

# SCGM WAVE

Catalysing the National Missions Movement in Singapore

## CELEBRATING THE DIVINE MYSTERY

We are entering the season of Advent and Christmas and before long, the world will celebrate Christmas with great joy and merry making. In my reading of the Gospel of Matthew to 'prepare room in my heart' for this festive season, I marvel once again at the mystery of Divine intervention in human history as the Eternal enters Time and the Infinite God became finite man, in the form of the infant Jesus.

The birth of Jesus was proclaimed to prophets and kings. Wise men went in search of Jesus and found him and worshipped him. Others like King Herod, were bent on destroying the divine and killing humans.

Jesus, the God Incarnate, had no qualms being born into a humble family, fleeing Bethlehem, the city of David to reside and grow up in Nazareth. "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Jesus grew up in the obscure town of Nazareth to be called a Nazarene... a nobody from the obscure neighbourhood.

For a while, the holy family were also migrants: foreigners in Egypt and refugees, seeking survival. Baby Jesus survived, unlike other persecuted infants in Bethlehem who did not, brutally massacred by Herod.

As we celebrate the Incarnation of God in Jesus on Christmas Day, we are reminded that our Joy is in knowing God loves... and cares for suffering humanity. Christmas is also a time to celebrate our humanity, sharing dreams and hopes, and touching base with the rest of humanity, in solidarity with those who suffer injustice and are acquainted with sorrow and grief. At Christmas we remember that Jesus too suffered.

Christmas is a time to draw closer to God, sharing in the Divine Mystery, in the Divine Life and Love, and a time to serve and love our neighbours, whether across the street or around the world. What a way to celebrate Christmas!

**JOY TO THE WORLD, THE LORD IS COME!** Let earth receive her King; Let every heart prepare Him room, And Heaven and nature sing, And Heaven and nature sing. **AND HEAVEN AND NATURE SING!**



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Our Mission:

**Catalysing the National Missions  
Movement in Singapore**

Our Vision:

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

**WE HAVE MOVED!**

**SCGM Office's New Address:  
485, Bedok South Ave 2  
Singapore 469315  
within the premises of  
Bedok Lutheran Church!**

Come visit us and explore what we can do together to promote missions in and through Singapore!



# Perspectives

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helping you to  
align your life with God's global purpose

130,000 alumni worldwide!

## Singapore course starts September 2014

Two class options (choose one)	Option 1: Sunday afternoon	Option 2: Tuesday evening
<b>Time</b>	2.00-4.30pm	7.30-10.00pm
<b>Term 1 (9 classes)</b>	28th September - 23rd November 2014	30th September - 25th November 2014
<b>Term 2 (6 classes)</b>	4th January - 8th February 2015	6th January - 10th February 2015
<b>Location</b>	The Methodist Centre, 70 Barker Road, Singapore 309936	Bartley Christian Church, 4 How Sun Drive, Singapore 538526
<b>Fees</b>	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*)

Lawrence Ko (National Director, *Singapore Centre for Global Missions*)

Steve Hawthorne (Author, *Perspectives Study Guide*; and co-editor, *Perspectives Reader*)

+ Interactive group activities

+ Transformational reading



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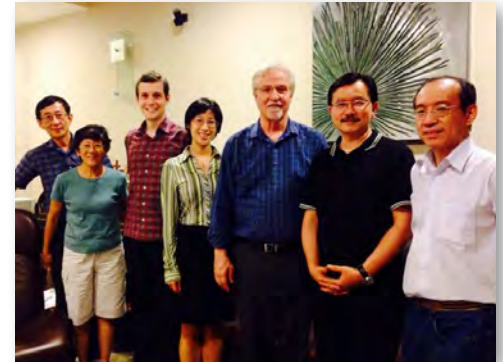
**Bernard Chan**

**Pastor Eddie Chandra**

**Pastor Jeffrey Wong**

**National Director:**

**Lawrence Ko**



Dinner fellowship hosted by Benjamin and Ailene Grandey at the home of Fang Soon and Deborah Chou with Steven Hawthorne as special guest. Wong Kron Joo, SCGM Council member, also serves on the board of directors for Perspectives Singapore.



Lawrence Ko with Steven Hawthorne, one of the original editors of Perspectives course, here to conduct the inaugural session in this new run.

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**Dr K Rajendran, Ailene Chou and Lawrence Ko** were speakers at Lausanne tea fellowship.

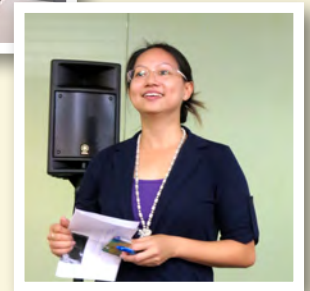


**Lausanne is a global movement** that connects influencers and ideas for the global mission of the gospel for every person; an evangelical church for every people; Christ-like leaders for every church; and kingdom impact in every sphere of society.

Lausanne tagline: **The Whole Church taking the Whole Gospel into the Whole World.**



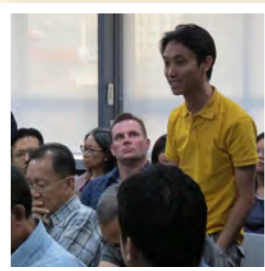
Jonathan How leads worship while Ching Ching emcees the programme



## Lausanne Singapore commemorates 40th year of Lausanne Movement

**Theme: "The Whole Church in the Whole World"**

Fifty friends of the Lausanne movement gathered at the GCF meeting hall in North Bridge Road on Sat 8 Nov 2014 for an afternoon tea fellowship to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Lausanne movement. Lawrence Ko, SCGM's National Director and also the coordinator for Lausanne Singapore Committee, shared a brief history of the Lausanne Movement and the significance of the Lausanne Covenant for the evangelical church. He also shared of his participation in and benefit from the Lausanne gatherings from Asia Lausanne conferences in 2006 and 2011 to the Cape Town Conference in 2010, which saw a sizeable Singapore delegation of 20 participants. Lawrence also urged prayer and participation in Lausanne meetings such as the Global Lausanne Creation Care consultation which he attended. Later Sherry Hua and Hoi Wen also shared their experiences and involvement in the SE Asia Creation Care conference in 2014. Dr Rajendran, Associate Director of World Evangelical Alliance Mission Commission, then shared of global trends and how the whole church can be involved in the whole world in missions. Ailene Chou-Grandey, co-founder of Perspectives Singapore, challenged all to develop a perspective of a global Christian living out the call of God in everyday life. We praise God for the afternoon of networking and fellowship.





## Creation Care in Urban Settings

A 8-week course on Creation Care in the Urban Settings was organised by TTC's Centre for Development of Christian Ministry with Lawrence Ko as the instructor. The course covered the needed Christian response to the twin challenges of ecological crisis and rapid urbanisation especially in Asia. With the need to combat carbon gas emission and keep global temperature from rising to less than 2 degrees C, the local churches can play critical roles as agents of change in advancing decoupling and degrowth as radical acts needed in the cities to address resource scarcity as well as environmental degradation. The church is also invited to consider the roles of believers as Priests of Creation as an eschatological community, with the vision of creating future cities in anticipation of the new heavenly city which will descend upon earth.



**Can the Desert be Green?**  
**Planting Hope in the Wilderness**  
 by Lawrence Ko is retailing at \$20.  
 To order a copy, email [admin@scgm.org.sg](mailto:admin@scgm.org.sg)



Twenty course participants of CDCM course on Creation Care in Urban Settings visited Onesimus Farm at Neo Tiew Road on 22 Oct 2014 to learn about urban farming in Singapore.



## National Children Ministry Conference 2015 Publicity Launch and Ministry Leaders Lunch



As part of the follow-up to one of the strategic workshops at GoForth 2014 National Missions Conference on “Challenging the Next Generation” to reach the children and youths, SCGM is organising a National Children Ministry Conference 2015 jointly with Scripture Union and Child Evangelism Fellowship, and supported by St Andrew’s Cathedral. To be held in 12-13 March 2015, it will feature a **Public Talk on Children Faith Formation by Mark Griffiths and Bill Wilson**, specially for Sunday School teachers, children ministry workers and, of course, parents. A **2-day special retreat will be organised specially for Children ministry leaders and staff workers of churches and agencies**, as well as Sunday School superintendents to spend time in consultation with the children ministry specialists as well as for time of prayer and personal rejuvenation. A **Special Lunch Dialogue will also be organised to invite Pastors-in-charge / Senior Pastors to consult on how local churches can resource and strengthen the outreach to children as a “mission field” and the training of children as a “mission force”**. Pray for us in this 4/14 strategy.

**PRAY FOR**  
National Children Ministry Conference 2015  
“One Generation from Extinction”  
with Mark Griffiths and Bill Wilson

**one generation from extinction**

**12-13/3/15**

**A NATIONAL SPOTLIGHT ON THE CHRISTIAN CHILDREN MINISTRY**

WITH GUEST SPEAKERS  
MARK GRIFFITHS AND BILL WILSON

**A SPECIAL TALK ON CHILDREN FAITH FORMATION**  
DATE: 13 MAR 2015 (FRI) TIME: 7-9PM VENUE: ST ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL  
ALL ARE WELCOME. REGISTER AT WWW.SCGM.ORG.SG

**A SPECIAL RETREAT FOR CHILDREN MINISTRY LEADERS  
PASTORS & HEADS OF CHILDREN MINISTRY, SUPERINTENDENT OF SUNDAY  
SCHOOLS & CHILDREN MINISTRY WORKERS**  
DATE: 12-13 MAR 2015 (THU-FRI) VENUE: CHANGI COVE  
COST: \$200/PAX (EARLY BIRD BEFORE 31 JAN 2015) REGISTER AT WWW.SCGM.ORG.SG

**A SPECIAL DIALOGUE & LUNCH FOR ALL SENIOR PASTORS**  
DATE: 12 MAR 2015 (THU) TIME: 10AM - 1PM VENUE: CHANGI COVE BY INVITATION ONLY.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY SCRIPTURE UNION, CHILD EVANGELISM FELLOWSHIP & SINGAPORE CENTRE FOR GLOBAL MISSIONS  
SUPPORTED BY ST ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL & GOFORTH 2014



Over 60 pastors and children ministry workers gathered for the lunch fellowship on 17 Sep at St Andrew’s Cathedral to share updates and discuss needs in reaching children.

## FELLOWSHIP OF EVANGELICAL STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN GREEN DESERT PROJECT



A team of 18 youths representing the Fellowship of Evangelical Students group participated in the Green Desert Project in Jun 2014, planting 1169 fir trees in Duolun County, Inner Mongolia. SCGM has been working with FES and especially NUS VCF in promoting creation care this year. The team, led by FES staff workers Sherry Hua and Siah May Lan, comprised of 16 ladies and 2 young men. Beginning from March 2014, the team gathered for a series of 8 training sessions facilitated by Lawrence Ko, building the team, acquiring service-learning and cross-cultural skills and developing domain knowledge as environmental volunteers and activists. They completed a 2D/IN service retreat in Pulau Ubin in May 10-11, participating in the coastal clean-up with another Green Desert team from ITE College East. After spending 14 days in the grasslands of Inner Mongolia greening the desertified county five times the size of Singapore, they returned to prepare and organise the Youth Environmental Stewardship forum in August 16 2014 as a way to raise awareness about desertification and the ecological crisis.



## Youth Environmental Stewardship (YES) Forum 2014



Chairperson Hsiao Fern with her welcome speech; Daniel Lau and Amos Cai gave excellent speeches on the need to make U-Turns in our lifestyles to live more sustainably.

The FES team helmed the Youth Environmental Stewardship (YES) Forum 2014 with Hsiao Fern as the Chairlady of the Organising Committee. Over 130 youths from schools, ITEs and JCs attended the morning event held at ITE College East on 16 Aug 2014, The FES team used performing arts to raise awareness of the beauty of nature, presenting a song "Bunga Sayang" extolling the evergreen tree in the tropics. They also presented a dance to the music of "I was here" by Beyoncé. The choreographer and dancer, Andreia said: One part of my choreography showed the process of planting the tree, and I was the tree-planter, while my co-dancer lyn Yi was the tree. I started off by shovelling and digging the ground, followed by placing the fir sapling inside, and finally watering it, which saw it growing eventually. This piece symbolises the relationship between the tree and the human, and the closeness they experience with one another. This dance was one of my favourites, a most personal dance that was close to my heart, and I really love the meaningful lyrics. The participants also had break out group time to brainstorm best ideas for living green urban lifestyles and presented their proposals on stage afterwards. The novel idea was that the participants were asked to bring their own lunch boxes for the refreshments served, which they did. SCGM sponsored the portable cutlery sets, thanks to a grant from TRAC Board of Mission.



## SCGM EVENTS

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### Nov Afternoon Tea with Dr Choong Chee Pang on China Trends



### Sep Missions Breakfast with Dr William Wan on Grace in the City



### Oct Missions Breakfast with Pastor Neo Ban Hui on Kingdom Projects



### Nov Missions Breakfast with Dr Calvin Chong on Urban Missions



## SCGM COUNCIL PRAYER RETREAT 11 October 2014



SCGM Council met for annual planning and prayer retreat on Saturday morning 11 Oct 2014 at the lovely function room of Kismis View apartments beginning with a brief time of worship and breakfast fellowship. Led by Daniel Jesudason, Chairman of SCGM Council, the retreat considered how SCGM as an organisation can effectively catalyse missions movements, referencing the concept of social movements.

Reviewing the strategic thrust of SCGM set up since 202 and the three focus areas raised since 2013, the Council agreed to continue with the proposed work plan to catalyse the mission movements and initiatives which have developed. The Council members were also invited to join the three work teams viz., the Missional Business, the Creation Care and the Migrants Outreach teams, to strengthen the partnerships with various stakeholders in each of the mission arenas and to lend support to the initiatives.

The Council then took time to thank God for provision for the year past as well as to pray for guidance in the year ahead, lifting up needs in the various ministries, including the programmes, staff and resources.

The Retreat welcomed the visit of Benjamin and Ailene Grandey of Perspectives Singapore and affirmed the partnership forged with this new ly birthed ministry especially with our Council member Wong Kron Joo as part of the PS board. The Retreat then ended with a lunch fellowship.

# SEP-NOV 2014 SNAPSHOTS



Canon Louis Tay presenting a SCGM souvenir wooden cross to speaker Dr Calvin Chong



Aletheia volunteering in song-leading at SCGM Breakfast.



Loh Hoe Peng, former SCGM Chairman visiting with Oh Siew May



SCGM team sharing an appreciation dinner for Angela, our GoForth 2014 project manager who left us at the end of Aug.



We welcome **Chong Ching Ching**, SCGM's new Asst Project Manager and Executive Assistant, who joined us in Sep 2014. Ching Ching was the liaison for the Mentor team at GoForth 2014.



At Lausanne Singapore's Afternoon Tea with Dr K Rajendran & friends



Lawrence with Ajit Hazra and Bishop Raphael Samuel, a Singaporean missionary and now Bishop of Bolivia





**PRAY FOR SCGM.  
RESOURCE SCGM.  
VOLUNTEER WITH SCGM.**

### Pray for SCGM Nov-Dec 2014 and Jan 2015

Praise God for the opportunities for ND to conduct a **8-week course at TTC CDCM** from Sep-Nov on **Creation Care in the Urban Settings** as well as to minister the Word at the various churches' missions emphasis weekends:

**Ang Mo Kio Methodist Church** (Jul 20), **St John's St Margaret's Church**(Aug 16,17), and **The Methodist Church of the Incarnation** Global Impact Celebration Sunday (Aug 24). **Salem Chapel** (14 Sep), **The People's Bible Church** (21 Sep), **Emmanuel Evangelical Free Church** (28 Sep), **Faith Assembly of God Church** (5 Oct), **Kampong Kapur Methodist Church** (19 Oct), **St John's Chapel Missions** (1,2 Nov) and **Bedok Methodist Church** (23 Nov). Lawrence also conducted a 2-day seminar on A Christian Perspective on Chinese Culture and Family Values at **The Bible Church's** Training Institute. Pray for the pulpit ministry at **Korean Presbyterian Church's** Domestic Workers Festival on 30 Nov and at **Katong Presbyterian Church** on Christmas Day service.

To invite SCGM as a partner at your local church's missions mobilisation events or pulpit ministry, please email [admin@scgm.org.sg](mailto:admin@scgm.org.sg)

Join us at **SCGM Missions Breakfast Fellowship** every first Thursday at St Andrew's Cathedral:

8 Jan **Pastor Ramylala Fernando** on **A Billion People to Engage ....Understanding the Buddhist Worldview**

5 Feb **Pastor Kondo** on **Japan After the Tsunami**

5 Mar **David Leong** on **Children and the 4/14 Vision**

2 Apr **Dr Jimmy Tan** on **Soul Care in Asian Contexts**

7 May **Pastor Joseph Lee** on **Asian Musicology and Missions**

Free Admission. To register, please visit [www.scgm.org.sg](http://www.scgm.org.sg)



Lawrence attending the Board meeting of ICHE in Kenya

### SCGM's National Director participated in the following events in 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 in partnership with Asian Journeys Ltd
- **GOFORTH 2014 National Missions Conference** as Vice-Chairman of Executive Committee, 9-11 Jul
- **Jubilee Day of Prayer Pastors' Lunch**, 27 Aug
- **Love Singapore's Pastors' Lunch**, 30 Oct
- **Social Collab 2014: Leveraging on Corporate and Venture Philanthropy**, Singapore 31 Oct
- **Institute of Policy Seminar on Migrants and Social Cohesion**, Singapore, 3-4 Nov

We appreciate the partnership of St Andrew's Cathedral & Asian Journeys Ltd in resourcing ND's travels.



Lawrence with Kurt Johanson, new Bishop Kuan Kim Seng and Pastor Richard Ting at SAT7 meetings in Turkey

## AS THE YEAR DRAWS TO A CLOSE, WE NEED YOUR PRAYER AND SUPPORT FOR THE WORK OF SCGM.

For 34 years, we have organised numerous national mission conferences to help mobilise Christians for missions. This year we are glad to serve as the secretariat for the 5th GoForth triennial missions conference. It has been noted by leaders over the past decade that support and giving to SCGM dips in "GoForth" years. Pray that this year will be different... **that we will not end in the red** but close with a healthy surplus so that we can pursue God's vision and expand our work in the New Year 2015!

### You can help make a Difference.

To support and resource SCGM, please make cheque payable to "SINGAPORE CENTRE FOR GLOBAL MISSIONS" and mail to  
**Singapore Centre for Global Missions**  
**Raffles City P.O. Box 1052 Singapore 9117.**

# FRANCHISING

## FOR MISSIONAL BUSINESS

SAT 29 NOV 2014, 9AM - 12.30PM, ST ANDREWS CATHEDRAL. REGISTRATION FEE: S\$20

#### SPEAKER

**WINSTON CHAN**  
 Chief Operating Officer, FT Consulting

Over the past decade, Winston has been actively consulting in the fields of Franchising, Technology Transfer, Strategic Planning, Branding and Intellectual Property Management. His regional clientele span both consumer-oriented as well as industrial/technology industry sectors.

What are some critical success factors for franchising?

How can you develop your business as missional business which can be scalable through franchising?

To register, kindly visit [www.scgm.org.sg](http://www.scgm.org.sg)

Join us for **Missional Business Seminar** on Sat 29 Nov 2014 9am-12.30pm at St Andrew's Cathedral as we explore Franchising as a strategy for growing business enterprises quickly to alleviate poverty and grow communities of faith in needy places. Register at [www.scgm.org.sg](http://www.scgm.org.sg)