalyst for the Global Workplace Ministry speaking on "Missional Business along the Belt & Road". He had earlier on in October also organised an Isacchar Forum to explore the implications of the Belt and Road initiatives for Asia.

Another panellist **David Kwee**, CEO and founder of Training Vision Institute, who has been active in the human resource development scene in Singapore and the region, spoke on "*Business which Transforms Community: Higher Education as Key Strategy for ASEAN Workforce*".

Lai Wan Chung, CEO and Co-founder of the MasterCoach App spoke and engaged the audience with his take on the opportunities for business coaching as an approach for developing the region in his topic entitled, "*The Business of Catalysing Powerful Conversations - Through Kingdom-inspired Technology*".



Last but not the least, **James Quek**, Director and founder of My Helper Pte Ltd, shared his conviction on bringing change to the lives of Myanmar helpers through his new start up on "*Maid Services and Manpower as a Business which Transforms Destiny*" and urged action as Myanmar is a great source of manpower for Singapore and the region.



SCGM CALENDAR 2019

- Jan** **SCGM Breakfast: "A Vision of the Antioch Church" by Ng Zhiwen**
 Missio Dei Seminar at Quennstown Baptist Church by Lawrence Ko
 Pastors Prayer Summit in Malacca, Malaysia
 SEANET Conference in Chiang Mai, Thailand with Claire Lowe & Lawrence Ko as speakers
 WEA Global South Leaders Conversation (26-27 Jan, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia)
- Feb** **SCGM Breakfast: "The Word Became Ink" by Lai Wan Chung**
 Faith & Chinese Culture Seminar at Leng Kwang Baptist Church (3 Feb) by Lawrence Ko
 Faith & Chinese Culture Seminar at Methodist Church of Incarnation (9 Feb) by Lawrence Ko
 Field Trip on Urban Poverty in Metro Manila
- Mar** **SCGM Breakfast: "What has the Church got to do with Social Justice?" by Ronald JJ Wong**
 Perspectives Course begins (16 Mar- May)
- Apr** **SCGM Breakfast: "New Wineskins in Asian Missions" by Dr Goh Wei Leong**
 ND Presentation at OMF Int'l's Global Vision Council
 True Way Presbyterian Church Mission Sunday preaching on Urban Mission
SCGM Annual General Meeting (24 Apr, 6pm-7pm)
SCGM Annual Lecture 2019 (24 Apr 7.30pm-9.30pm)
 "The Trinity in Christian Missions: Ecological, Socio-political & Personal Perspectives" by Prof Choong Chee Pang
- May** **SCGM Breakfast: "Timothy Richard & His Strategic Missions in China" by Lawrence Ko**
 China Seminar (25 May): "May Fourth Movement Centennial: Retrospection & Assessment" by Prof Choong Chee Pang
- Jun** CMP Practicum Field Trip: Green Desert Project in Inner Mongolia (17 Jun-14 Jul)
- Jul** **SCGM Breakfast: "Faith & Healing: A Christian Perspective" by Daniel Jesudason**
 Micah Conversation (19-20 Jul)
- Aug** **SCGM Breakfast: "The Dao of Healing: Integrating Faith and Culture" by Dr Lai Pak Wah**
 Bethel Presbyterian Church Mission Weekend preaching on Missions Mobilisation
- Sep** **SCGM Breakfast: "Suffering and Spirituality in Asian Perspectives" by Claire Lowe**
 Missional Business Exploration Trip facilitated by SCGM (7-12 Sep)
 Creation Care Forum (14 Sep)
 Aldersgate Methodist Church Missions Month
- Oct** **SCGM Breakfast: "Developing Indigenous Church Leaders in Asia" by Bishop Terry Kee**
 SCGM National Missions Survey Presentation (5 Oct)
 SCGM Council & Staff Planning Retreat (11-12 Oct)
- Nov** **SCGM Breakfast: "Spirituality and Asian Worship: Stories from India" by David Lawrence**
 Urban Missional Business Forum



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	ACTUAL 2017	BUDGET 2018	ACTUAL 2018	BUDGET 2019
RECEIPTS				
Donations	85,868.00	100,000.00	107,090.00	120,000.00
Staff Support	17,300.00	20,000.00	18,160.00	40,000.00
Project Income/Grants	75,981.00	35,000.00	1,710.00	49,000.00
Fundraising	-	200,000.00	169,440.00	120,000.00
Event Management	-	20,000.00	30,000.00	2,000.00
Books sale	14,026.00	5,000.00	18,454.00	20,000.00
Other Income	6,824.00	7,150.00	9,226.00	12,180.00
Total Receipts	199,999.00	387,150.00	354,080.00	363,180.00
EXPENSES				
Staff Cost	172,195.00	210,990.00	188,557.00	272,550.00
Operating Cost	42,293.00	46,600.00	42,459.00	37,600.00
Project Cost	80,670.00	46,500.00	17,583.00	21,500.00
Fundraising	-	3,900.00	9,778.00	10,000.00
Other Expenses	870.00	5,100.00	3,919.00	9,000.00
Total Expenses	296,028.00	313,090.00	262,296.00	350,650.00
Surplus/Deficit	(96,029.00)	74,060.00	91,784.00	12,530.00

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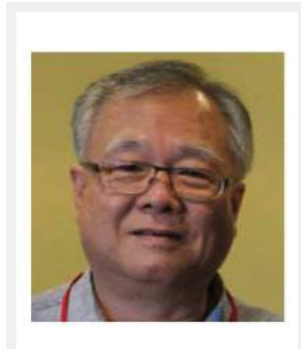
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THE 'TRINITY' OF CHRISTIAN MISSIONS: ECOLOGICAL, SOCIO-POLITICAL & PERSONAL PERSPECTIVES

Wed 24 April 2019
7.30pm-9.30pm
Wesley Methodist Church
Plaza Hall

Free Admission.
Register at
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Speaker: Professor Choong Chee Pang

Professor Choong Chee Pang was a former principal of Trinity Theological College and Protestant representative on the Presidential Council for Religious Harmony. Educated at Nanyang University and later at London, Aberdeen, Oxford and Harvard Universities, Professor Choong has been a visiting professor of Peking, Tsinghua, Fudan Universities of China and the Chinese University of Hong Kong. He writes in both Chinese and English, including a two-volume Chinese commentary on the *Gospel of John* and a three-volume memoirs entitled *From Nantah to Beida*. Painting has been his hobby and he has won several major art awards.



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