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Catalysing the National Missions Movement in Singapore

GOFORTH 2014 NATIONAL MISSIONS CONFERENCE

The triennial GoForth conference was held on 9-11 July 2014 at Trinity Christian Centre sponsored venue at Trinity@Paya Lebar along Paya Lebar Road. GoForth 2014's theme, "The Whole Church in the Whole World", was not only the theme of the conference but also the undergirding theme for something longer lasting as GoForth seeks to go beyond a triennial event to become a national missions movement.

The communications tagline of "Get Set. ReSet. Go" affirms the need for the whole church to recover the missions mandate given to every Christian to be engaged in God's missions and to reframe the ideas of missions to include not only overseas missions but also missions at the doorstep. What does it take for the Whole Church to be involved in missions was addressed at the Pre-Conference's Pastors Forum. Holistic missions, especially urban missions in the megacities of Asia, were the dominant topics for the plenary sessions, as speakers spoke on what the Church Incarnate look like and how we need to minister to the migrant population in the cities.

There were only 8 afternoon workshops in English (and 7 in Chinese) this time around and each workshop spanned the two afternoons with speakers engaging the participants in discussions, to generate ideas and possible projects for the topics covering the Next Generation (4/14 missions), Media missions, Strategies for Megacities of Asia, Holistic missions projects from agriculture, to environmental and educational as well as medical. Churchmen and agency leaders also met to discuss how to mobilise the whole church and raise up 21st C missionaries and think contextually about Asian missiology.

The GoForth 2014 executive committee, chaired by Bishop Terry Kee, comprised of representatives from various denominations appointed by the respective denominational heads. The spirit of collegiality was evident throughout the year and a half as the committee worked together collaboratively, united around the cause of missions mobilisation. SCGM ND Lawrence Ko was privileged to serve as Vice-Chairman of the executive committee overseeing the programme design, the secretariat services and the organisation of the conference ably assisted by SCGM staff and volunteers.

We are glad that most of the 1140 registered participants were pleased with the conference and blessed with the presence of the Lord.

Praise God for the GoForth 2014!



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Location	The Methodist Centre, 70 Barker Road, Singapore 309936	Bartley Christian Church, 4 How Sun Drive, Singapore 538526
Fees	S\$240 for working adults registering before 13th September. Normal rate: S\$280. Discounts for non-working adults, students, and married couples. Fees cover 15 classes and two course textbooks.	

Inspiring guest instructors, including:

Rev Malcolm Tan (Pastor-In-Charge, Barker Road Methodist Church; and Part-Time Lecturer, Trinity Theological College)

Rev Edmund Fong (Associate Minister, Adam Road Presbyterian Church)

Dr Lai Pak Wah (Lecturer, Biblical Graduate School of Theology)

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GoForth 2014
keynote speakers
(above) **Bishop Emeritus Dr Hwa Yung** ; (right) **Rev Dr Vinay Samuel**; (below) **Dr Samuel Lee**



Dr Patrick Fung was the speaker on the last evening of the GoForth Evening Rally which was bilingual with **Lai Sze Kiong** as translator. Dr Fung was also the main plenary speaker for the Chinese GoForth Conference 2014.

GoForth 2014 National Missions Conference

THEME:

The Whole Church in the Whole World



GET SET. RESET. GO.

The GoForth 2014 Conference set out to make a difference in the missions discourse in Singapore. From merely mobilising manpower and financial resources to support full-time missionaries and mission agencies to go to the unreached people groups in the rural far found places, the focus was changed to challenge every church and every believer to fulfil the Great Commission through personal involvement and direct engagement with the lost in the world.

The world that is in need of the gospel is at our doorstep as many of the UPGs are in the cities as migrants. The cities have become the milieu for our missions, whether it is across the street or around the world. It is ironic therefore for missionaries or mission agencies or short term mission teams to neglect the same ethnic or national groups here in Singapore when they claim to have passion and commitment to reach them overseas in their rural inaccessible homes.

Beyond evangelism and church-planting, the Conference also explored the crucial need for the church to be involved in integral or holistic missions, engaging in sociocultural, business, educational and medical projects to meet the needs of the whole persons we claim to love. Missions is from Everywhere to Everywhere and it takes Everyone to Reach Everyone, as the GoForth video reminded us each time it is played during the conference.

The presence of the Holy Spirit was evident from the first morning to the last evening, as speakers from bishops to business CEOs focused on the need for consecrated lives and deep spirituality in order to fulfil God's calling for the church in missions. Dr Hwa Yung challenged the Singapore Church to emulate the Moravian Christians in their passion for Christ, living lives of Holiness, ceaseless prayer and generous giving, not only financially but of themselves. The second evening must have been the climax of the conference as the speakers Dr Samuel Lee and Rev Dominic Yeo spoke to the hearts of the delegates and brought the congregation to kneel, pray and weep before God in personal cleansing and corporate prayer for missions.

Rev Malcolm Tan said it well, affirming the need to engage in the world for Christ when he said: **It is not wrong for Christians to serve in the church. But something is wrong when Christians serve only in the church!** Dr Vinay Samuel pointed out rightly that the question to ask is **"not whether we are to be involved in missions, but to ask where we are to go and what we are to do!"**

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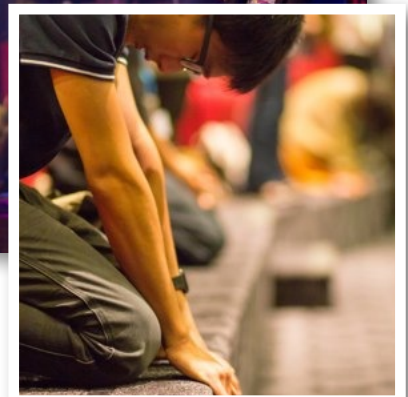
GoForth 2014 Evening Rallies



Rev Malcolm Tan was the second platform speaker on the final evening of the Evening Rally. Rev Dominic Yeo was the second platform speaker on the second night of the evening rally and led the conference in prayer of repentance on our knees as we sought to reset our perspectives to see God's world and be useful in God's missions.



MISSION HEARTBEAT: PASSION FOR GODS' LOVE to be revealed and **HIS KINGDOM** to be expanded and established on earth.



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**GoForth 2014
Pre-Conference
Missional Business
Forum** speakers included Datuk Edward Ong, Mats Tunehag, Pr William Heng and Rev Erick Tan.

Over 400 pastors, leaders and business professionals attended the Missional Business Forum which was organised as a Pre-Conference event of GoForth 2014 held on the afternoon of Jul 9. Chaired by Lawrence Ko and Festus Thomas, the panel of speakers included Datuk Edward Ong, Mats Tunehag, Pr William Heng and Rev Erick Tan. Edward shared his journey of early retirement as a successful entrepreneur only to be summoned by God to invest in a project in Sabah, which he did over the next 20 years. Hence to Edward, business is God's calling and has to be done in a manner worthy of God's high calling. Mats shared from his global experience of investing and promoting Business As Mission (BAM). Preacher William shared of his experience as a successful businessman who invested in missional projects in Chiang Mai only to experience several setbacks and having to learn from them, to help plant cashew trees as well as churches among the tribal communities in the mountains. Erick recounted his journey as a missionary in Nepal learning to start a business which created jobs and livelihood and developed sustainable business for the local Christians he was discipling. A lively discussion and Q & A ensued to help churches and agencies understand more about missional business as key strategy in the 21st C.



Emerging Global Challenges

"The Whole Church in the Whole World"

Dr Samuel Lee, an Iranian Christian who pastors a church in Amsterdam for Filipinos, Ghanians and Nigerians and founded the Foundation University to provide inexpensive education for migrants, was the second plenary speaker at the morning conference. Pointing out the numerous allusions to migrants in the Bible, he argued that the Bible is a book of many migrants who found faith in God as they left homelands. God is also a God who loves the migrants and cares for them. Joseph as an example of a young boy who was trafficked into Egypt by his brothers. But God was with the migrants and so should we. Besides the biblical imperative to care for the weak including the widows, orphans and the migrants, it is also a strategic approach to humbly reach out to the migrant communities, as the converted can continue to be sent out as mission workers, self-financing and with the ability to change the world. Responding, Dr Daniel Koh affirmed the need for holistic missions, with churches providing space and services to meet the social and spiritual needs of foreign workers here and addressing the issues of social justice such as speaking against ill-treatment of foreign workers. The panel speakers include Gregory Vijayendran, Mats Tunehag, Dean Kuan Kim Seng, Dr Hwa Yung and Dr Samuel Lee. Greg identified 3 groups of silent victims whom we need to speak up and pray for: the persecuted, the prisoners and the modern slaves entrapped in human trafficking. Mats called for Business as Mission to help meet the needs of the poor by creating jobs with dignity and prevent the marginalised from self-radicalisation. Dean Kuan reminded us of the role of the church as the Sender and the Sent with the focus on loving our neighbours and indeed "to be" neighbours. Dr Hwa Yung warned of the danger of personal holism as Pharisaical if we neglect social holiness, which can transform our faith as well as the social landscape. He affirmed the place of business in missions as "underutilised resources" which has the power to be agents of change.



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GENERATION NEXT**Youth Forum****Beyond Personal, Towards Transformational**

Several mission organisations and churches who work among young people, organised the *Generation Next Youth Forum* on 9 July 2014 as a Pre-conference event of the *GoForth National Missions Conference*. This Youth Forum, held at Bartley Christian Church with the theme *Towards Transformational Movement*, was attended by more than 300 young people and the young at heart.

There were two main sessions in this event. The first session focused on *Beyond Personal*, in which three gifted and inspiring speakers (Dr Tan Lai Yong, Rev. Lai Kai Ming, and Ps. Paul Kim) exhorted the audience on the call to live for the Kingdom of God and how young people can play a role in fulfilling the mission of the Kingdom of God. The second session introduced talks on five crucial topics which young people were encouraged to be engaged in: *Human Trafficking* (Gregory Vijayendran), *Climate Change* (Melissa Ong), *Xenophobia* (Dr Tan Lai Yong), *Economic Injustice* (Tang Shin Yong), and *Faith in the Public Square* (Dr Mathew Mathews). Each speaker gave a 15-minute presentation, after which the audience were divided into smaller groups to discuss the respective topics.

The youth gathering also heard the heartfelt sharing by Crystal Goh and watched the 'breakdance' performance by *Mentor Group* from South Korea. The forum ended with a brief summary by the emcee followed by corporate prayer that God will move the young people into missional actions in all aspects of their life. On the whole this Youth Forum has indeed widened the perspectives of many young people from our local churches to see how they can be part of God's mission. We pray that they will start to dream and act on it.

by Lisman Komaladi (Gen-Sec, FES)

KOREAN MENTOR GROUP PERFORMS AT GOFORTH



MENTOR, THE KOREAN HIP HOP DANCE GROUP from South Korea performed at all 3 nights of the *GoForth 2014* evening rallies. Hop Hop dance is a popular dance form in contemporary youth culture including breakdancing or B-boying and Djing or turntablism where dance music are mixed together to create dynamic changes in rhythms. Korean hip hop began to take off and one of the leaders which popularised this dance form was Silver, a Korean dance choreographer. Silver later started the Mentor group in 2000 to train marginalised youths in Korea and mould them into a performing arts ministry for Christ.

Using the dance language of the world, Mentor skilfully narrated stories of redemption and transformation, bringing out the theme *New Life in Christ* for those living in despair, seen in the joyful breakdance moves of the redeemed, and their energetic leaps in the air and swivelling on the heads. As the church incarnates in the world, we need to be familiar with the language of the world to adequately present the message the world seeks .



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SNAPSHOTS



BISHOP RENNIS PONNIAH shared a morning devotional message on **Servanthood: communion, obedience & confidence in God**



Director of Anglican Missions Dean Kuan Kim Seng on **the Church as the People who Send and are Sent**



General Supt of AOG of Singapore REV DOMINIC YEO called for **spiritual lens to see beyond practical and admin constraints of missions, to see the Sufficiency of God** in meeting needs



BISHOP WEE BOON HUP blessed the Conference at the close of the first Evening with the exhortation: **GO FORTH!**

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PASTORS FORUM AT GOFORTH 2014 PRE-CONFERENCE



Rev Lu Guan Hoe, Chairman of the GoForth 2014 Chinese Committee, and Lawrence Ko, Vice-Chairman of GoForth 2014 Executive Committee, welcomed over 500 pastors and leaders gathered at the Pastors Forum on the morning of 9 Jul 2014.

Bishop Terry Kee, Chairman of GoForth 2014 EXCO, spoke first on the Heart of the Missionary Church which calls for every believer to be about our Father's business as Jesus did. It is not what we do but who we are as the primary focus in missions. He challenged pastors not to be the bottleneck of the church in missions mobilisation, attempting to do all the work but rather to equip the saints for ministry. We need to reach the neglected people with the neglected resources of God, viz., the laity in the church, especially the women.

Bishop Emeritus Dr Hwa Yung was the second speaker in the morning and challenged the Singapore Church to go beyond the numbers in missions but to focus on the spirituality which constituted the heart of the missionary church. Citing the Moravian Church example, he urged us to develop missions which arise out of revival based on Holy Living, Ceaseless Praying and Cheerful Giving. Missions must also be holistic meeting people in their times of need. He believes that the Singapore Church would be blessed and can make an impact for God in missions if we dare give of ourselves fully to God.

The two speakers were later joined by Dr Patrick Fung, Dr Vinay Samuel and Dr Samuel Lee at the lively panel discussion chaired by Lawrence Ko. The panel discussion addressed topics from the need for a holistic gospel to the urban challenge in Asian missions and the need for the church to develop her prophetic role in the public square. Bishop Hwa Yung highlighted the need to go beyond a personal holiness to social holiness, exemplified by the Wesleyan revival which not only converted lives but changed the society of 18th C England.

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GOFORTH 2014 SNAPSHOTS...



REV LAI KAI MING



REV DIANNA KHOO



PROF HO PENG KEE



MINISTER GAN KIM YONG



DR RAINER CHU



PS KAREN GAN

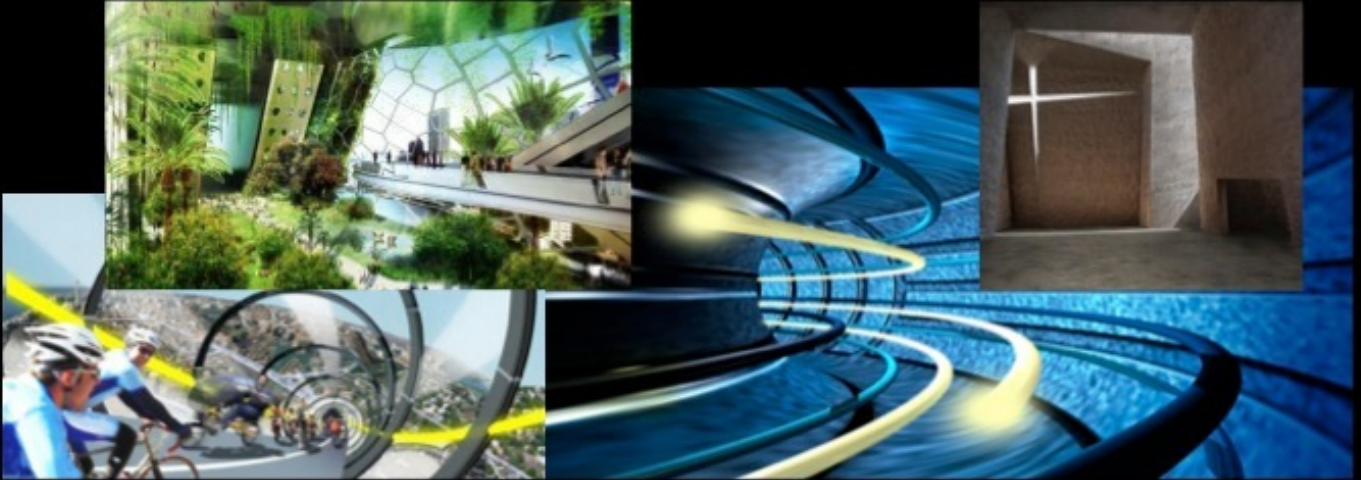


GOFORTH 2014 was a conference for recovering our Missions Mandate, **RESETTING** our ideas of missions; mobilising the **WHOLE CHURCH** for missions; launching **MISSIONAL BUSINESS**; developing partners for **HOLISTIC MISSIONS**; strategising the **MEGACITIES OF ASIA**, challenging the Next Generation; and **RAISING GENYERS** for missions in 21st C.



BISHOP TERRY KEE, CHAIRMAN OF GOFORTH 2014

Creation Care IN URBAN SETTINGS



INSTRUCTOR : MR LAWRENCE KO, NATIONAL DIRECTOR, SCGM
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OR CREATIVE DESTRUCTION?

This course will relate our doctrine of creation to the care of God's creation in a city environment. It will encourage responsible living as stewards of God's creation and discuss issues of urbanization, consumerist lifestyles and their impact on global warming and climate change.

DATES: 24 SEP- 19 NOV 2014 (8 WEDNESDAY EVENINGS, NO CLASS ON 22 OCT)

TIME : 7:30 PM TO 9:30 PM VENUE: ST. ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL, PRAYER HALL. FEES : \$100.

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Praise God for the opportunities for ND to speak at the dinner fellowship of the **Brethren Network Fellowship** and pastors' lunch fellowship of the **Bible-Presbyterian churches** in April & May 2014. ND conducted two sessions of leadership training at **Katong Presbyterian Church** in April and May 2014. ND also spoke on the pulpits of **Salem Chapel** (Easter Sunday), **Bethel Presbyterian Church** (May, 3,4), **Ang Mo Kio Methodist Church** Mission Sunday (Jul 20), **St John's St Margaret's Church** Mission Engagement Weekend (Aug 16,17), and **The Methodist Church of the Incarnation** Global Impact Celebration Sunday (Aug 24).

Sep-Nov **Lawrence Ko (ND)** will be teaching a 8-week course at TTC CDCM from Sep-Nov. Pray for his teaching /pulpit ministry.


- 14 Sep Salem Chapel's Missions Month
- 21 Sep The People's Bible Church Missions Month
- 28 Sep Emmanuel Evangelical Free Church Missions Month
- 5 Oct Faith Assembly of God Church
- 19 Oct Kampong Kapor Methodist Church
- 1,2 Nov St John's Chapel Missions Month
- 8,9 Nov Teaching at The Bible Church Training Institute School of Continuing Education

Join us at **SCGM Missions Breakfast Fellowship** every first Thursday at St Andrew's Cathedral. Free Admission. All are welcome.

- 4 Sep Dr William Wan on Grace in the City (Urban Missions)
- 2 Oct Pastor Neo Ban Hui on Kingdom Projects (Missional Business and Holistic Missions)
- 6 Nov Dr Calvin Chong on Urban Heartlanders (Urban Missions)

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SCGM MISSIONS BREAKFAST



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 by Lawrence Ko is retailing at \$20.
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SCGM's National Director participated in the following events in Jan-Jun 2014:

- **Pastors Prayer Summit** in Malacca, Malaysia, Jan 2014
- **Asia Emerging Leaders Summit** in Chiang Mai, Jan 2014
- **SAT7 Network Conference** in Izmir, Turkey, Mar 2014
- **Missional Business meetings** in Bucharest, Romania, Apr 2014
- **Asian Missions Media Project** in Manila, Philippines, Apr 2014
- **International Council for Higher Education (ICHE) Board meeting and Annual Conference** in Nairobi, Kenya, May 2014
- **Green Desert@FESYEP** in Inner Mongolia, China, Jun 2014

We thank God for the partnership of St Andrew's Cathedral and Asian Journeys Ltd for the financial support for ND's travels.



SCGM launched a series of Asian Missions video clips in July 2014 in time for GoForth 2014.



SCGM Missional Business Seminar. 23 Aug 23 2014
**THE CHALLENGE FOR PROFITS:
 BUSINESS FOR BLESSINGS**

Speakers: Tom Alexander & Dr Nora Hughes
 The speakers challenged Christian business leaders to launch for-profit enterprises which will address the socioeconomic needs of the mission fields and achieve multiple bottom-lines.



**SCGM Annual Lecture 2014
 THE CRY OF CREATION**
Speaker : Rev Dr Daniel Koh
 The Annual Lecture 2014 with the emphasis on Creation Care was held on 22 Apr 2014 on Earth Day at St Andrew's Cathedral.