



ANNUAL REPORT 2022

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Singapore Centre for Global Missions (SCGM) is a centre for world missions established in 1980 by a team of local pastors and missions leaders in Singapore. Previously known as SCEM, we have been serving to coordinate the efforts of our local churches in missions and promoting partnership in our missionary endeavours from Singapore.

VISION **SERVING THE LOCAL CHURCH IN MISSIONS MOBILISATION IN THE 21ST CENTURY**

“It’s heartening to see SCGM continuing to be a driving force for Singapore churches to keep on the cutting edge of what God is doing in the 21st Century. May God’s hand continue to work powerfully as SCGM creates even greater opportunities for God’s Kingdom and empowers His people to be God’s light in our turbulent world. ”

Rev Dominic Yeo

General Superintendent, Assemblies of God, Singapore
Senior Pastor, Trinity Christian Centre, Singapore



MISSION

CATALYSING THE NATIONAL MISSIONS MOVEMENT IN SINGAPORE

“SCGM has been faithful to its mandate to serve the church in promoting missions and partnership in their missionary endeavours. Noteworthy is their contribution to the success of all the GoForth National Missions Conferences in Singapore. ”

Rev Terry Kee

Former Bishop of the Lutheran Church in Singapore
Former President of National Council of Churches of Singapore
SCGM Advisor



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

This past year has been a year of great transition for SCGM, both in our staff and leadership movement as well as in the development of our corporate strategies borne out of our Vision Beyond 2020: the 3Ps of mobilising prayer, peacemakers and practitioners.

2022, the year we left behind, was undoubtedly one of the most notable and significant year in history. The COVID pandemic that swept across

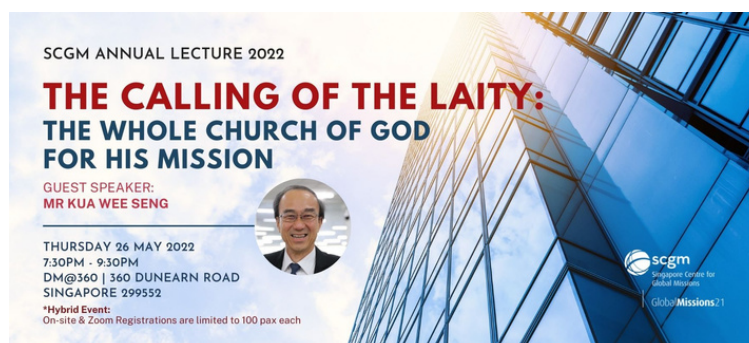
the world in early 2020 eventually subsided, but as we eased into a new era this post-pandemic, it was not without apprehension as major global events continue to shake and disrupt the world: this generation is currently witnessing a deadly war that has broken out in the eastern part of Europe, and countries around are being rocked by political, economic, humanitarian and environmental crisis that only intensify over time. Yet, we recognise that it is also a significant time and a tremendous opportunity for the Church to rise up as bearers of the Gospel of Peace and Hope — to be the shalom peace and to proclaim the hope of redemption that have been promised in Christ Jesus, to a world that is constantly filled with conflicts and strife, to bring hope to a world filled with hopelessness.

This year as we sought the Lord and thought deeper into developing the 3P vision, it became clear that our role as **peacemakers in mission** is paramount as the Church connects and engages with people groups of diverse backgrounds and beliefs: peace as a unifying ethos especially so in today's much divided and polarised world. We need now more than ever to embody the shalom of God's Kingdom for a world that is increasingly searching for peace and some form of stability — the missional Church needs to be poised to be Christ incarnate, to embody a posture that brings about this divinely peaceful encounter whom Jesus is, as we pray for, learn from and engage with the world, and as we serve together in missions.



PASTOR NEO BAN HUI

Chairman & Covering National Director, SCGM



In line with this strategic emphasis on **peacemakers** in mission through **prayer** and **missions practitioners**, and together with our continued focus on growing and praying for the cities of Asia, we are grateful for Mr Kua Wee Seng for sounding this clarion call to mobilise the whole Church to participate in God's missions at this year's Annual Lecture. He delivered the message *"The Calling of the Laity: The Whole Church of God for His Mission"* in May, emphasising on key shifts in mission thinking and the strategic roles of the lay members

of the church, whether they are sent just across the street or around the world through their vocation and profession; to places where access through conventional missionary visas are impossible.

Also at this year's AGM, we dedicated a time to honour our long-serving ex-National Director, Lawrence Ko, for his 10 years of faithful contribution and service to the ministry of SCGM through his visionary leadership, strategic direction and most importantly his missional heart for Asia. As Lawrence ventures into his next assignment serving in mission, he remains an advisor to the SCGM Council and we wish him the best that the Lord has in store for him. Meanwhile, we continue to pray and trust in the Lord to raise up new servants of God to come onboard to serve God's mission with us in this new season as peacemakers in Asia and beyond.

We are living in times of increasingly immense challenges, but we look to the new year 2023 with much hope and potential to continue the Lord's work, relying on the all-consuming and all-empowering presence of the Holy Spirit, as we learn to adapt to the changing world around us and continue to find new ways to join in His mission.



We are truly thankful for God's faithful provision through our partners and friends. And on this note, on behalf of the SCGM Council and Staff Team, I would like to extend our sincere and deep gratitude to all our partners and donors in 2022 who have supported and journeyed with us, especially as we navigate through the changes within and outside of our organisation. God bless!

Thank You!



SCGM CALENDAR 2022

- JAN**
- **SCGM Monthly Missions Webinar: "Understanding Ethnic Identities Amidst Social Change in Asia: Implications for Christian Mission"** by Claire Chong and Phoebe Yee
 - Reaching Myanmar UPG seminar at Church of Singapore Marine Parade (15 Jan)
- FEB**
- **SCGM Monthly Missions Webinar: "Holistic Peace: Reconciling All Things"** by Rev Dr Danny Goh, moderated by Rev Benjamin Lee
- MAR**
- **SCGM Monthly Missions Webinar: "Insights from Acts 15 & Crucial Conversations"** by Rev Benjamin Lee
- APR**
- **SCGM Monthly Missions Webinar: "The Heart and Art of Mediating Peace"** by Gregory Vijayendran
 - Lawrence Ko stepped down as National Director of SCGM with Pastor Neo Ban Hui, Chairman of SCGM, stepping in as covering National Director
- MAY**
- **SCGM Monthly Missions Webinar: "Understanding Buddhism, Befriending Buddhists"** by Dr Chris Kang & Dr Daniel Low, moderated by Claire Chong
 - SCGM Team conducted the Learning Journey: Renewing Mission Mindsets with Hakka Methodist Church's Missions Committee over 3 Saturdays on 14, 21 & 28 May
 - **SCGM AGM & Annual Lecture: "The Calling of the Laity: The Whole Church of God for His Mission"** delivered by Mr Kua Wee Seng on 26 May at 360 Dunearn Road
- JULY**
- **SCGM Monthly Missions Webinar: "The Future of Faith, Work and Mission"** by Ronald JJ Wong, facilitated by Joan Alikazin
- AUG**
- **SCGM Monthly Missions Webinar: "Practitioners in Care Profession"** by Caleb Wong and Joey Lam, facilitated by Joan Alikazin
- SEPT**
- **SCGM Monthly Missions Webinar: "Practitioners in Creation Care"** featuring Dr Benjamin Grandey, Chow Thu Ha & Dennis Tan, facilitated by Rev Benjamin Lee
- OCT**
- **SCGM Monthly Missions Webinar: "Work as Missions, Fuelling Thriving Communities"** by Samuel Lim and Beat Kipfer, facilitated by Claire Chong
 - **Asia 2022 Congress:** Claire Chong (SCGM Research & Training Associate) sits in the Steering Committee and together with SCGM intern Angie Ng, were speakers at the Asia 2022 Congress themed "Rethinking Church & Mission: God's Agenda for Today" from 17-21 October via Zoom
- NOV**
- **SCGM Monthly Missions Breakfast Fellowship (hybrid): "Fulfilling God's Purposes in Our Work and Vocation"** by Kua Wee Seng & Samuel Tan, facilitated by Pastor Neo Ban Hui

SCGM ANNUAL LECTURE 2022

THE CALLING OF THE LAITY: THE WHOLE CHURCH OF GOD FOR HIS MISSION

Delivered by Mr Kua Wee Seng
26 May 2022 | 360 Dunearn Road, Singapore

We were privileged to have Mr Kua Wee Seng, a former Director of the China ministry of an international Christian organisation, deliver the SCGM Annual Lecture 2022, a hybrid event held at 360 Dunearn Road, with a total of 100 participants attending both on-line and on-site.

Rev Benjamin Lee, our SCGM Council's Vice-Chairman, was the emcee and moderator for the event. Pastor Neo Ban Hui, SCGM Council's Chairman and covering National Director, shared the strategy development of the SCGM Vision Beyond 2020, the new vision of SCGM's ministry adopted in 2021 in serving churches in mobilising Prayers, Peacemakers and Practitioners to participate in God's mission in Asian urban transformation.

Wee Seng addressed the topic "*The Calling of the Laity: The Whole Church of God for His Mission*", in line with the third P of SCGM's 3P Vision Beyond 2020. In this lecture, he expressed the need for churches today to equip, train, mobilise and send forth a "new" breed of missionaries into missions i.e. tentmakers and lay witnesses.



Wee Seng emphasised the important roles and great access of lay witnesses who are in the workplace, the marketplace and the public square, at homes and campuses, in sharing the gospel both through word and deed, especially in today's difficult and highly-controlled political and social environment. Quoting from the Global Consultation on World Evangelisation: "approximately 80% of the world's 2,500 un-evangelised people groups live in countries which do not grant missionary visas."

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Wee Seng further defined and expounded on 4 different categories of missionaries, helping the laity to see that all can be involved in God's missions, either through vocational work or missions work or both. Using Apostle Paul and his team (Acts 18:1-15, 1 Cor 9:1-23, 2 Cor 11:7-12), and Priscilla and Aquila (Acts 18:1-3, 18-19, Rom 16:3-5, 1 Cor 16:19) as examples of tentmaking missionaries (who preached the gospel and worked when they needed to) and bi-vocational witnesses (who worked and preached when they could), he believes that vocational work, when aligned with missions work, places us in a position where we can all be effective witnesses of the gospel.

In his conclusion, he shared some of his reflections on how churches can provide the encouragement and practical support for laity in missions, such as re-looking at the church's missions policy and budgets to include tentmaking missions, bi-vocational and vocational witnesses; affirming and supporting laity in their vocational ministry; and to continue to teach the church on the theology of work and vocation.

Rev Benjamin Lee rounded up the lecture after moderating the Q&A and discussion with the audience. We are truly thankful for Wee Seng's annual lecture which helped us re-launch and reiterate the vision of every Christian as missions practitioner.

We pray that every laity and indeed the whole Church of God can be mobilised and encouraged to respond to God's call to Mission, whether as traditional or tent-making missionaries, or as vocational or bi-vocational witnesses. We are certainly challenged to see the Church as a battleship where it's "all hands on deck" and everyone serves the Mission, instead of a cruise ship where only the same handful of people serve!

SCGM LEARNING COMMUNITY

In September 2022, a committee made up of 7 volunteers, SCGM Council and staff members gathered at Salem Chapel to brainstorm together the formation and implementation of the Learning Community, a missions learning platform that was to be launched at the SCGM Missions Breakfast Fellowship in 2023 to integrate the 3Ps strategy of mobilising prayer, peacemakers and practitioners in missions. The **Learning Community** serves as a collaborative platform for missions pastors, leaders and practitioners to come together to explore, experiment and co-create new mission methods in the midst of dramatic social, political and cultural shifts happening today in this 21st Century Urban Asia. We are grateful for our volunteer leaders for contributing to and participating in this initiative, and we continue to pray for the Lord to lead and direct us as we serve Singapore churches in the renewal of our "Mission Compact" to fulfil the mission calling of God in Christ Jesus.



SUMMARY OF MISSIONS BREAKFAST WEBINARS JANUARY - MAY 2022



JAN: Claire Chong and Phoebe Yee served as missionary in Cambodia and Thailand, and have worked among people groups whose ethnic identities are very much tied to their religious identities. Both speakers shared about how our current mission methods of extracting people from their ethnic community and expecting them to abandon cultural traditions have shown to precipitate much tension and animosity within their community. Being peacemakers in missions is to consider this implication, recognising that being Christian does not mean we have to abandon all cultural traditions.



FEB: Rev Dr Danny Goh shared on the biblical concept of peace and reminded us that the Christian Shalom is more than just reconciling our personal relationship with God; it is also about reconciling *all* things to God. Holistic peace is seen as Peace *with* God, Peace *of* God (Personal Peace), Peace with Other Nations (World Peace), Peace with Nature (Ecological Peace) and Peace with Each Other. As Christians and instruments of God's peace, we are called to a ministry of reconciliation of all these things to God.



MAR: Referencing the book "Crucial Conversations", Rev Benjamin Lee drew a parallel example from Acts 15 when Paul was involved in a heated debate revolving the need for circumcision among the Gentiles and how he handled such crucial conversation. He shared practical skills from the book on how to handle conversations well when the stakes are high, opinions differ and emotions are strong, helping participants to see the need for skilful peacemaking approach in missions especially in today's highly polarised society. In such an environment, crucial conversations must take place to bring about true Shalom of God.



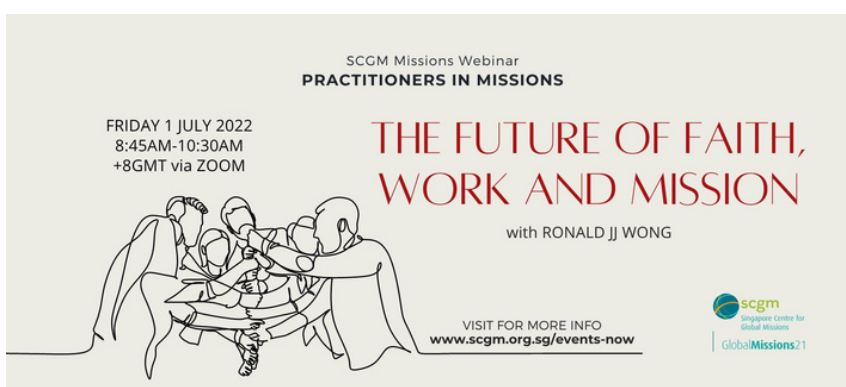
APR: Gregory Vijayendran, a lawyer and a trained mediator, emphasised on the importance of peacemaking skills in Christian missions which involves both heart and art. At the heart of mediation (an avenue for peacemaking) is the matter of the heart, and the Word of God teaches us much about the posture of the heart in mediating peace: the mediator and disputants seeking mediation or conciliation need to bring pure, peaceable and purposeful hearts to that forum.



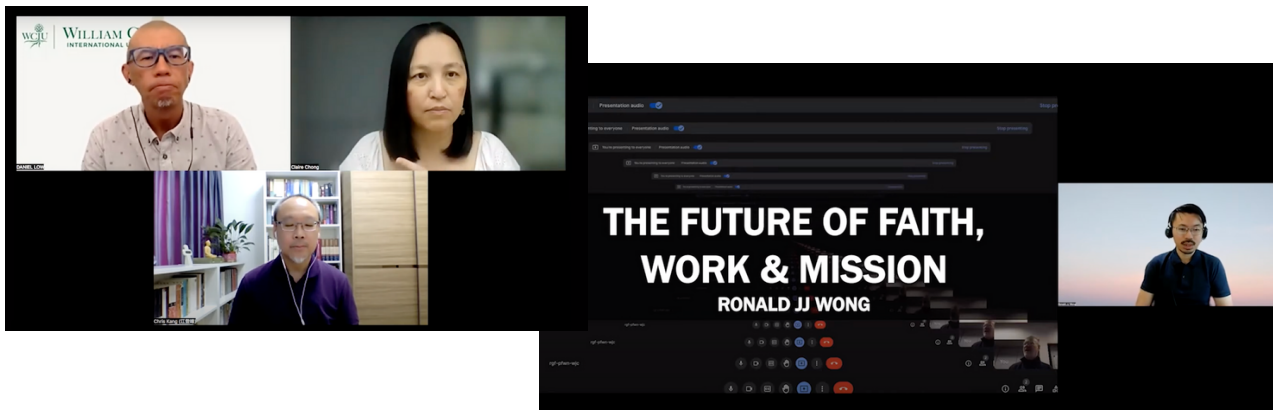
MAY: A conversation facilitated by Claire, we heard from both speakers on how Christians can learn to engage people of other religions, specifically Buddhists, peaceably and in a respectful manner without being uncomfortable and antagonistic. Both speakers shared from their personal experiences as a Buddhist convert, and an academia who has spent substantial time living in a monastery learning from his fellow Buddhist friends.

MISSIONS BREAKFAST WEBINARS

JULY - NOVEMBER 2022



JULY: Ronald JJ Wong, a young lawyer who is actively involved in the cause for God's mission, set the tone for our theme on "Practitioners in Missions" in today's fast-changing 21st century world. He shed light on how they way we work in the near future will change because of technology, automation, hyper-connectivity, demographic changes, globalisation and geopolitical shifts. And consequently, how these would impact the way we pastor those working in the marketplace, discipling Christians to be missional at work, and mobilising this generation for missions.



AUG: Caleb and Joey are social workers who work and interact daily with the vulnerable in our society, including troubled families and adults with special needs. The job of caring opens us up to pain, but our 2 young practitioners believe that as bearers of God's love and presence, we can all learn to practise this missional role in caring for the vulnerable, both at work and in our community. In this webinar, they shared some practical ways on what we can give and do in our own capacity as employers, colleagues and leaders; and how the Church can be mobilised to serve both the vulnerable and the caregivers in our midst as a caring community.



SEPT: We invited a climate scientist, an investment fund manager and a student of environmental studies to share their experiences and aspirations in their faith journey as they make sense of the Christian narrative in the respective work that they do, particularly in relation to climate change, the environment and its socio-economic implications. When we understand that each of us has a stake in the world we live in, caring for it becomes not just the job of the environmentalist, but for all who tread on this earth that God has so marvellously and beautifully created. These 3 practitioners of mission believe that the Church can participate in the restorative and healing mission of God through the stewardship of His creation. They also shared some practical ways we can help to practise, equip, and mobilise the new generation of missions practitioners in creation care.



OCT: Could we envision a holistic approach of mission that integrates faith, stewardship, entrepreneurship and innovation – one that seeks to establish sustainable business ecosystem and to build collective capacity? Two experienced and long-term mission practitioners who work in Mainland Southeast Asia have come to discuss how churches can do missions through businesses and *work*.



NOV: Wee Seng and Samuel represented 2 different generations of missions practitioners who, in their own capacity and spheres of influence, have challenged, encouraged and supported groups of lay Christians to serve the Lord in missions (including student groups), and to be God's blessings to surrounding nations through their work and vocation. The Church is not short of opportunities to explore and be creative in the ways we can be good and faithful stewards of God's blessings of our gifts and talents through work and vocations, both in ministry and missions.



SCGM CALENDAR 2023

- JAN**
- **LoveSingapore Summit 2023** attended by two SCGM staff, Joan Alikazin and Wong Lee Nan, with the year's theme: "Not Done Yet" (9-12 Jan)
 - **SEANET Mission Conference in Chiang Mai** attended by Claire Chong
 - **SCGM MBF (Hybrid): "Mission as Peacemakers in a Conflicted World"** featuring Bishop Dr Gordon Wong, moderated by Claire Chong (13 Jan)
 - **WEA Global Consultation 2023: "Our Missions Future: Local Impact, Ripples & Waves"** attended by Claire Chong (30 Jan-3 Feb)
- FEB**
- **SCGM Monthly Missions Webinar: "Lessons from Colonial Mission History"** by Prof. Bruce Lockhart and Dr Zam Khat Kham, moderated by Dr Andrew Peh (3 Feb)
 - **Missions Youth Forum:** Partnership with TRAC Board of Witness and Evangelism on Spiritual Conversations at Paya Lebar Methodist Church (14 Feb)
- MAR**
- **SCGM Monthly Missions Webinar: "Religious Nationalism and Conversion"** by Dr Pum Za Mang and Dr Si Thu Tun, moderated by Samuel Ratnam (3 Mar)
 - **Missions Consultation "From Stranger to Brother: MENA Consultation for Leaders"** held at Zion Bishan BP Church, in partnership with Interserve Singapore (7-8 Mar)
- APR**
- **SCGM Monthly Missions Webinar: "How Does the Gospel Sound in Buddhist Ears?"** by Dr Chansamone Saiyasak, moderated by Claire Chong (14 Apr)
- MAY**
- **SCGM Monthly Missions Webinar: "Building Bridges with People of Other Faiths"** by Nao Sokhom and Seng Mai Aung, moderated by Ng Zhi-Wen (5 May)
 - **Mission Dialogue: "Building Bridges"** with Claire Chong as invited speaker on board Doulos Hope @ VivoCity Singapore (9 May)
 - **"Growing with the Cities of Asia: A Vision for Urban Engagement"**, a missions event partnership with Doulos Hope, featuring Seelan Govender, Pil-Hun Park, Bishop Kua Kim Seng and Lawrence Ko as panel speakers (18 May)
- JUNE**
- SCGM Annual General Meeting @ YMCA Metropolitan (8 June)
 - **SCGM Annual Lecture: "Future of Missions and the Next Generation"** moderated by Kenneth Heng (8 June)
- JULY**
- **SCGM Missions Conversation:** Renewing Church Policies and Practices (7 July)
 - Chairman Speaking Engagement at Changi Bethany Church (23 July)
- AUG**
- **SCGM Missions Conversation:** Redefining the Role of Foreign Mission Partner (Empowering the Entrepreneurial Poor) (4 Aug)
- SEPT**
- **SCGM Missions Conversation:** Church and Marketplace Working Together (1 Sept)
- OCT**
- **SCGM Missions Conversation:** Mission Policy - Lessons from Church (6 Oct)
- NOV**
- **SCGM Missions Conversation:** DMM Models of Church Planting (3 Nov)

SCGM BUDGET 2023

SINGAPORE CENTRE FOR GLOBAL MISSIONS					
BUDGET 2023					
Income		Budget 2022	Actual 2022		Budget 2023
Donations		110,000.00	185,260.00		120,000.00
Staff support		35,000.00	68,620.00		75,000.00
Sale of Books/DVD/CDs		5,000.00	1,135.00		1,000.00
Seminars and project income		16,000.00	400.00		5,000.00
Fund-raising		150,000.00	-		50,000.00
Government Grant - Wage Credit Scheme		10,000.00	2,575.00		-
Other Income - Jobs Support Scheme		9,300.00	-		-
Other Income - Grants		-	105.00		-
Other Income - Membership subscription		-	800.00		2,400.00
Other Income - Interest income		-	94.00		-
Total income		335,300.00	258,989.00		253,400.00
Expenditure	Actual 2021	Budget 2022	Actual 2022		Budget 2023
Staff Costs		263,585.00		162,319.00	
Staff cost (Salaries and CPF)	249,821.00		159,787.00		175,000.00
Welfare and Training	3,226.00		532.00		2,500.00
Love Gift - Casual Labour	6,000.00		2,000.00		30,000.00
Operating Costs		52,200.00		29,955.00	
Audit Fees	3,300.00		6,512.00		3,500.00
App Development			500.00		-
Bank charges	156.00		198.00		250.00
Computer maintenance	264.00		-		-
General expenses	2,473.00		548.00		1,000.00
Honorarium and Gifts	2,762.00		740.00		1,000.00
Insurance	2,562.00		1,509.00		2,000.00
Newsletters, publications and subscriptions	420.00		2,665.00		1,500.00
Postage, printing and stationery	773.00		1,079.00		1,200.00
Rental and maintenance of office equipment	2,311.00		2,880.00		3,000.00
Rental of office	9,600.00		9,800.00		12,000.00
Seminar and projects expenses	11,603.00		191.00		1,200.00
Telephone and faxes	3,647.00		1,660.00		1,750.00
Transport and travelling	1,207.00		879.00		1,500.00
Website			732.00		850.00
Misc - Late fee			62.00		-
Depreciation			3,039.00		-
Total expenditure	304,092.00	315,785.00	195,313.00	192,274.00	238,250.00
Nett Surplus 2022			63,676.00		

PLEASE CONSIDER PARTNERING WITH US IN RESOURCING FOR OUR MINISTRY

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\$500 per talk or \$5,000 for one year



B. SPONSOR A STAFF

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C. SPONSOR SCGM VISION BEYOND 2020: Asian Urban Transformation

Sponsorship of \$5,000, \$10,000 or other amount per initiatives for *Prayer For Missions*, *Peacemakers Empowerment* or *Practitioner Mobilisation*

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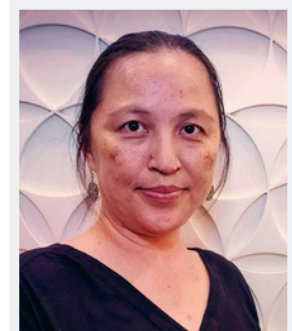
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