



## The GOSPEL OF CHRIST as the HOPE OF THE WORLD

We are not ashamed of the gospel of Christ because in it is revealed the righteousness of God which is the Hope of the world. (Romans 1: 16-17) We are the people of the Kingdom of God. We are the chosen people and the royal priesthood called to pray for the world. But we need to engage the world, the fallen world, the world seen to be in an endless cycle of meaninglessness. We need to bring the reality of God's Kingdom into the world where we are placed where God rules in Christ our King, with Truth and Grace. That is how we can reveal God's grace and righteousness in the world.

The church is a community of faith and a Communion of Prayer. Prayer is an act of Hope and as we pray, we see God's presence and intervention in a world of hopelessness. Through prayer we demonstrate the Possibility of Hope in a world of hopelessness. Hence it is vital for us to recover our life of prayer, to learn to pray. Prayer helps us affirm the covenant of God, the reality of the Messianic Kingdom and the Hope that Christ is King. Prayer presses hope into our lives, believing that there is meaning and that there will be a glorious ending to our stories here on earth. Prayer is lighting the candle in the spiritual darkness.

Moltmann reminded us of our Hope in Christ. Through prayer by faith, we embrace history with all of the pain and suffering because we embrace the future too. The future which is revealed in Christ, the Incarnate God, the alpha and omega of our history. We look forward to the eschatological community which we will become in the future. We will be that eschatological community.

The church is the eschatological community of the future, teleported into the Present. In the here and now, we live as the Body of Christ, God's Hope Incarnate, pointing people to the Hope in Christ. The church is not perfect as we live in an imperfect world, full of toil and troubles, where Night seems longer than Day. We are a people of unclean lips living among people of unclean lips. Yet we have been forgiven and cleansed and called to be a People of Hope. Our mission is to live out this Hope, praying and pointing people to Christ, God's righteousness revealed. Do we have the Courage To Be? When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth? Luke 11: 8

Lawrence Ko, National Director



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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**

# SCGMWAVE JUL2016

## SCGM ANNUAL LECTURE 2016 SOCIAL HOLINESS TRANSFORMS Thu 28 April 2016

Rev Dr Kevin Mannoia delivered the Annual Lecture 2016 inviting the church to understand the holistic mission of God in the world. He applauded the commitment and desire of the church to understand the holiness of God in greater form and measure, and proposed that **social holiness is the basis for social transformation and engagement.**

Kevin noted that when John Wesley first uttered the word “There is no holiness apart from social holiness”, it did not have to do with social engagement or social action, as in feeding the poor and clothing the naked. It had to do with the social construct in which we as human beings live in our form, understanding that we are not isolated entity but God has made us as social beings. So, Wesley was the one who created the framework of mutuality or the social construct in which the image of God is formed within us.

As Kevin puts it: when we are formed in the likeness of Jesus, when the nature of God begins to form our identity, out of our pores then we leak the nature of God. Our identity leads to our activity. **So what we do in mission is a natural outflow of who we become internally. And when we become increasingly like God who is whole, who is integrated, who is holy, and who is a going and an engaging God, we too become a going engaging people in whole and integrated ways. So social holiness is the basis for mission.**

SCGM Annual Lecture 2016 will be published by Nov 2016. Get copies from SCGM office.

**Look out for the Younger Leaders Retreat for tertiary students in Feb 2017 with Dr Kevin Mannoia as the residential speaker.**



## Church Missions Strategy Consultation 2016 Fri-Sat 29-30 April 2016. St Andrew's City Church



**Keynote speaker:  
Rev Dr Kevin Mannoia**



**Panel speakers (Clockwise) :  
Chou Fang Soon, Mark Syn,  
Rev Lam Kuo Yong, Rev Erick  
Tan, Pastor Neo Ban Hui, and  
Richard Ting**



# SCGMWAVE JUL2016

## Missional Business Exploratory Trip Jul 2016

### Business opportunities at Du Jiang Yan, SICHUAN, CHINA

SCGM organised a missional business exploratory trip to Du Jiang Yan city in July 3-6 2016. The team of 8 participants comprised business leaders and including 4 professionals who have had 10-20 years working in China's Suzhou Industrial Park. The team also visited cities and townships which were devastated by the 2008 Wenchuan earthquake including Peng Zhou and YingXiu. The team learnt of the business opportunities in Du Jiang Yan and explored partnerships with some local business leaders and professionals.



The Singapore team visiting Ying Xiu town near the epicentre of Wenchuan earthquake area



Visit to an ancient French town Bailu near Peng Zhou



Du Jiang Yan will be home to Wanda's large theme park



Visit to the famous Du Jiang Yan water works

# SCGMWAVE JUL2016

## South African Theological Seminary



SCGM ND Lawrence Ko visited Central Baptist Church in Pretoria in May 2016 and was the guest at the home of Dr Reuben Van Rensburg (above) principal of South African Theological Seminary in Johannesburg for 3 days.

He was invited to speak at a morning devotion at the South Africa Theological Seminary and met with Dr Johannes Malherbe, (below) head of postgraduate studies, a Hebrew scholar and a consultant in children ministries.



Lawrence met Peter Vumisa and his wife Christine... a mission mobiliser from Zambia at Central Baptist Church. Peter presented ND a copy of his book on "Evangelical Christian Missions: An African Perspective".

## International Council for Higher Education ICHE Annual Conference

19-21 May 2016, Johannesburg, South Africa

The ICHE annual conference was held in Johannesburg from 19-21 May 2016, attended by 30 university professors and seminary lecturers from Asia, Europe, North America and of course Africa. Dr Kevin Mannoia, President of ICHE challenged the participants to explore the elements of higher education leadership and to develop capability in the areas of finance and technology as well as collaboration. Resource tracks were provided over the 3 days for discussions in the areas. A new Financial Accountability programme for ICHE partner institutions was unveiled in conjunction with Azusa Pacific University's School of Accountancy to build capacity in this area. Dr Ken Gnanakan, Chairman of ICHE, chaired the Annual General Meeting. SCGM ND Lawrence Ko serves as a member of the ICHE EXCO and will host ICHE annual conference in Singapore in 2017.



# SCGMWAVE JUL2016



**Shanti Merry at Asia Member Care Conference in Singapore in Apr 2016**



**Bishop Terry Kee and Rob from Australia Lutheran mission visited SCGM office in**



**Visit by Mongolian missions leader studying at East Asia School of Theology**



**ND with business leaders visiting with Lawrence Tong at OM Int'l office**

## SCGM MINISTRY SNAPSHOTS



**Visit and missions consultation with chairman and team from Barker Road Methodist Church (from right) Terence Goh, Steve Chelvam, Eden Liew and Kevin Lowe**

**Below: Meeting with Lyndon Gan of Kampong Kapor Methodist Church and Rev Wati Longkumer, Director of Indian Missions Association**



**Above: Bishop Kuan Kim Seng and Canon Yee Ching Wah visited SCGM and had lunch meeting with ND to plan for short term missions training**

**Below: ND with missional business leaders exploring business opportunities in Asia**



# SCGMWAVE JUL2016

## Ministry of the Word



ND speaking at KKMC Oikos camp  
Christian in Jun 2016



April: Kelvin Tan spoke  
on Arts, Media & God



May: Robert Kee on "Are you a  
Faith Entrepreneur?"



July: Rev Dr David Wong spoke on The  
Last Lap and leaving a lasting legacy

## Pray for SCGM. Support SCGM. Volunteer with SCGM



## Pray for SCGM Anniversary Dinner

Theme: We are All Neighbours Now.

Date: 29 Sep 2016. Time: 7pm

Venue: Orchard Parade Hotel. \$300/pax.

Sponsorship: \$3,000/\$5,000/\$10,000 per table

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## PULPIT MINISTRY APR-OCT 2016

Pray for SCGM ministry of the Word at the various local churches: Boscombe Life Church, Calvary Baptist Church's seminar on Chinese Culture, Telok Ayer Methodist Church's Marketplace Ministry, Bethesda Frankel Estate WAG, Kampong Kapor Methodist Church's Oikos Church Camp, Westside Anglican Church, Prinsep Street Presbyterian Church, Fairfield Methodist Church, Changi Baptist Church, True Way Presbyterian Church, Faith Methodist Church, The People's Bible Church, Bedok Lutheran Church, Bethesda Bt Arang Church's Adult Bible Class

## Join us at SCGM Breakfast Fellowship

every first Thursday of the month

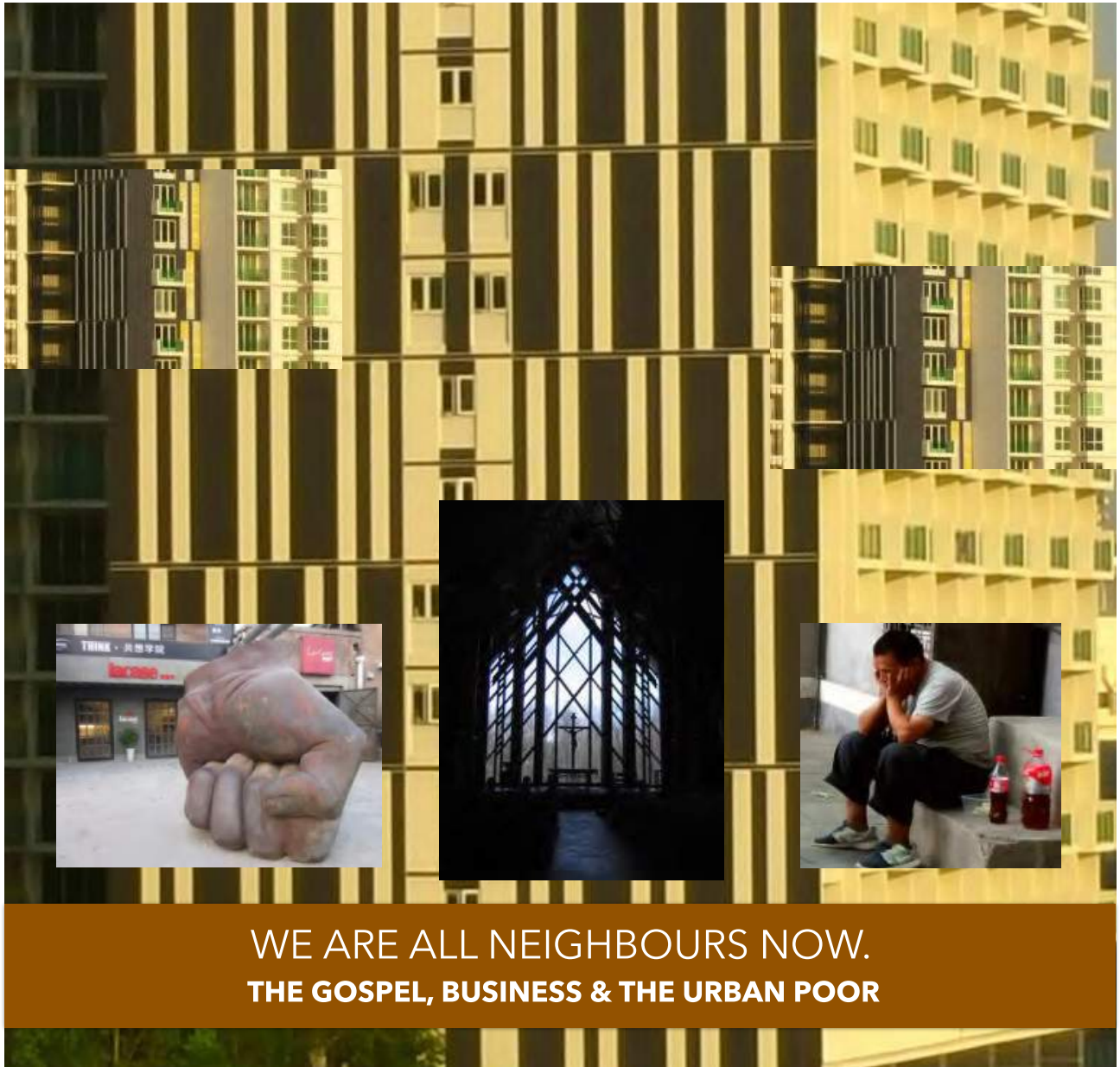
Aug 4 **Theology of Disability: Outreach in the City** by Rev David Teo

Sep 1 **Hethne: A Passage Beyond India** by Dr Ashok Kumar

Oct 6 **The Ascent of the Dragon: China's OBOR** by Lawrence Ko

Nov 3 **Reaching Your Neighbours** by Dr Eddie Chandra

*NB: Please note that there will be no Breakfast Fellowship in the months of Jun & Dec.*



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 DR HARVEY PHILLIPS  
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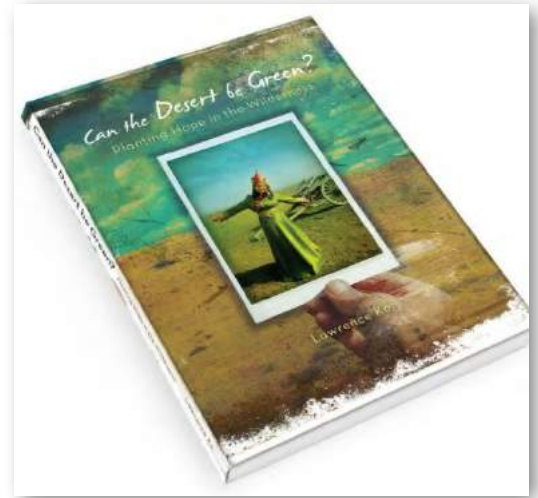
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RECONSIDERING THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

EDITED BY COLIN BELL AND ROBERT S WHITE  
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**Scattered and Gathered**  
A Global Compendium of Diaspora Missiology

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**SCATTERED & GATHERED: A Global Compendium of Diaspora Missiology by Sadiri Joy Tira & Tetsunao Yamamori (Regnum: 2016). \$80**

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**HETHNE:**  
A Passage Beyond India

**SPEAKER: Dr ASHOK KUMAR**  
Director of HETHNE, a Ministry of OM East Asia & Pacific

01 SEP 2016 (Thu) 8.00 – 9.30am St. Andrews Cathedral

**RE-ENTRY RETREAT 2016**  
Oct 15-16 (9 am Sat - Sun 6:30 pm) 2016 @ DMF, 2 Cluny Road  
Organised by ACTI, TCK Care Fellowship & Mission Partners

Once again, we bring the 3rd Edition of this Re-Entry Retreat to returning missionaries and Home Assignees in Singapore. In this edition, we bring you a new and enhanced programme which we will walk through together with each other.

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