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THE NATIONAL MISSIONS
MOVEMENT IN SINGAPORE



HOLISTIC MISSIONS: THE WHOLE CHURCH TAKING THE WHOLE GOSPEL INTO THE WHOLE WORLD...

Dr Ken Gnanakan spoke on Holistic Missions at Lausanne Singapore Fellowship on Jan 27 2012 held at SCGM

Dr Ken Gnanakan recounted how he journeyed from Chemical Engineering into Theology in his early days after his studies in London University, started a rock band in an era inspired by the Beatles and founded the ACTS Institute in Bangalore to help the disadvantaged youths in his hometown get an education and vocational skills to make a living. He was inspired by the apostles in Acts 3 who said: "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I have I give to you. In the name of Jesus of Nazareth rise up and walk." Ken ministers out of his home city of Bangalore where he is known first and foremost as an environmentalist and then educator and theologian. He got involved with environmentalism because he wanted to help improve the living conditions of

the poor communities he was working in. Ken's work and ministry is based on the Creation Theology which sees the world as an integrated whole and he challenged the Lausanne fellowship gathered that evening to consider the interconnectedness of life and urged Christians to think through the concept of the whole gospel and holistic missions which is synergistic and dynamic. As the Holy Spirit leads us, life in itself is dynamic and we need to grow in our response to the leading of God.



New National Director

Lawrence J.C. Ko is the new National Director of Singapore Centre for Global Missions (SCGM). He assumed the role on 3 Jan 2012, taking over from Juliette Arulrajah who has stepped down after serving as ND since 2009. Lawrence has been a pastor, corporate trainer and the Founder-Director of Asian Journeys Ltd. He serves on the Executive Committee of Asia Lausanne (ALCOE) and is chairman of the Lausanne Singapore Committee as well as the Asia Evangelical Alliance (AEA) Mission Commission.

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SCGM ANNUAL LECTURE

TALES FROM THE FIELDS OF ASIA

by Bishop Terry Kee

LESSONS FROM NE THAILAND AND CAMBODIA



THU 26 APR 2012 7.30PM-9PM

ST ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL

JOIN US FOR SCGM AGM

at 6.30PM St Andrew's Cathedral

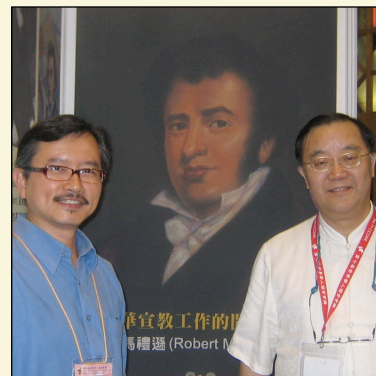
followed by the Annual Lecture delivered by Bishop Terry Kee on Asian Missiology as he shares riveting stories of his encounters in the harvest fields of Asia.



Bishop Terry Kee is the Bishop of the Lutheran Church in Singapore. He spent nine years in Thailand as a missionary serving among the villages in NE Thailand. He is also the Pro-tem Chairman of GOFORTH National Missions Conference 2014.

DESCENDANTS OF THE DRAGON: Lessons from the History of Missions in China

SCGM's National Director Lawrence Ko will be the course instructor for the series of 8 talks on **Descendants of the Dragon: Lessons from the History of Missions in China** organised by TTC Centre for Development of Christian Ministry to held at St Andrew's Cathedral from March 21 to May 16 2012.



This course will explore the missiological approaches undertaken by the Nestorians, the Jesuits (especially Matteo Ricci seen with his famous disciple Xu Guangqi picture right) and the Protestant missionaries such as Robert Morrison (picture above), Hudson Taylor, W.A.P. Martin in 19th C China. The course will also explore the lives of Chinese Christian leaders and church growth in 20th C China. For more information and registration, please visit www.scgm.org.sg or contact Ms Leong Ian Ming at TTC 67613617 or email cdcm@ttc.edu.sg.



COMING EVENT:

SCGM MISSIONS CONSULTATION FOR CHURCH, MISSION LEADERS & SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURS ON SOCIAL ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT

SAT 19 MAY 2012. 9AM-4PM.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY SCGM, GRADUATE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP (GCF) AND CENTRE FOR CHRISTIAN ENTREPRENEURS (CCE)

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A Little Spark

The Chinese has a saying: A spark as small as a starlight can set a prairie ablaze.

It is an assertion of confidence that a little spark of fire can be very potent. More importantly it is an encouragement that small things can grow if we tend it well, like a spark on dry leaves, a seed on good soil and an idea when its time has come.

We remember the prophet Zechariah who exhorts us: "Despise not the day of small things" (Zech4:10) As SCGM enters into a new season of serving the churches and missions community in

Singapore, we thank God for the friends and support we have enjoyed as we continue to tend the flame of missionary movement in and from Singapore.

The little red dot that is our city-state of Singapore has been blessed in many ways. We thank God that the Church in Singapore, supported by the many missions organisations, has become active and a blessing to many nations and people groups over the past decades. We as Christians remember our mandate and mission to be messengers of the gospel to a world that is precious and perishing.

But more can be done as we can create greater synergy among the missions movement to create a greater impact and outcome.

Come partner and serve with SCGM as we Catalyse the National Missions Movement in Singapore and beyond.

SCGM needs the support of members, churches, agencies and donors as we work towards strategic alliances and networks in the region and develop Asian missiology for Asia. Come join us!

Lawrence Ko

SCGM Missions Partnerships

- Mandarin & English Services at **Methodist Church of the Incarnation** 29 Jan 2012
- **St George's Church** Mission Fair 26 Feb 2012
- Talk at **Antioch China Missions Exploration Course** 24 Mar 2012
- Mandarin Service of **Riverlife Church** 25 Mar 2012
- **Asian Journeys** China Environmental Trip Apr2-8 2012
- **Asia Evangelical Alliance** General Assembly in New Delhi Apr 16-18
- **TTC CDCM** course on China Missions History Mar 21-May 16 2012
- English service at **Bedok Methodist Church** Missions Sunday 15 Apr 2012

FROM CAREERS TO CARERS TRAINING@SCGM

Specially designed for Senior Volunteers 50 years and above who want to discover the mindset of a Carer and acquire the skills sets to provide effective care for the discouraged and despairing in the community.

10 weekly sessions of workshops commencing Tue Apr 19 3-5pm. Fees at \$50 for SCGM Members. Non-members \$200. To enquire/register, please email Meow Gek at meowgek@scgm.org.sg

SCGM Annual General Meeting Thursday 26 April 2012 6.30pm

SCGM Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 26 April 2012 6.30pm-7.30pm hosted at St Andrew's Cathedral.

Come join us as we give thanks to God for a year of ministry among churches in Singapore in 2011 and look forward to ministry partnerships in 2012.

For more information, please email Lawrence at lawrence@scgm.org.sg

SCGM-Younger Leaders

SCGM is working with some of the younger leaders from Lausanne Movement Singapore Fellowship to gather younger Christians in their 20s and 30s for tea and conversations as we develop and mentor younger leaders in Singapore. If you are interested, please email Kathy at kathy@scgm.org.sg