

#### REACHING UNENGAGED UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS

#### **ETHNE CONFERENCE 2012**

ETHNE is a global movement that serves to keep the eyes of The Church focused on the Forgotten Fourth of the world (almost 28%) who have little or no access to The Gospel (unreached or least reached peoples). The majority of these peoples have never even met a follower of Jesus. As a global movement, Ethne stands on the shoulders of many efforts that have gone before such as AD2000, Great Commission Roundtable as well as current global movements such as the World Evangelical Alliance and Lausanne movement.

Following successful meetings in Bali, Indonesia, in March 2006 hosted by SEALINK (the South East Asia UPG network) and in Bogota, Colombia in November 2009 hosted by COMIBAM, ETHNE '12 was held in Seoul, Korea from 27-30 Nov 2012 hosted by the Korean World Mission Association (KWMA) and attended by 300 delegates from 43 countries. The stated aims were to assess and celebrate what God is doing among the nations and to accelerate the strategic approaches to reach those who are still unreached.



With a spirit of humility and partnerships pervading the conference from the worship to the worskshops, overflowing to the meal fellowships, one of the greatest gains of Ethne '12 must have been the renewing and building of relationships between leaders, ministries and churches involved in UPG ministry and regional networks.

(Left) Lawrence with K Rajendran (WEA Mission Commission Assoc Director), Timothy O (Nigeria), Johnny Chun (Tentmaking Int'l) and Bishop Samuel Varghese (India).



David Bennett and Ken Gnanakan at Lausanne Creation Care & Gospel Consultation Oct 2012



Lawrence Ko presenting an Asian environmental stewardship initiative at Creation Care Consultation in Jamaica, Oct 2012

The Lausanne Global Consultation on Creation Care and the Gospel met from 29 Oct – 2 Nov 2012 in St. Ann, Jamaica to build on the creation care components of the Cape Town Commitment. SCGM ND Lawrence Ko was one of the invited participants among a gathering of 67 including theologians, church leaders, scientists and creation care practitioners from twenty-six countries from the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Latin America, Oceania, North America and Europe.

The consultation was convened by Ed Brown, Lausanne Senior Associate for Creation Care, under the auspices of the Lausanne Movement in collaboration with the World Evangelical Alliance. Many biblical passages, including reflections on Genesis 1–3, Psalm 8 and Romans 8, informed the prayers, discussions and deliberations on the themes of *God's World, God's Word and God's Work*. The consultation immediately followed Hurricane Sandy's devastation of the Caribbean and coincided with that storm's arrival in North America; a startling reminder as to the urgency, timeliness and importance of this Consultation.

The Call to Action statement which resulted from the Consultation affirmed that Creation Care is indeed a "gospel issue within the lordship of Christ" and that "we are faced with a crisis that is pressing, urgent, and that must be resolved in our generation." A list of ten Action points were crafted which calls on evangelical Christians, leaders and churches to join hands in advocating and mobilising for action to care for creation as part of our discipleship and stewardship. To view and sign on the Call to Action document, please visit <a href="http://lausanne.org/creationcare">http://lausanne.org/creationcare</a>

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# Lausanne Global Consultation on Creation Care and Gospel 29 Oct -2 Nov '12

St Ann's Bay, Jamaica

Left: Lawrence with Ed Brown, Lausanne Senior Associate for Creation Care and convenor



Photo Above: Lawrence with a group of delegates hiking up Cockpit Country. Photo right: Lawrence with Jamaican theologian Dr Las Newman. BelowLeft: Lawrence with fellow Singaporean Hoi Wen. Below Right: David Gould, OMF Advocate for Creation Care and SCGM partner, presenting a point at Consultation.





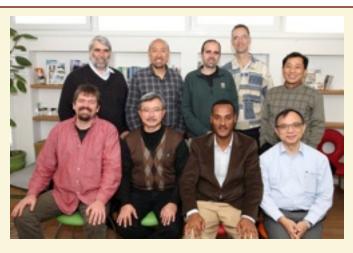
# SNAPSHOTS from ETHNE CONFERENCE '12







(From Top) Lawrence with Calvin and Carol Conkey of Create Int'l; with Dr Jenson Jebaraj of South India; with Tariku of Ethiopia; with Dr Paul Han of Korea World Mission Association. (Right) Ethne '12 Worship service at Hallelujah Community Church. (Far Right) View of Church exterior.



SCGM ND Lawrence Ko was an invited participant in the GNCWM Huddle in Seoul in Nov 2012 and part of the facilitation team led by Chong Kim of US Center for World Missions. The **Global Network of Centres for World Mission (GNCWM)** was a vision of mission partnership initiated by Ralph Winter and the first meeting was convened in Singapore hosted by SCEM in 1986. The GNCWM gathering met for the second time in Singapore in 2009 which was significant in that it produced **the Singapore Statement** which states that "a Center for World Mission exists to serve the Body of Christ as a catalyst for the cause of world evangelization with the emphasis on the least reached peoples." A Center serves churches, mission agencies, associations and others in the following ways, as a:

- 1. Mobilization Center that seeks to activate, educate and facilitate strategic involvement of the Church in world missions.
- 2. Training Center that equips and prepares believers for cross-cultural service, and/or offers specialized training in specific areas.
- 3. Resource Center that conducts research, produces and makes available a wide range of missions materials.
- 4. Development Center that initiates and encourages the formation of structures and/or networks for missions.





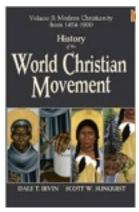
**DINNER WITH** 

### Rev Dr Scott Sunquist

New Dean, School of Intercultural Studies, Fuller Theological Seminary



Lawrence stopped over Fuller Theological Seminary (Pasadena, LA) on Nov 5 and visited with Rev Dr Scott Sunquist, the new Dean of the School of Intercultural Studies. Dr Sunquist was a church historian and lecturer at Trinity Theological College in the early 1990s and was Lawrence's teacher at TTC then. Rev Jimmy Tan, a classmate of Lawrence at TTC then, is currently a doctoral candidate at Fuller Seminary and joined in a reunion dinner hosted by Dr Sunquist and his wife. Lawrence was also presented with a gift of Dr Sunquist's latest book. (see below)

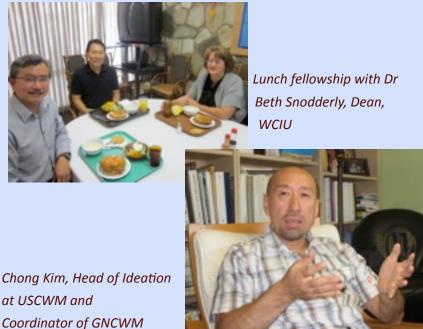


Dale Irvin & Scott Sunquist, History of the World Christian Movement, Vol. II: Modern Christianity from 1454 to 1800

## SHARING AT FORESIGHT SESSION AT US CENTER FOR WORLD MISSION

Lawrence Ko was invited by Chong Kim, Head of Ideation and Innovation at the US Center for World Mission to give a presentation at their weekly Foresight meeting for mission strategists on Nov 6. Dr Beth Snodderly, Dean at William Carey Int'l University, hosted Lawrence to lunch at WCIU on Nov 6 along with Yalin Xin, a Chinese scholar at WCIU.





## Meditations on the Magi at Christmas

When the Magi saw the star of Christmas leading and guiding them from jerusalem to the place where the new born infant Jesus lay, they were overjoyed. Mt 2:10.

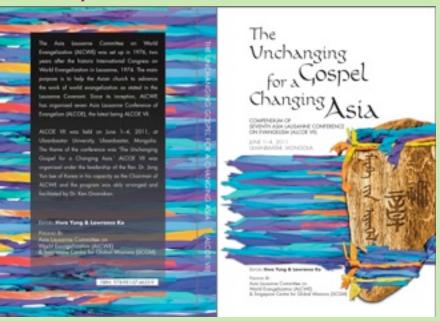


The Magi are my favourite personalities in the Christmas Nativity narratives as they represented the hope of the Christian gospel which extends to the non-Jews. The Magi are known as the proverbial Wise Men from the East, giving us the promise that the larger Gentile world, the world of pagans and astrologers, can come to saving knowledge of the Saviour's birth and be led to grace and salvation too.

The Magi were possibly priests, prophets and kings. But the image I liked best of these kingmakers is that of Pilgrims (Basil Hume). Their journeys as pilgrims remind us that we are also to become pilgrims, leaving the comfort zone and venturing forth to pursue God's agenda and His Way, Truth and Life. As they ventured forth, they became lost but were eventually found and guided by God Himself, incarnate as the Star of Christmas and as the Incarnate God-man Jesus. Let God Guide and He will Provide. Blessed Christmas and New Year 2013.

#### PRAY FOR SCGM. PARTNER SCGM. SUPPORT SCGM.

Join as a Member of SCGM and Journey with us as we Catalyse the National Missions Movement.



"The Unchanging Gospel for a Changing Asia" is the theme of the Seventh Asia Lausanne Conference on World Evangelisation held in Ulan Baatar in 2011 and the title of the ALCOE VII Compendium. It is edited by Hwa Yung and Lawrence Ko and jointly published by ALCWE and SCGM. Only 200 copies of the Compendium are available for sale at \$20/copy at SCGM office to support the work of ALCOE and SCGM.

### Pray for SCGM Ministry & Programmes Jan-Feb 2013

Jan 3	SCGM Missional Breakfast (St Andrew's Cathedral)
Jan 7-10	Love Singapore Pastors Summit
Jan 16	Asia's Worldview - SEANET Talk on Buddhist Worldviews
Jan 19	Creation Care Discussion Group
Jan 26	A Christian View of Chinese Culture and Family Values -
	Talk by Lawrence Ko at Kg Kapor Methodist Church
Jan 27	Pulpit Ministry at Methodist church of the Incarnation
Feb 3	Pulpit Ministry at Salem Chapel
Feb 6	Talk by Lawrence Ko at Stedfast Fellowship Night
Feb 7	SCGM Missional Breakfast (St Andrew's Cathedral)
Feb 16	Creation Care Discussion Group
Feb 17	Pulpit Ministry at Holland Village Methodist Church
Feb 22	SCGM Pastors' Lunch
Feb 25-28	4/14 Missiology Conference - Panel Presentation (LK)
Pray for SCGM. Join us as one of SCGM's 300 Intercessors.	