

# 2024

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# Annual REPORT

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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 and extend the efforts of 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**

“ SCGM is an important link between the Singapore Church and global evangelical bodies and missions movements. As we mobilise long-term mission workers to the least reached places of Asia and beyond, I believe SCGM can help to resource and train these Goers as good missions practitioners as they can be. And that includes nurturing their churches to think mission, and to do missions; so that when our people GO, they GO and serve the LORD more effectively, wherever they are sent. ”

## **MISSION**

### **CATALYSING THE NATIONAL MISSIONS MOVEMENT IN SINGAPORE**

“ Today, with the increasing diversification of missions in the geographical areas, profiles of missionaries and types of missions work, SCGM can help churches to better understand and navigate these existing and upcoming changes. ”

**REV NG ZHI-WEN**  
**ANTIOCH21**  
STRATEGIC COORDINATOR



**ANGIE NG**  
**HAKKA METHODIST CHURCH**  
MISSION WORKER IN THAILAND



# NATIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT 2024

2024 proved to be a season of both challenge and opportunities for us at SCGM. But God as always, proved Himself faithful to us.

The Apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 3:11 stated in no uncertain terms, in terms of his apostolic work of church planting, that "no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ."

I believe the same applies to all other aspects of the mission within the Church of Jesus Christ, including the special tasks for which God formed and called SCGM to. If we continue to build on the only lasting foundation of our Lord Jesus Christ, then the quality of our work in partnership will show through fire on that final day and we may get our just rewards (see vs 12-15).

But I believe the true intent of this passage is to cause us to have humility and responsibility to work hard in our different roles as servants and co-workers with God, knowing it is He who gives the growth.

## THE YEAR IN SUMMARY

2024 was my first full year as SCGM National Director. I am so grateful to God for the team that serves with me, the great group of volunteers that help us, the individuals, churches, mission organisations and networks that support and partner with us, and the SCGM Council that gives us great oversight and counsel.

We had a full year as usual of many events, special programmes and strategic processes. Allow me to briefly survey and report on each.

## EVENTS SCGM ORGANISED IN 2024

### **A** 12-13 Jan 2024 | "Church Multiplication Connection" Church-planting conference at Singapore Bible College

This was organised in partnership with Asbury Theological Seminary (ATS) in Kentucky, USA and Singapore Bible College (SBC) who hosted us for the one-and-a-half day conference. In the event, 45 people turned up on average over the 2 days – Friday evening & all-day Saturday. Participants also came from abroad including Thailand, Myanmar, India, USA and Australia. It was a great time of learning and interaction. ATS fully funded the conference.



Additionally, ATS recently published a book that featured all 3 of the case-studies that were presented. Additionally, Dr Sam Law of SBC and I contributed additional chapters. The link to the e-edition for the book, “God is On the Move in Asia” can be found online at this web-link: <https://place.asburyseminary.edu/firstfruitsbooks/23/>

## **B** 30 Jan 2024 | “Hethne Connect Meeting” at St Andrew’s Cathedral 22-26 Apr 2024 | “Global Hethne Consultation” at Chiang Mai, Thailand

The Hethne Connect event in January was attended by about 35 people, many of whom were involved in churches that have ministry among Hindu-background people and new believers in Singapore. (Note that “Hethne” is a neologism made from combining “H” of Hindu, with “ethne” – meaning peoples.)

This meeting occurred in advance of the Global Hethne Consultation which was held from 22-26 April 2024 in Chiang Mai, Thailand. The Consultation was organised under the leadership of Dr Ashok Kumar, the main organiser who is also the Lausanne’s Issue Network Catalyst for Hinduism. I served as part of the organising committee.

Additionally, at the Consultation, I led the Thursday morning devotion and also presided at the Holy Communion which culminated the Consultation on the final day.

## **C** 23 July 2024 SCGM Prayer Breakfast The Doulos Hope ship

This was a morning of prayer and worship that was attended by about 50 people from various churches, on board the Doulos Hope as it docked at Vivocity. We prayed for Gospel advancement in the nations of South-East Asia, and in particular for countries in the Mekong delta, Malaysia and Hong Kong that the Doulos Hope ship was going to be visiting in the coming months.



**PHOTOS:**  
Official photos  
taken by  
Doulos Hope  
Media Team

## **D** 27 Jan 2024, 2 Mar 2024 NMS Consultation with mission agencies, churches & theological institutions

ND and the SCGM team were able to meet with representatives of mission agencies and a few churches and separately, a few theological schools, to garner participation and find out areas of interests and lines of questionings for our National Missions Study (NMS) 2024 study. Both meetings proved very fruitful and helpful in gathering thoughts and contributions from mission stake-holders and leaders.





## **E** FEB - MAY 2024 | Missions Conversations+ JUL - NOV 2024 | Missions Conversations

In 2024, we resumed our face-to-face hosting of Missions Conversations, our signature monthly Saturday morning seminars, which since the COVID season, had been held as a virtual gathering. In February, we launched Missions Conversations+ for the first half of the year, featuring a project-based groups in a designed applied learning setting that focused on contextual approaches in mission to Hindu-background, Muslim-background and Buddhist-background peoples, as well as one that focused on developing missional practices for short-term missions.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the year featured regular Missions Conversation seminars on topics related to innovations in missions today, including reaching the next generation, digital missions and mobilising the senior age group for missions (read full report on page 10).



Project-based group discussions at MC+



Missions Conversation in October 2024

## **F** 16 Nov 2024 | National Missions Study (NMS) Findings and Summary meeting at the Church of the Good Shepherd

On completion of our National Missions Study (NMS) 2024, we presented the findings to about 50 people on a Saturday morning, including discussion in groups and feedback. A full report of the NMS appears separately in this report on page 14.

### **MOVING FORWARD**

At the SCGM Supporters and Partners Dinner in December (see full report on page 11), I outlined SCGM's growing and developing strategic vision, building on our historic legacy and continuing our work with adaptation into a new season. In particular, I spoke about the need to build on the 3 'C's of our work:

### **COORDINATION**

We need strong partners and increased connection with local churches. We are working to develop the "Friends of SCGM" initiative to grow our support (see page 19).

Additionally, we desire to build collaborative partnerships and co-creative platforms to further accelerate and advance God's mission from and by Singapore churches. To this end, we are sponsoring our first SCGM **Mission Coordinators Consultation** in 2025 for 60 mission representatives of 60 local churches, scheduled now for 16/17 July 2025.

## CATALYSING

In order to bring innovative and strategic thinking to areas of critical importance to our mission endeavours, SCGM is working towards recruiting key volunteers as well as developing or enhancing policies and capacities for a new season that will involve areas like digital transformation and new generation mission mobilisation.

Another critical area we are looking at is non-traditional missions. We are working to offer churches innovative tools and learning processes like Learning Journeys, Master Classes and guided consultations, many in partnership with other initiatives and networks.

SCGM continues to be a valuable partner of the EQUIP Licentiate in Mission Practice (LMP) programme run by Trinity Theological College. SCGM Research Associate Claire Chong ran a 7-week “Practicum” for 2 students, which included local mission experience with Myanmar guest-workers in Singapore (see full report on page 13). Additionally, I ran a 3-weekends workshop in August on “Mobilising Churches for Missions” for 18 participants.

## CALIBRATING

We have begun the work of exploring the establishment of a research arm for SCGM, to conduct and present more regular, focused studies and to develop a missions research repository and database for action research which will include contextual studies, innovative thought pieces and best mission practices.

## TEAM MOVEMENT - GOODBYE AND WELCOME

Finally, I would like to record a heartfelt gratitude and goodbye to Ms Wong Lee Nan who served SCGM faithfully for 2 years, as our part-time Administrator. Thank you, Lee Nan.

After advertising and receipt of a few applications, and following a selection process that included interviews, Ms Kavita Jenu was appointed Administrative Executive beginning November 1<sup>st</sup> 2024, on a full-time basis. Welcome, Kavita.



**TOP:** Thanksgiving and appreciation dinner for Ms Wong Lee Nan (outgoing member of the staff), Mr Kenneth Heng (outgoing member of the Council) and some of our key volunteers who served in the NMS2024.



**RIGHT:** Welcome lunch for Ms Kavita Jenu who joined our team in Nov 2024.

## CONCLUSION

I thank you for reading through this report, as part of our Annual Report. We appreciate your interest, as you cast your eyes over our joint work and call. Having members of SCGM is not simply a legal requirement – we believe it is good practice to have people we report to once a year for the work we do, who take a responsible interest in the financial, strategic plans and vision of SCGM moving into a new year.

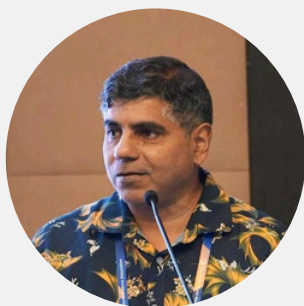
May I end by testifying that my first full year at the helm of SCGM has taught me many things – foremost among them was seeing, time and time again, that this is a work of God that He initiated and continues. Indeed, we need to look to God both for vision and provision in our work as never before.

By God's grace, my team and I, by His power and guidance, hope to fulfil His glorious purposes for us all at SCGM for the sake of the mission of all His churches here, as we seek to advance God's mission everywhere.

Our ultimate goal for SCGM remains the ones envisioned for us by Scriptures like Matthew 24:14; 28:18-20, Revelation 7:9-10 and the bright promise from Habakkuk 2:14:

“FOR THE EARTH WILL BE FILLED WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE GLORY OF THE LORD AS THE WATERS COVER THE SEA.”

**May His Kingdom come and may His will be done,**



**Manik Corea**

National Director, SCGM



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# SCGM CALENDAR 2024

- JAN**
- **Church Multiplication Connection Conference**, organised by SCGM in partnership with Singapore Bible College and Asbury Theological Seminary, USA (12-13 Jan)
  - Love Singapore Pastors' Summit 2024 in Melaka, attended by ND (15-18 Jan)
  - **NMS Consultation Meeting** with church missions leaders and agencies (27 Jan)
  - **Hethne Connection** meeting at St. Andrew's Cathedral, in partnership with Hethne Singapore, SIM Singapore and the Lausanne Movement (30 Jan)
- FEB**
- **SCGM Missions Conversations: "When Our SG Models Don't Work"** by Cindy Soh (3 Feb)
  - Staff Retreat & Planning for 2024
- MAR**
- **SCGM Missions Conversations: "When Bible Study is Not Enough"** by Dr Jean Luah and Anne Soh, moderated by Claire Chong (2 Mar)
  - ND Manik Corea in India (meetings in Telangana, Orissa and West Bengal)
- APR**
- **SCGM Missions Conversations: "When Truth Without Love Backfires"** by Brother W and Rev Dr Keith Lai, moderated by Claire Chong (6 Apr)
  - **SCGM "Thank You" Dinner** @ Metropolitan YMCA (18 Apr)
  - **Hethne Global Consultation 2024** in Chiang Mai, Thailand, with SCGM as one of the organisers and ND attending (22-26 Apr)
- MAY**
- COALA 2.0 network meeting of missions leaders from Asia and Latin America in Bangkok, Thailand, attended by ND Manik Corea (1-4 May)
  - **SCGM Missions Conversations: "When John 3:16 Does Not Make Sense"** by Mary Chai and Rev Ng Seng Chuan, moderated by ND Manik Corea (11 May)
  - **Mission Forum: "Contextualising Narratives of the Gospel"**, a project presentation of contextualised ministries among the Buddhists, Hindus and Muslim (11 May)
  - **Launch of the National Missions Study 2024**
  - **SCGM AGM & Annual Lecture: "Shapeshifting – Innovations in Mission in an Age of Disruption"** delivered by Jason Mandryk (author and team co-director of Operation World), with Dr Samuel Law (Singapore Bible College) and Christy Lim (Director of Interserve, Singapore) as respondents (23 May)
- JULY**
- **SCGM Missions Conversations: "NEW FRONTIERS IN MISSION – Missions in a Digital Age"** by Simon Seow (Indigitous) and Jasmine Ng (Christians in Web3 - CW3) (6 July)
  - **Prayer Breakfast** onboard Doulos Hope, organised by SCGM (23 July)
- AUG**
- **SCGM Missions Conversations: "Gen Z to A – Where to Next?"** by Joshua Sng (UNITY), Evangeline Lee (SJSM) and Pastor Joseph Keh (Bethesda Cathedral) (3 Aug)
- SEPT**
- **SCGM Missions Conversations: "The Peoples Are Here"** by Pastor Evandreas Teguh (GKY Singapore) and Pastor Ratan Babu, moderated by ND Manik Corea (7 Sept)
  - ND at 4th Lausanne Congress in Seoul, South Korea (23 Sept - 2 Oct)
- OCT**
- **SCGM Missions Conversations: "The Third Age of Missions"** by Dr Tan Soo Inn and Joseph Mannar, moderated by ND Manik Corea (5 Oct)
- NOV**
- **SCGM Missions Conversations: Lausanne 4 Report** by ND Manik Corea (SCGM), Rev Ng Zhi-Wen (Antioch21) & Jason Lee (Lausanne Global Board member) (2 Nov)
  - **National Missions Study Summary & Findings** @ Church of the Good Shepherd (16 Nov)
- DEC**
- **Supporters & Partners Dinner 2024** @ Metropolitan YMCA (3 Dec)



# EVENTS HIGHLIGHTS

## ANNUAL LECTURE 2024

Jason Mandryk, co-director of Operation World team and author of the 7<sup>th</sup> edition of the publication *Operation World*, delivered the SCGM Annual Lecture on 23 May 2024 on the topic: **“Shapeshifting: Innovations in Mission in an Age of Disruption”**. It was attended by 70 participants who came together to consider global trends and strategic considerations on innovation in Christian missions present and future.

Jason began by acknowledging that though our Gospel message is timeless, the contexts into which it is communicated and the means by which it is conveyed are changing, and ever more rapidly. And as things accelerate, our missiological adaptability must also match its pace. He went on to address the issue of innovation in eight specific areas of mission. His encouragement to the Church is to both embrace and cautiously manage innovation in a balanced tension, lest innovation becomes our ultimate goal, replacing faithfulness to Scripture and the call to Christ-likeness. If so, it would become at best, a distraction and at worst, idolatry.

One of the eight areas highlighted by Jason was in the matter of missionary distribution and deployment. If there is any domain within Christian mission that needs innovation, it is that of global missionary deployment, particularly to Unreached People Groups (UPGs). Currently, the majority of the world’s cross-cultural missionaries serve in Christian majority nations. Also, in an age of media and technology, incarnational Gospel witness is still fundamental to touch and heal the brokenness of humanity. In his conclusion, Jason reminded us of our utter dependence on God, recognising that without Him we can do nothing. This is true not only in the area of mission innovation, but also in order to bring about the changes we truly long for - both in ourselves and in the world.

Following the lecture, Dr Samuel Law (Associate Professor at the Singapore Bible College) and Christy Lim (National Director of Interserve) each gave a response. They emphasised variously on the need to innovate and contextualise our Gospel message; the importance of incarnational and missional living; and that the church’s agility to innovate depends on our ability to hear God’s voice personally and collectively as one.



## MISSIONS CONVERSATIONS+ (FEB - MAY)



In February to May 2024, SCGM launched the first Missions Conversations Plus (MC+) series. In addition to the usual 40-minute presentation by a panel of speakers, the MC+ also included a time when participants broke up into small groups to work on a project of their choice.

Themed as **‘Regearing for Missions in the Decade Ahead,’** this series focused on how mission practitioners may employ more local-centric approaches, rather than replicating Singapore models of evangelism and discipleship. In **February**, Ms Cindy Norfor (Leprosy Mission) explained why our tried and tested methods may not always work in the mission fields and shared some ways to develop local strategies. In **March**, Ms Anne Soh (WEC) and Dr Jean Luah (SBC) discussed the limitations of using literacy-based methods in discipling oral learners and gave several examples of relational and embodied practices instead. In **April**, Rev Dr Keith Lai (Presbyterian Synod) and brother W, who works among our Abrahamic cousins, shared about how Christians can participate in cultural traditions. In **May**, Rev SC Ng and Ms Mary Chai gave insightful examples on how the Gospel may be meaningfully contextualised when sharing with others from different worldviews.

In the last session on the 11<sup>th</sup> May, three groups presented their projects based on contextualised engagement with people from different religious backgrounds, namely the Buddhist, Hindu and Muslim backgrounds. A fourth group shared about how short-term mission trips may be evaluated to enhance these trips into more meaningful and strategic engagement for the church members at large.

## MISSIONS CONVERSATIONS (JULY - NOV)

In the second-half of 2024, we resumed the topical conversations and presentations by a diverse panel of speakers on the theme **‘New Frontiers in Mission’**. SCGM highlighted four key areas in this series of conversations for the churches to consider in the near future of missions – namely missions in a digital age, reaching the next generation (from Gen Z to Gen A), diaspora missions, and mobilising the third-agers into missions. This MC series was concluded in November with a report presentation of the 4th Lausanne Congress (view separate report on page 16), providing perspectives on the global Church and the role of the Singapore Church in such global Christian movement. We saw on average about 40 participants in attendance in each of the MC session held alternately at OMF Singapore Headquarters and St. Andrew’s Cathedral.



## SPECIAL DINNER PROGRAMMES

### 1 18 APR 2024 | Metropolitan YMCA Ballroom SCGM “THANK YOU” DINNER

An SCGM “Thank You” dinner was held for all supporters and partners at the Ballroom of the Metropolitan YMCA. At this dinner, Rev. Manik Corea was officially confirmed and prayed for as the new National Director of SCGM, in the presence of about 80 friends, supporters and partners from churches and mission agencies.



The official Installation of Revd Manik Corea as National Director of SCGM and prayer by Bishop Kuan Kim Seng

### 2 2 DEC 2024 | Metropolitan YMCA Ballroom SCGM “PARTNERS AND SUPPORTERS DINNER”

This special fundraising dinner, attended by 90 guests from supporting churches, mission agencies and individual networks, featured Dr Todd Johnson as a guest presenter. Dr Johnson is a distinguished Professor of Mission and Global Christianity, and Co-Director of the Center for the Study of Global Christianity at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, USA. He spoke on “Asia and Singapore in a New Era of Global Missions.” The sumptuous dinner was sponsored by New Ubin Seafood, and the dinner raised more than S\$70,000 for SCGM.





# PARTNERS DINNER 2024





# LICENTiate IN MISSION PRACTICE (LMP)

@ TRINITY THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE, SINGAPORE

In 2024, Claire Chong, Research & Training Associate at SCGM, conducted a practice-oriented module entitled 'Developing an Incarnational Approach for Cross-Cultural Missions' for the Licentiate in Mission Practice (LMP) at Trinity Theological College (TTC).

More than simply a practicum, the primary purpose of this 10-week Learning Journey was to help participants nurture a quintessential missional disposition – one characterised by the willingness to 'be like a Jew to a Jew to win Jews' (1 Cor 9:19-23). It focused not simply on knowledge acquisition or ministry skill development, but much more about spiritual formation through embodied learning experiences.

The learning journey comprised of five workshop activities:

1. Reflexively learning cross-culturally;
2. Experimenting with different worship forms;
3. Challenging fixed ideologies;
4. Exploring different Gospel expressions with local mission workers in Buddhist, Hindu, and Muslim worlds via Zoom; and
5. Taking an Acts 17:23 walk to a temple/mosque and interacting with an imam/priest/monk.

Additionally, participants were required to commit to 40 hours of engagement with people of other cultures/religions, to understand an aspect of their way of life. Participants were also expected to design a contextualised Christian practice and write a reflection paper on their whole learning experience.



LMP class participants of 2024



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\*The LMP is a certification partnership programme between SCGM and TTC, offering courses and workshops under TTC's lay training initiative known as EQUIP.

# NATIONAL MISSIONS STUDY 2024

## NMS 2024 FINDINGS & SUMMARY

View full report here:  
[bit.ly/NMS2024\\_Report](https://bit.ly/NMS2024_Report)

### THE NMS 2024 REPORT IS BASED ON:

- A questionnaire, completed by 98 churches, on church-organised mission work;
- A questionnaire, completed by 236 mission workers working in at least 39 different countries, on the mission workforce; and
- Eight focus group discussions, among 34 church mission leaders, on the mobilisation of tentmakers, bi-vocational mission workers, business entrepreneurs, non-residential mission workers, returning Christian migrants, and short-term mission trippers.

### INTRODUCTION

Beyond the collection of demographic data and the comparison of trends over the years, the NMS 2024 focused on the **identification of innovative practices** and **areas of development**. It is hoped that these would help church mission leaders to make better well-informed decisions on mission strategies.

Methodologically, a participatory approach was employed. The questionnaires were constructed by a team of three, after two consultation meetings with about 15 church mission leaders, mission practitioners, and missiologists. The survey was also pre-tested by six churches and refined. A team of volunteers was mobilised to invite churches to participate. A team of seven facilitators conducted the focus groups discussions. A team of six people analysed the data and prepared the report. It is hoped that through this collaborative approach, more individuals may step up to do mission research.

The number of churches that actually participated in the surveys were down from previous studies, despite our best efforts. This could be due to difficulties in engaging and connecting with churches, dated research methods, and because a number of churches have not fully reestablished their mission work after the pandemic.

The central finding of NMS 2024 was that Singapore churches were diversifying in their mission approaches and methods – in the types of mission workers being sent out, varying and new missions strategies, in the way they were financially supported and trained, and in the models of mission partnerships and engagement.

### THE FINDINGS

#### 1. MISSION WORKFORCE

a) 43% were missionaries doing church-based or faith-based NGO (helping needy) work; 29% were missions agency staff; 28% were non-traditional mission workers (cont'd)

(e.g. tentmakers, BAMers, NRMers). Christians over 50yo tended to serve as non-residential missionaries; those under 50 tended to serve as tentmakers, bi-vocational mission workers and NGO mission workers. Both young and old were mobilised into missions.

**(b)** About half of the mission workers received formal training either through seminary or mission schools. However, it was noted that many of the rest participated in other diverse training programmes, including internships, church-based and specialised mission programmes, and vocational training courses.

**(c)** Churches employ different models of funding. It was noted that some adopt dynamic, flexible, multi-tiered financial policies.

## 2. MISSION PARTNERSHIPS

**(a)** 55-65% were involved in church-based ministries. Slightly more than half were involved in community and social welfare-based work. 10-20% were involved in vocational training/livelihood and BAM, and 4% in bible translation. There is a need to increase mission involvement in the latter two.

**(b)** Only 20% of churches had long-term plans with exit-strategies. 42% of churches were doing missions with no specific plans.

## 3. CHURCH MOBILISATION FOR MISSIONS

**(a)** While more than 80% of churches have Missions Sunday/Month, and run short-term missions trips (STMT), only half teach about missions to their children and youth, only about a quarter encourage members to engage with people of different cultures and religions and to foreigners in Singapore, whilst only 6% give altar calls for missions commitments at least once a year.

**(b)** In more than half of the churches, STMTs were conducted to give church members an experience of missions and for the support of mission partners. A third organised trips with the purpose of nurturing long-term relationships on the field. 20% of churches did STMT with the intention to mobilise more mission workers from their congregations, while 14% went with the intention to learn and understand the culture/context of their missionaries/partners.

**(c)** Only one-fifth of mission decision-makers in our churches have had any formal mission training. Less than 50% of missions committees have participated in church-based missions training programmes (e.g. Kairos, Perspectives, or Tentmaking). While 69% have attended missions conferences and seminar, only 32% have participated in the programmes of missional centres and groups like SCGM.

## 4. DIASPORA & MIGRANT MINISTRIES

About a quarter of churches were involved in migrant ministries among South Asians, Filipinos, and Chinese. A tenth of churches surveyed were involved in work with the Myanmar diaspora.

## CONCLUSION

The study uncovered some issues for further research. It is also hoped that more focused studies may be carried out before the next large-scale National Missions Study in 2029.

# GLOBAL CONNECTIONS

## THE LAUSANNE MOVEMENT

The Fourth Lausanne Congress held from 22-28 September 2024 in Incheon, South Korea, was attended by some 5,200 Christians from more than 200 countries. SCGM's ND led the 100 or so Singapore contingent who attended the event on-site, while another 50 or so Singaporeans attended the virtual gathering.

In the run up to the event, ND Manik Corea, who is currently the Chair of the Lausanne Singapore Committee, organised a preparatory meeting on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May with Rev. Ng Zhiwen, Strategic Coordinator of Antioch21, at Covenant Evangelical Free Church's office premise. The 60 or so who attended included both those who were participating on-site and virtually. In addition, two WhatsApp groups were created to stay in touch with both on-site and virtual participants, to help in their preparations and to pass any necessary information to them.



ND at Lausanne Congress



ND with global leaders from Lausanne in Singapore



ND at the Lausanne Congress with some Singapore pastors



ND with some of the Singapore contingent

Additionally, after the Congress, we held a Lausanne Congress debrief on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October at OMF to hear feedback from participants of both groups, what lessons we learned from the Congress and to talk about possible next steps. ND has since met with the Lausanne Singapore committee and we are working on helping Singapore participants and their churches to better connect with the wider church.

As part of the 4<sup>th</sup> Lausanne Congress, two major documents were released to help spur the global church to missions and to bridge global and regional challenges. The first was the Seoul Statement. The second document was the State of the Great Commission report, a year-long study which examined where we are in the Great Commission, 10 key issues affecting the mission of the church and how different regions were dealing with those issues. ND Manik Corea was one of the contributing writers to the South-East Asia response.



# GLOBAL CONNECTIONS

## COALA

This is a network of Regional and National Majority World Mission Movements. ND was one of the founders of this network, which first met at the 9th NCOWE meetings in South Korea in June 2023. COALA stands for “Christ Over Asia, Latin America and Africa.” ND now sits on the Steering Committee of COALA.

Since its founding, the grouping has met once as a stand-alone event in 2024 (in Bangkok in May 2024) and once in the immediate aftermath of the 4<sup>th</sup> Lausanne Congress, when we had an open meeting in Busan, South Korea.

The aim of COALA is to encourage collaboration and inter-dependence between Majority World Mission movements, churches and agencies, and to develop MW missiological thinking, practice and methodology. The next COALA network gathering is being planned for year 2026. Singapore, under the auspices of SCGM, have been asked to host.



PHOTOS: COALA in Bangkok, 2024

# BUDGET 2025

SINGAPORE CENTRE FOR GLOBAL MISSIONS BUDGET 2025				
DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL 2023	BUDGET 2024	ACTUAL 2024	BUDGET 2025
<b>INCOME</b>				
Donations	81,377.00	100,000.00	63,665.00	100,000
Staff Support	70,150.00	85,000.00	89,850.00	85,000
Fundraising	-	60,000.00	71,410.00	100,000
Seminars and project income	-	1,000.00	23,175.70 <sup>1</sup>	41,000
Books Sale	428.35	500.00	758.02	500
Membership fees	1,154.00	1,200.00	1,000.00	1,000
Other Income	3,655.12	3,000.00	16,186.00 <sup>2</sup>	3,000
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>156,764.47</b>	<b>250,700.00</b>	<b>266,044.72</b>	<b>330,500</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Staff Cost	168,182.00	198,000.00	219,759.81	230,000
Operating Cost	32,424.15	30,000.00	25,581.36	30,000
Project Cost	7,314.59	7,000.00	14,771.48	45,000
Fundraising	-	5,000.00	3,197.00	3,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>207,920.74</b>	<b>240,000.00</b>	<b>263,309.65</b>	<b>308,000</b>
<b>SURPLUS/DEFICIT</b>	<b>(51,156.27)</b>	<b>10,700.00</b>	<b>2,735.07</b>	<b>22,500</b>

<sup>1</sup> Designated giving towards the National Missions Study 2024 inflated the final figure.

<sup>2</sup> This includes a US\$10,000 contribution by Asbury Theological Seminary towards the Church Multiplication Connection event in January 2024 (see ND's Annual Report).

## BE AN SCGM PARTNER OR SPONSOR IN:

**1 CHURCH ENGAGEMENT**  
**Partner & Participate in SCGM's initiatives:**  
 Missions Conversations (monthly)  
 Missions Training & Seminars  
 Regional & Global Network Support

**2 DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION**  
**Build Capacity & Efficacy in Operations & Communications:**  
 Funding the work, digital tools and the team of staff and volunteers to implement change

**3 SCGM RESEARCH ARM**  
**Build Strength, Scope and Scale of Singapore Church's missionary efforts:**  
 Funding the work and team of researchers & facilitators

Whether through financial sponsorship, prayer support, or sharing your network and influence, your partnership matters. If you are led to co-labour with us, please write to us at [manik.nd@scgm.org.sg](mailto:manik.nd@scgm.org.sg)

# WORKPLAN 2025: FRIENDS OF SCGM

In 2025, SCGM will embark on a new initiative called “Friends of SCGM” which seeks purposeful partnership with missional churches and individuals.

SCGM has begun inviting churches and individuals to intentionally partner with us by committing to a financial gift of at least S\$1,000 each year in support of the work of SCGM. In return, Friends would enjoy the benefits of:

**1. Participating** in SCGM curated programmes and processes that will enhance the missional capacity of churches and individuals – whether seminars, training, resources or tools that SCGM runs, produces or publishes over the course of each year.

**2. Accessing** SCGM training and research resources, including the developing database of missions studies, as and when SCGM conducts research on mission principles and practices through the National Missions Studies and other more regular focused studies (under the current plans for the establishment of the SCGM Research Arm).

**3. Being part of key conversations and projects** that shape the future of missions in Singapore and Asia, for example through SCGM’s Missions Conversations+ platform (Missions Conversations+ is a seminar cum workshop that runs on the first Saturday of every month in the first-half of the year). These key conversations aim to develop actionable steps and viable proposals for growing the health, strength and scale of Singapore churches’ missionary efforts.

**4. Consulting** with SCGM team of experts on areas of development and training, including adaptation of mission policies to new mission opportunities, and help with mobilising their churches towards mission (specifically in the areas of contextualisation, church-planting, effective short-term missions and pre-mission training/mobilisation).

**5. Connecting** through SCGM to global missional networks such as Lausanne, the Asia Evangelical Alliance, and COALA.

\*In 2025, this partnership offers priority to a sponsored placement (one per church) at the **SCGM Missions Coordinators Consultation**, to be held on 16-17 July at Amari Hotel, Johor Bahru, Malaysia. The MCC 2025 would be the first of a planned annual gathering of key mission leaders/pastors/committee chairs/PICs to consult, cooperate and coordinate together for greater synergy in our mission efforts as Singapore churches.





# SCGM CALENDAR 2025

- JAN**
- “Issues in Christian Missions”, EQUIP Programme – online course conducted by ND Manik Corea (8, 15 and 22 Jan)
  - **Missions Conversations+:** “**Raising a New Mission Workforce: Lessons from the NMS2024**”, presented by Claire Chong (11 Jan)
- FEB**
- “Issues in Christian Missions”, EQUIP Programme – online course conducted by ND Manik Corea (5, 12, 19 and 26 Feb)
  - **Missions Conversations+:** “**Unleashing Young Missional Professionals**”, by Isaac Ong and Mervyn Lee, moderated by Joshua Sng (8 Feb)
  - Launch of **MC+ work-lab**, a co-creative workshop to innovate new missions tools
- MAR**
- **Missions Conversations+:** “**Returning Christian Migrant Workers & Professionals**”, by Elder Johnny Tan (Covenant EFC), Pastor Jingle Cortes (BBTC) & Pastor Joachim Tan (Riverlife Church), moderated by Pastor Amos Pang (BBTC) (1 Mar)
- APR**
- **Missions Conversations+:** “**Non-Resident Missioners & Strategic Short-Term Missioners**”, presented by Pastor Joseph Keh (Bethesda Cathedral) (5 Apr)
  - ND Manik Corea at COALA 3.0 Conference in Panama (22 Apr - 4 May)
- MAY**
- **Missions Conversations+:** “**Mobilising Tentmakers and Bi-vocational Mission Workers**”, by Kua Wee Seng and Rev. Chua Yeow San (3 May)
  - **MC+ Forum 2025:** Presentation of 6 MC+ work-lab projects (3 May)
  - “Understanding Church Planting and Holistic Mission”, EQUIP Programme – workshops conducted by ND at Trinity Theological College (10, 24, 31 May)
  - **SCGM Annual Lecture 2025: “Motus Dei and the Singapore Church”** featuring Dr Sam George, Director of the Billy Graham Centre’s Global Diaspora Institute at Wheaton College, USA, to be held at Singapore Bible College (29 May)
- JUNE**
- SCGM Volunteer Team Building (28 June)
- JULY**
- **SCGM Missions Coordinators Consultation** in Amari Hotel, JB (16-17 July)
- AUG**
- SCGM-UNITY Mission Interest Morning (16 Aug)
- SEPT**
- Missions Conversation: Diaspora Stories (6 Sept)
  - Creation Care Conference 2025 – ND as Closing Plenary Speaker (12-13 Sept)
- OCT**
- Licentiate in Mission Practice (LMP) Practicum Programme, a partner certification programme between SCGM and Trinity Theological College (dates TBC).
- NOV**
- Arise Asia Night of Prayer and Worship, a collaborative missions mobilisation event organised in partnership with Antioch21, SG500 and other mission stakeholders (29 Nov)
- DEC**
- Diaspora Consultation (date TBC)



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