

# SCGM WAVE

*Celebrating 33rd Anniversary  
1980-2013*

Catalysing the National Missions Movement

## SCGM CELEBRATES 33RD ANNIVERSARY

SCGM celebrated the 33rd Anniversary with a banquet dinner at Changi Cove on 23 July 2013. Bishop Dr Wee Boon Hup, the Bishop of the Methodist Church in Singapore, was our Guest-of-Honour, accompanied by Mrs Wee. We were blessed to have three bishops at our head table that evening including Bishop Terry Kee, Bishop of the Lutheran Church in Singapore and President of National Council of Churches, Singapore; as well as Bishop Raphael Samuel, Bishop of Bolivia.

Over two hundred guests joined in SCGM's celebrations of God's grace and faithfulness towards the ministry of SCGM, which was formerly known as SCEM (Singapore Centre for Evangelism and Missions). Among our special guests were former chairmen of SCEM Board viz., Rev Dominic Yeo, Rev Edwin Lam, Mr Kenneth Tan, Rev Ben Lee and Mr Loh Hoe Peng. Former Executive Directors of SCEM Mr Andre De Winne, Rev Stanley Ow and Rev Juliette Arulrajah were also present to share in our celebrations.



Seated from left: Rev Dominic Yeo, Neo Ban Hui, Vice-Chairman, SCGM Council; Bishop Dr Wee Boon Hup and wife; Daniel Jesudason, Chairman SCGM Council; Michelle Samuel. Standing from left: Dean Kuan Kim Seng, Diocese of Singapore, Bishop Terry Kee, Presidnet, NCCS; Eugene Lim, Treasurer, SCGM Council & Chairman of SCGM 33rd Anniv Committee, Bishop Raphael Samuel (Bishop of Bolivia).

Pastor Neo Ban Hui, Vice Chairman of SCGM Council led in the opening prayer of thanksgiving. Mr Stephen Tan then led the evening worship supported ably by the chorale from Wesley Methodist Church's Prayer and Praise service, accompanied by a lively percussion team and a ukelele ensemble. The songs and boisterous music of celebration set the mood for the evening. Shernise Khor, a young Singaporean lady musician and singer, was our guest artiste who presented songs including her own original compositions.



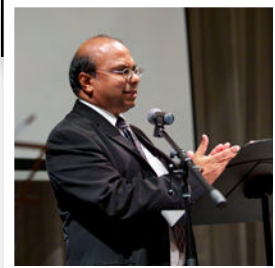
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Bishop Dr Wee Boon Hup was Guest-of-Honour at SCGM's 33rd Anniversary Dinner and delivered the keynote address.



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Stephen Tan leads in worship supported by Wesley Methodist Church's chorale, percussion and ukelele teams

Gregory Vijayendran emcees the dinner. SCGM Council Chairman Daniel Jesudason presents plaque to Dr Chan Tat Hon in appreciation of Far East Organisation's sponsorship of the dinner.



Special Guests include former Chairmen of SCGM Board Loh Hoe Peng, Kenneth Tan, Edwin Lam and Ben Lee as well as former EDs Andre De Winne, Stanley Ow and Juliette Arulrajah.



## SCGM 33rd Anniversary Dinner (cont'd)

National Director Lawrence Ko shared a brief review of SCGM's past 33 years of ministry to the local churches and appreciated the commitment of directors and leaders and staff. He unveiled the new corporate symbol of SCGM with the strategic thrust towards the future ministry as SCGM seeks to serve the Local Churches in Mission Mobilisation in the 21st C. Cognisant of the ways Singapore has been blessed so abundantly, Lawrence urged the church to commit to the task of Global Missions in the 21st C and for greater support to the cause of SCGM's mission: To Catalyse the National Missions Movement in Singapore and beyond.

Bishop Dr Wee Boon Hup shared his keynote address congratulating SCGM on the anniversary celebrations and the new corporate branding for the mission. Appreciating the contribution of mission agencies in serving the churches in Singapore, Bishop Wee however challenged the church to measure the development of missions by the level of lay members' involvement in missions.

Daniel Jesudason, Chairman of SCGM Council, presented Bishop Wee with a beautiful plaque in appreciation of his speech and gracious presence. The present Council was joined on stage by former chairmen and former EDs for a commemorative photograph.

Rev Dominic Yeo, General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God church in Singapore, then prayed for the SCGM Council and National Director, joined by the guests with hands reached out imploring God's blessings for the missions in and from Singapore.

The evening ended with a benediction by Bishop Terry Kee and each guest left with a gift pack of SCGM's new folder and collaterals with a conservation cutlery set as well as a devotional book donated by Dr Florence Tan.

***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*

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**The Global 4/14 Missiology Conference** met in Seoul, Korea at the Hallelujah Community Church from 26-28 Feb 2013. It was attended by a hundred delegates from different countries around the world, comprising theologians, missiologists, pastors and practitioners. The conference theme was **"Recognising Children and Youth as Strategic Partners in Mission"**.

The consultation was convened by Dr Dan Brewster of Compassion Int'l and Dr Bambang Budijanto delivered the keynote address, challenging the church to consider how to develop children and youth leaders as key partners and a missions force for the work of global missions. Bambang shared of his own teenage son who developed a transformational community service programme on his way to an Eagle Scout award, as an example of youth initiative and an agent of transformation.

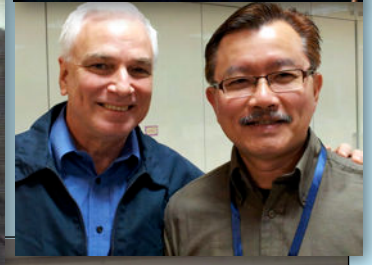
Over six major papers were presented with various responses exploring the diverse themes. The conference explored strategies for Reaching the 4/14ers; Rescuing the 4/14ers from crises; Rooting the 4/14ers in the Word; and Releasing the 4/14ers to the Lord for global mission. Prof Susan Greener's paper on a study of "Raising Samuel" must have been the most inspiring and instructional paper highlighting the critical role of Eli who succeeded as a mentor for the future prophet Samuel even though he failed as a parent to his own sons whose lives as priests were wayward.

Dr Luis Bush concluded the conference with a challenge to delegates to work while it is day, to pray for nations and to invest in a GenYer today.

## 4/14 Missiology Conference 2013 25-28 Feb 2013. Seoul, Korea



Left: Lawrence Ko sharing experiences of working with Gen Y and Gen Z in youth leadership programmes in Asia, along with panel speakers US youth pastor Thai Lam and Carmen Menchit Wong (Compassion Int'l)



Above right clockwise: Dr Dan Brewster and Dr Bambang Budijanto, convenors and keynote speakers of 4/14 Missiology Conference; Lawrence photographed with Gwen De Rosario and Rev Rick Seward from Singapore; Dr Luis Bush, Catalyst-Servant Leader of 4/14 movement giving the challenge on final day; Lawrence with Dr Luis Bush and his wife Doris.

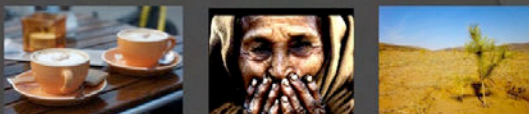


4/14 Window Missiology Conference

February 26 - 28, 2013  
Hallelujah Community Church  
Seoul, Korea

### TTC CDCM COURSE ON MISSIONS. MAR-MAY 2013

#### Holistic Missions: from Evangelism to Ecology



Instructor : Mr Lawrence Ko, National Director, SCGM

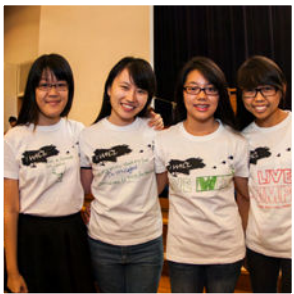
Dates: 13 March - 08 May (7 Wednesday Evenings, no class on 10 April & 01 May)  
Time : 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm Venue: St. Andrew's Cathedral, Prayer Hall. Fees : \$100.  
For more information & to register visit TTC website: [www.ttc.edu.sg](http://www.ttc.edu.sg)

This course examines and explores what is at the heart of missions and how the church can truly be missional by engaging in what is salvific spiritually as well as redemptive holistically. We will scan the terrain of missions today and explore the emerging movements, with particular emphasis on the movements in the Asian contexts.

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Trinity Theological College - Centre for Development of Christian Ministry

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**YES 2013 (Youth in Environmental Stewardship)** was organised and led by a youth organising committee under the guidance of ND Lawrence Ko over a period of 6 months. This SCGM event for youths was organised to coincide with Earth Day on April 22 in partnership with Asian Journeys Ltd and supported by St Andrew's Cathedral and TRAC Board of Missions. Dr Ken Gnanakan was the invited speaker. The youth committee selected theme **"down to earth"** to raise awareness of the Christian responsibility to care for God's creation. The forum provided the 60 participants opportunities to learn about the ecological crisis and offer practical solutions to combat climate change and develop green ideas for urban living. Each participant wrote a pledge on a free T-shirt and took home a pot of vegetable sapling to try their hand with "urban farming".



## GREEN DESERT PROJECT with Bedok Methodist Church. 21-30 Jun 2013

SCGM partnered Bedok Methodist Church's young adult ministry in embarking on the Green Desert Project organised by Asian Journeys Ltd. The Green Desert Project team of 25 led by Rev Sng Chiong Hui and Bernie Tan, spent five months to study about creation care, desertification in northern China and planned the mission trip to Inner Mongolia. The team planted 1000 fir trees as well as 1000 prayers. The 9-day trip culminated in a climb up MuTuanYu Great Wall and a visit to Forbidden City in Beijing.



Lawrence facilitating the Green desert team from Bedok Methodist Church on Creation Care on the Mongolian grasslands

## Asia Member Care Network Conference 2013

SCGM partnered Asia Member Care Network (AMCN) in organising the biennial member care conference in Penang, Malaysia from April 8-12. A total of 120 pastors, missionaries and member care professionals from Asia as well as partner organisations from US and UK attended this third AMCN conference. Dr David Tan was the convener of the conference and among the speakers were Perry Bradford, Dr Lois Dodd and Dr Mark Toh. Jocelyn Head led in morning sessions which helped to deepen the spirituality of participants through times of silence, prayer and rest. Lawrence Ko led a workshop on "Member Care in Asian Contexts" which provided a different approach to Western models of missionary care. The delegates were organised into small groups which met daily and modelled the fellowship and prayer for each participant throughout the conference week.



Lawrence facilitated a small group at the conference over four mornings and built a small community of care givers for missions.

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National Director Lawrence Ko was an invited speaker at the International Symposium on **“The Idea of a Christian University”** organised by Pentecostal Theological Institute, Bucharest. Two government cabinet ministers, namely the Minister for Culture and the Minister for Foreign Affairs delivered addresses to encourage the development of Christian university in both the Romanian contexts as well as globally.

Lawrence presented a paper on the History of China Missions 1900-1925 during the period of Political Change and Intellectual Revolution as a case study of how Protestant missions could have better contributed to China’s nation-building through higher education in a period of receptivity towards Christianity. The broader vision of missions in providing theological engagement with the various disciplines in a university setting were shared at the symposium.



## Int’l Orality Network Global Consultation

*The ION Global Consultation 2013 was held in Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary in Jun 10-13 with the theme “ Beyond Literate Western Models: Contextualizing Theological Education in Oral Contexts”. ND Lawrence Ko was invited to lead in the morning devotion on the opening day. He shared of the experiential learning methodology in spiritual contemplation in the context of Mongolian desert and wilderness. The consultation explored how theological education can be tailored for pastors and leaders from oral-preferenced communities who are non-literate learners.*



Lawrence with Dr Calvin Chong (Singapore Bible College) and Rev Samuel Chiang, ION Exec Director



## ICHE Triennial Assembly 2013

The Int’l Council for Higher Education (ICHE) Triennial Assembly was held in Manila from 15-18 May 2013 at the Asia Pacific Nazarene Theological Seminary. Over 60 delegates from America, Europe, Africa and Asia attended the conference which discussed **“Curriculum for Societal Transformation”**. Lawrence Ko presented a paper on “Urban and Environmental Challenges in Asia” and the opportunities for churches to participate in holistic missions. In order to seize the opportunities, there is a need for strategic alliances to scale up our level of engagement. Dr Kevin Mannoia, the new President of ICHE, challenged the conference to pursue the Kingdom principle of Mutuality as we synergise our efforts in curriculum development. Ken Gnanakan, Chairman of ICHE Board, challenged us with the tagline recently raised at Rio +20: To consider and create The Future We Want.



Lawrence with Dr Kevin Mannoia, President of the Int’l Council for Higher Education (ICHE) and Dr Beth Snodderly, Dean, William Carey Int’l Univ

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## SCGM Annual Lecture 2013

### “21st C Missions Agenda for the Singapore Church” by Rev Malcolm Tan

This second installment of SCGM Annual Lecture delivered by Rev Malcolm Tan was held at Prinsep Street Presbyterian Church on 26 Apr 2013 after the SCGM Annual General Meeting. The first SCGM Annual Lecture last year was delivered by Bishop Terry Kee, featuring the use of orality strategies in the fields of Thailand and Cambodia.

Rev Malcolm Tan challenged the Singapore Church to consider the missionary mandate of Christ and go beyond the maintenance mode of church ministry. Quoting Emil Brunner’s adage that “the Church exists for mission, just as fire exists by burning”, Malcolm exhorted the church to be a welcoming community which reaches out.

However the mission of the church should not be defined by preaching of the gospel alone. Citing various portions of the Gospels, and Acts of the Apostles, Malcolm argued for a wider and holistic understanding of the Great Commission which will challenge the church to consider the crises and needs in both the Singapore and Asian contexts and respond accordingly through our missionary efforts.

Rev Malcom Tan also proposed four critical areas in which the local churches can pray and engage in missions, viz., the Transmission of Faith to the coming generations; The Healing of Broken Families; The Restoring of Fathers (Wounded Men) and the Rebirth of Children and Youth Ministries.

## SCGM COUNCIL 2013-14

**Chairman: Mr Daniel Jesudason**

**Vice-Chairman: Pastor Neo Ban Hui**

**Hon Secretary: Mr Gregory Vijayendran**

**Hon Treasurer: Mr Eugene Lim**

**Council Members:**

**Rev Dianna Khoo**

**Mr Bernard Chan**

**Pastor Jeffrey Wong**

**Rev Yee Ching Wah**

**Mr Lawrence Ko (ex-officio)**

## SCGM Annual Lecture 2013 cum AGM

26 April 2013. Prinsep Street Presbyterian Church



Left: Rev Malcolm Tan, Pastor-in-charge, Barker Rd Methodist Church and Chairman, Asia Evangelistic Fellowship Singapore, delivered the SCGM Annual Lecture 2013. This followed the SCGM AGM held earlier at the same venue.



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## Snapshots



4/14 Missiology Conference, Seoul 2013

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR HIGHER EDUCATION TRIENNIAL ASSEMBLY  
May 15-18, 2013. ASIA-PACIFIC NAZARENE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, PHILIPPINES



ICHE Triennial Assembly Manila 201



Int'l Orality Network Consultation  
Hong Kong 2013



Green Desert Project  
Inner Mongolia 2013

## SCGM's New Corporate Look...



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Singapore Centre for  
Global Missions

# GlobalMissions21

SCGM's new logo consists of a stylised 'globe'; a circle with 4 curved lines cutting across its surface. These arcs represent the 4 strategic thrusts which SCGM has and signify 'connectivity'— where different nationalities and cultures converge for a common purpose. On the other hand, it also stands for 'dissemination'— where knowledge and methods of advancing global missions are shared and implemented.

## The 4 Strategic Thrusts of SCGM:

- Strategic Thought Leadership in Missions
- Contextual Missiologies & Innovations
- Global Projects Consultation
- Missions Mobilisation

An orange arc forms the equator and points towards the letter S which emphasizes the strategic location of Singapore as the hub in the region for global missions.

Visit our website at [www.scgm.org.sg](http://www.scgm.org.sg)

## Our Mission:

Serving the Local Church in Missions Mobilisation  
in the 21st Century

## Our Vision:

Catalysing the National Missions Movement

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**MISSIONAL BUSINESS FORUM 2013**

**Entrepreneurs**  
*& Urban Opportunities*

Explore Urban Missiology and Enterprise Opportunities from East Asia to East Europe with guest speakers who have served in cities from Bucharest to Kathmandu.

Organised by Singapore Centre for Global Missions and supported by Center for Christian Entrepreneurship, Graduates' Christian Fellowship, Operation Mobilisation & Transformational Business Network. For more information, visit [www.scgm.org.sg](http://www.scgm.org.sg)



date <b>SATURDAY 24 AUG 2013</b>	location <b>PRINSEP STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH</b>	time <b>8.30AM- 12.30PM</b>	<b>Registration Fee: \$20.</b> Email <a href="mailto:admin@scgm.org.sg">admin@scgm.org.sg</a>
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**Pray for SCGM. Partner SCGM. Support SCGM.**

- Jul-Oct **ND preaches at missions month in local churches:** Bartley Christian Church, Geylang Methodist Church, St Andrew's Cathedral, The People's Bible Church, Pentecost Methodist Church, Barker Rd Methodist Church, Bethesda Bt Arang Church, Church of Singapore (Bt Timah), Salem Chapel and Covenant Community Methodist Church
  - Aug 16 **SEANET Talk**
  - Aug 24 **Missional Business Forum 2013**
  - Aug 26 **Bible, Missions and Social Enterprise workshop**
  - Aug 28 **GOFORTH 2014 Pastors Fellowship Lunch**
  - Sep-Nov **SCGM-TRAC Youth Media for Missions Project**
  - Oct 28-31 **ASIAN CHRISTIAN YOUTH MEDIA WORKSHOP (MANILA)**
  - Oct 19 **SCGM Council Prayer Retreat**
- Join us at **SCGM Breakfast Fellowship** every first Thursday morning 8am-9.30am : 1 Aug, 5 Sep, 3 Oct, 7 Nov.

*Mission is inherent in the very being of the Church. This is because God's design to gather all humanity under the Lordship of Jesus Christ remains unrealised. Singapore Centre for Global Missions (SCGM) has moved in the right direction by seeking to coordinate the efforts of local churches in missions and promoting partnerships in missionary endeavours. Its labour shall not be in vain.*

**Lim K Tham, General Secretary,  
National Council of Churches of Singapore**

*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**

*I am continually impressed with how the Singapore Center for Global Missions serve the Church, not only in Singapore, but in other parts of the world. A humble servant-leader attitude has brought an outsized influence around the world, and the transformation of individuals and communities.*

**Rev. Samuel E. Chiang  
Executive Director  
International Orality Network**