# Catalysing the National Missions Movement in Singapore

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## WHEN THE SON OF MAN COMES, WILL HE FIND FAITH ON EARTH?

When I shared at a clergy meeting about the National Christian Children Ministry, a friend asked me, "Lawrence, are you now in children ministry?" To be honest, I have never considered this question before. I have been involved in children outreach over the past 2 decades firstly, as a pastor personally training Sunday School teachers and organising vacation bible school. Then I taught children at the YMCA Student Care Centres as well as developed and led Green Desert Kids Club outings at Pulau Ubin. I have been involved in children hostel initiatives and kindergarten programmes overseas in some Asian cities, promoting educational technology and installing children playgrounds as a community outreach strategy.

Will Our Children Have Faith? Will Our Faith Have Children? Over the years, I have been introduced to the mission strategy of the 4/14 Window movement and have spoken at a 4/14 missiology conference too. We have learnt that children are both a strategic mission field as well as a mission force. The National Christian Children Ministry committee has set out to encourage churches to reach not only the children within the churches but also without, of which over 85% are

non-believers both in Singapore and beyond our shores. A children story book project is in the pipeline as we seek to produce Christian mission resources for children ministry.

In April, we host the SCGM Annual Lecture 2017 in conjunction with the National Christian Children Ministry Retreat. Dr Bambang Budijanto will be delivering our Annual Lecture on the topic "Raising Children as Leaders for the Next Generation". Bambang has a message for us to teach faith and raise leaders among children who can transform the communities especially among the urban poor. Mark McClendon, a media strategist, will share with us the need to respond to the challenge of reaching and raising children in the digital age where virtual reality will become a present reality. We pray that many attending the retreat planned for 28-29 Apr 2017 will be blessed and refreshed with a renewed vision ...to build faith and raise leaders for the next generation. Lawrence Ko Singapore Centre for Global Missions

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### **SCGM Executive Council**

Chairman: Mr Daniel Jesudason Vice-Chairman: Pastor Neo Ban Hui Secretary: Mr Wong Kron Joo Treasurer: Mr Eugene Lim Members: Mr Bernard Chan Rev Derrick Lau Rev Eddie Chandra Rev Dr Timothy Chong National Director: Mr Lawrence Ko (ex-officio)

Our Mission: Catalysing the National Missions Movement in Singapore

Our Vision: Serving the Local Church in Missions Mobilisation in the 21st Century

National Christian Children Ministry Retreat 2017 Apr 28-29 Fri-Sat



Dr Bambang Budijanto 4/14 Window

Mark McClendon CBN, 4/14 Window

# SCGMWAVE MAR-APR 2017



Left to right: SCGM ND Lawrence Ko with speakers Melissa Kwee and Rev Erick Tan and SCGM Council members Wong Kron Joo and Rev Eddie Chandra.



Rev Erick Tan on Food Street in Kathmandu



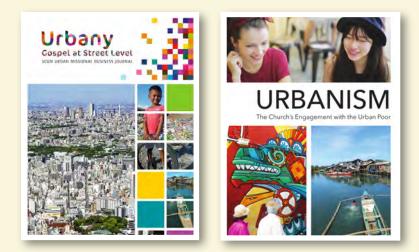
Melissa Kwee on "How Business can become Redemptive Enterprise".



Loh Hoe Peng praying a blessing on the Urbany publication and Missional Business initiatives

### Launch of New SCGM Publication: URBANY Fri 6 January 2017. St Andrew's Cathedral

About 50 pastors, mission leaders and business professionals attended the launch of SCGM Missional Business Journal entitled



"URBANY: THE GOSPEL AT STREET LEVEL" at our January missions breakfast fellowship held at St Andrew's Cathedral. Rev Erick Tan was our main speaker sharing how he and his colleagues started a SingMa restaurant in Nepal which became the beginning of a famous food street now in Kathmandu, creating jobs and building capabilities in the Nepalese youths in the F&B business. Erick's story was featured in the publication as one of the many short stories of how businesses transformed communities and destinies, especially in the cities of Asia. Melissa Kwee, CEO of Singapore's National Volunteer and Philanthropic Centre, also introduced her article in Urbany on how businesses can become redemptive enterprises as entrepreneurs change and control the supply chain for the common good, and benefit the urban poor and marginalised. SCGM ND Lawrence Ko then led a prayer of blessing with writers and sponsors before distributing the books as complimentary copies to those who were present. For a digital copy of Urbany, please visit www.scgm.org.sg.



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# SCGMWAVE MAR-APR 2017

# **Missional Business Seminars**

SCGM organised a series of seminars on Missional Business in February and March 2017 as a follow up from the Urban Missional Business Forum in Sep/Oct 2016 and the launch of the Missional Business Journal in January 2017.

A core team of 10 business leaders and professionals, including those who have spent over 10 years working in Asian markets, have been meeting regularly to consult together and explore business opportunities in Asia which can be truly missional. Missional Business (MB) is a term which is developed beyond using business as platforms or for self-support such as tentmaking or business for mission. A business seminar trip was also organised with 12 participants in March 2017 to establish business networks and learn about MB in the Asian cities.



SCGM Council hosted a Chinese New Year lunch for core team members of Missional Business team.



SCGM Vice Chairman Pastor Neo Ban Hui hosted a MB session at Salem Chapel's One-Eleven in Feb 2017

Young Adults Dialogue with Dr Kevin Mannoia: Masterful Living and a New Vocabulary for Holy Living



SCGM organised a Young Adult Dialogue session with Rev Dr Kevin Mannoia on Sunday Feb 19 2017. Dr Mannoia, who was a bishop of the Free Methodist Church and former President of the National Evangelical Association and Dean of School of Theology at Azusa Pacific University in Los Angeles, leads the chaplaincy team at APU where he works with academics and graduate students in Christian higher education. He is also the head of the Wesleyan Holiness Consortium, a global network of believers seeking to live out the Christian living in the rapidly changing contexts. The participants, who included university undergrads as well as working adults, discussed issues ranging from spiritual struggles in the world, augmenting identity and integrity as children of God and how to love and reach friends in LGBT contexts. The participants were inspired towards "Masterful Living", lives which reveals the Master in our daily lives. A follow up session is planned for June 4 where he will discuss with young adults on Vocation and Calling.



Dr Kevin Mannoia pictured here with Bishop Dr Chong Chin Chung and Rev Stanley Chua on a visit to Wesley Methodist Church. Wesley Methodist Church is the venue sponsor for the ICHE Annual Conference which will be held in Singapore for the first time in June 2017.

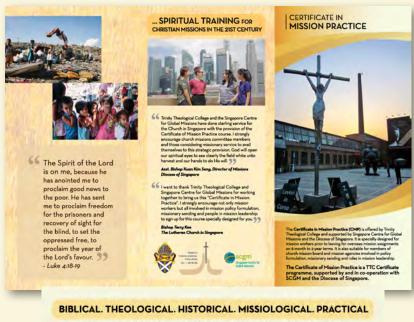
International Council for Higher Education (ICHE) Annual Conference Singapore. Jun 5-8 2017

Rev Dr Kevin Mannoia is also President of ICHE, a network of Christian academics in universities and seminaries seeking to promote Christian Higher Education in restricted counties. SCGM will host ICHE Conference in Singapore for the first time in June.

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### CERTIFICATE in MISSION PRACTICE (CMP) CMP Launch Date: Tue 18 April 2017. 7pm. TTC

Trinity Theological College (TTC) is offering a new Certificate in Mission Practice (CMP) in co-operation with the (Anglican) Diocese of Singapore and SCGM. The Certificate programme is designed for mission workers prior to leaving for overseas mission assignments on 6-month to 2-year terms. It is also suitable for members of church mission board and mission agencies involved in policy formulation, missionary sending and roles in mission leadership. All are welcome to join us at the CMP Launch on Tue 18 April 2017 at 7pm at Trinity Theological College. Dinner is provided. For catering purpose, please register by emailing ching@scgm.org.sg or call 63398950.



We read the whole Bible in the light of the centrality of Jesus of Nazareth, his messianic identity and his missional thrust for the church. We read the whole Bible as the missional community called by God. - Christopher Wright



Theology of Mission: Unreached People Groups



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#### Issues in Christian Mission

- Issues in Christian Mission This course examines some critical issues in missionary preparation including the following : 1. Mission and the Local Church 2. Culture & Worldwiew Appreciation 3. Cross-Cultural Team Dynamics 4. Missionary Care 5. Financing the Mission 6. Christian Ethics: Social Justice, Bribery & Corruption 9. Information Scurich & Computing American 7. Information Security & Communicatio 8. Missionary Calling and Commitment

Cultural Anthropology Cultural anthropology is the study of people and their cultures. This is an introductory course that presents some basic concepts of cultural anthropology (which some basic concepts of cultural anthropology (which includes an understanding of human behaviour and beliefs, kinship systems, world view, social organizations, economic and political systems) with special attention to the application of an anthropological perspective for Christian mission. This course will be helpful as we present the unchanging gospel in a culturally diverse and changing world.

dissio Dei - Historical & Holistic Perspectives This course surveys the expansion and development of Christianity as Missio Dei (mission of God), from both Christianity as Missio Der(mission of God), from both historical and kolicity perspectives. The salvation and renewal of all creation, the proclamation and practice of His word, and the growth and witness of the church are assentially understood as God's mission. The first part of the course outlines the significant events/movements in transmission of the Christian faith. The latter hall of the course detabes the significant themes of holistic mission, all of which are understood as God's mission in bringing the whole Gespel to the whole world.

# **CERTIFICATE IN MISSION PRACTICE BIBLICAL.THEOLOGICAL.** HISTORICAL. MISSIOLOGICAL. PRACTICAL



He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. - Mark 16:15



The Certificate in Mission Practice (CMP) comprises 8 foundational modules covering biblical, theological, historical and missiological courses conducted in the evenings over 4 quarters in an annual cycle.

The CMP includes a Practicuum component which requires the student to participate in an overseas cross-cultural field assignment for 2-3 weeks in service learning projects facilitated by CMP facilitators in selected mission bases.

#### The 8 courses in the CMP programme:

- 1. Issues in Christian Mission
- 2. Cultural Anthropology
- 3. Survey of Bible Doctrine\*
- 4. Missio Dei: Historical & Holistic Perspectives
- 5. Introducing World Religions
- 6. Theology of Mission
- 7. OT survey\*
- 8. NT survey\*

\*Exempted for those with theological degrees

For more information on course requirement or registration, please visit www.ttc.edu.sg/academics/centres/cdcm

The CMP includes 8 modules of which 2 modules are offered each quarter per year. Each module comprises a weekly class over 8 weeks conducted in the evenings. Participants can complete the certificate in one year taking 2 evening class per week as well as completing a practicuum in the mission fields in Singapore and beyond.

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# SCGMWAVE MAR-APR 2017

### **SCGM Breakfast Speakers**



JAN 2017: REV ERICK TAN ON MISSIONAL BUSINESS: FOOD STREET IN KATHMANDU



#### FEB 2017: DR ERNEST CHEW ON A RENEWED VISION FOR GOD'S MISSION



MAR 2017: REV MICHAEL TEH ON CRISIS COMMUNICATIONS

### Join us at our Missions Breakfast Fellowship every first Friday of the month from 8a,-9.30am at St Andrew's Cathedral. (NB: There are no meetings in June & December) April 7 Ms Christina Ong Children in Missions May 5 Dr Nigel Goh New Urban Agenda and Sustainability

### Pray for SCGM. Partner SCGM. Resource SCGM



Praise God for the opportunities for SCGM to partner churches and agencies in bringing the message of *Missio Dei* to serve the churches in missions mobilisation. Pray that God will continue to resource SCGM in the work of networking and equipping believers to be effective in bringing the whole gospel to the whole world.

Jan-Jun Participation in SEANET 2017; HETHNE 2017; Speaking Engagement at: Boscombe Life Church, The Harvest Force, Bethesda Frankel Estate Church's Working Adult Group, Trinity Methodist Church, Missional Business Seminar, Perspectives Course, Equip Asia, Earth Day workshop, Biblical Graduate School of Theology's Convocation 2017, Trinity Theological College's CDCM course on *Missio Dei* (Mar-May), TTC's Mission Class on Creation Care, ICHE's Annual Conference 2017.

SCGM's Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2017 Thu 27 Apr 2017. 6pm-7pm. YWCA Fort Canning Lodge SCGM Annual Lecture 2017 will begin at 7.30pm.



### GOFORTH 2018 National Missions Conference

We are thankful for Bishop Chong Chin Chung and the leaders f the Methodist Church in Singapore for spearheading the organising of the next GOFORTH National Missions Conference which will be held in 2018. Pray for the first organising committee meeting scheduled to be convened on24 April 2017.

GoForth EXCO members met with Bishop Chung in Feb 2017 Left to Right:Wilson Tan, Lawrence Ko, Richard Ting & MMS's ED Rev Philip Lim

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR CHRISTIAN ACADEMICS AND PROFESSIONALS TO SERVE IN MISSIONS THROUGH CHRISTIAN HIGHER EDUCATION AND INTEGRATED LEARNING IN RESTRICTED PLACES. JOIN US FOR THE ICHE CONFERENCE IN SINGAPORE JUNE 5-8 2017.



"I hope to meet you in Singapore as we pursue excellence in academic programs and promote sustainable and integrated models of higher education."

Dr. Kevin Mannoia

President, ICHE

# **Seminar Tracks**

ENGAGING WORLD RELIGIONS ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVERSITY & DISCRIMINATION Conference Fee USD 160

Accommodation Fee

FOR MORE INFORMATION & REGISTRATION

### SINGAPORE CENTRE FOR GLOBAL MISSIONS



# WHOSE CHILD ISTHIS? National Christian Children Ministry Retreat 2017 28-29 April 2017. YWCA FORT CANNING LODGE

Organised by Singapore Centre for Global Missions and supported by 4/14 Window Movement, TRAC Board of Children Ministry (The Methodist Church in Singapore) & Diocese of Singapore Mission Board



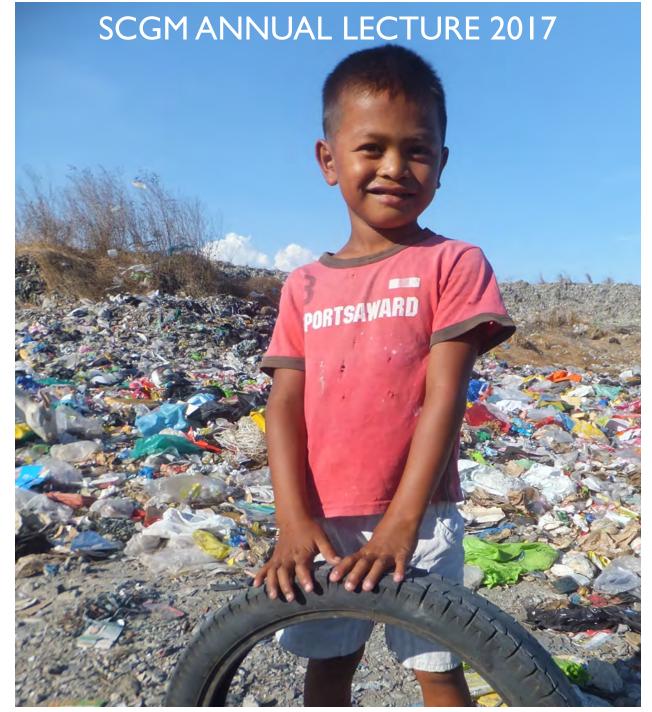
### **Retreat for Children Ministry Leaders**

Especially for Heads Of Children Ministry, Sunday School Teachers & Children Ministry Workers. Retreat Fee: \$180. Dates: Fri-Sat 28-29 April '17.Venue: YWCA Fort Canning Lodge

Evening Talks for Pastors, Parents & Children Ministry Leaders: "Raising Children as Leaders for the Next Generation" by Dr Bambang Budijanto Date: Thu 27 April'17. Time: 7.30pm. Venue: YWCA Fort Canning Lodge.

**"Virtual Reality, Mixed Reality, Present Reality"** by Mark McClendon Date: Fri 28 April'17.Time: 7.30pm. Venue: YWCA Fort Canning Lodge

For more info & to register, please visit www.scgm.org.sg



# RAISING CHILDREN AS LEADERS FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

THU 27 APRIL 2017 7.30pm-9.30pm Fort Canning Lodge Free Admission. Register at www.scgm.org.sg

### Speaker:

Dr Bambang Budijanto Chairman, 4/14 Window Global Initiative Steering Committee; Associate General-Secretary of Asia Evangelical Alliance; Founder, Asia Emerging Leaders Initiative; Former Regional Vice-President, Compassion Int'l. A vision for reaching and raising children as leaders can become a key strategy for transforming urban communities.

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