



The Lausanne Movement

A FRESH VISION FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

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The Way Forward

By S. Douglas Birdsall,
Executive Chair

The Spirit of Lausanne is alive and well! For thirty years, the Lausanne movement has been used of God to strengthen the church and unite evangelicals globally. The Lausanne 2004 Forum in Thailand has re-energized and rejuvenated that movement and provided a refocused commitment to "The Whole Church Taking the Whole Gospel to the Whole World."

International Deputy Directors (IDDs) representing eleven regions of the world. These IDD's reflect the demographic transformation of the church in the thirty years since the first Lausanne Congress. They also represent the missionary vitality and theological freshness of the church in Asia, Africa and Latin America. (Photos and biographical information on the IDD's are on page 7.)

As this team of IDD's serves with the new International Director, Dr. Tetsunao "Ted" Yamamori, they will ensure that the perspectives and priorities from every region of the world are incorporated into the thinking and forward direction of Lausanne.

In its commitment to the task of world evangelization, the Lausanne Committee remains committed to the priority and centrality of establishing the church among people groups without a viable Gospel witness in their midst. This vision was first articulated by Dr. Ralph Winter at the 1974 Lausanne Congress and has been re-affirmed throughout the history of the movement.

Issue Groups

The 2004 Forum was organized primarily around thirty-one Issue Groups (IGs). The majority of these groups had been active more than a year prior to the Forum, studying, circulating papers and interacting with one another on the strategic missiological implications of their particular issue.

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A Perspective on the Future of the Lausanne Movement

Rev. Billy Graham first championed the concept of "the spirit of Lausanne" at the historic 1974 Congress in Switzerland. Dr. John Stott provided a rallying point for evangelicals in authoring the "Lausanne Covenant" which has been used more widely than any document in modern times to unite evangelicals on the basis and nature of world evangelization.

These ideals of the Lausanne movement were embraced by a fresh generation of leaders at the 2004 Forum. Together, with senior leaders, these younger participants experienced anew the three distinctive hallmarks of the movement: profound theological reflection; strategic thinking and; intercessory prayer. Lausanne is grateful for the godly leadership of Dr. Roger Parrott, 2004 Forum Chair, and Mrs. Robyn Claydon, 2004 Forum Program Chair, and their teams for their hard work and capable direction of every aspect of the Forum. (To read Dr. Parrott's reflections on how the 2004 Forum exceeded his expectations please go to www.lausanne.org.)

The Lausanne movement is propelled into the future with a fresh vision and a renewed call, as well as with a new team of leaders. For the first time in its history, the Lausanne International Executive Committee has established a team of

"The world obviously has changed hugely in a quarter of a century since 1974. The truth of the Gospel has not changed, but the challenges we face have. And challenges to the Gospel require theological reflection as well as pragmatic strategy. Lausanne represents both the combination of deep theological thought and engagement with strategic issues."

Chris Wright,
International Ministries Director,
Langham Partnership International



*Paul A. Cedar – Outgoing LCWE Executive Chair,
S. Douglas Birdsall – New LCWE Executive Chair,
Tetsunao Yamamori – New LCWE International Director and
David Claydon – Outgoing LCWE International Director*

(To read Dr. Cedar's and Dr. Claydon's thoughts on the 2004 Forum and their involvement with Lausanne please go to www.lausanne.org.)



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The conveners, facilitators and theologians who led each group had a clear understanding of their task as communicated by Forum leaders and organizers. The IGs would “provide not merely theoretical or hypothetical insights,” as important as this might be, but were also to produce “very practical proposals and suggested strategies that will be implemented under the guidance of the Holy Spirit in regions, nations, cities and local churches around the world—for the glory of God and the advancement of His Kingdom.”

With this foundational understanding, the IGs met to share their findings with the expectation that the fruit of their work would catalyze new mission initiatives. We believe this will develop in three primary ways:

1. Most of the groups have produced a document that will become a **Lausanne Occasional Paper**. These publications will be made available online to leaders as well as in print to libraries and mission centers worldwide.
2. Many IG leaders have made plans for **regional briefings and consultations** to share their findings and continue the work of refining their thinking. They will also consult with churches and mission organizations who seek to implement their proposals and suggested strategies.
3. **Leaders of the five Working Groups of Lausanne (Theology, Strategy, Intercession, Communication and Leadership) will interact with IG leaders** to refine the priority issues that will provide a more clearly focused agenda for the next decade of world evangelization.

This process was initiated during the final days of the 2004 Forum as a Convergence Group, under the leadership of Paul Eshleman, produced a Summary of Affirmations highlighting the major themes of the Forum. (For more on the Summary of Affirmations please go to page 3.)

Vision and Plans

The Lausanne movement represents a dynamic and organic network of churches, mission organizations, denominations, schools and individuals from various professions who are united in a shared commitment to the task of world evangelization as understood through the Lausanne Covenant.

In order for networks to remain dynamic, they must be periodically “gathered” so that they can be more effective as they are “scattered” among the nations in the actual work of evangelization through their respective callings, institutions and ministries. The following is a list of several future Lausanne gatherings:

Younger Leaders Conference — October 2006

The clearest call for the next Lausanne “gathering” came from the youngest participants at the 2004 Forum. Thus, plans are under way for a Lausanne Younger Leaders Gathering in October 2006. A leadership team will involve younger leaders in every dimension of the conference and program planning.



Issue Group 23: Reaching the Youth Generation

It is projected that some 500 participants will be selected from around the world. Dr. Todd Johnson, Director of the Centre for the Study of Global Christianity on the campus of Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary (Massachusetts, USA), is working with Lausanne leadership to develop a participant selection profile. This profile will ensure that selected participants will accurately reflect the demographics of the global church. The profile will include factors such as geographic distribution, gender, occupation (pastors, educators, missionaries, business people and professionals), theological and denominational representation.

HIV/AIDS Global Consultation — November 2005

It is increasingly apparent that the growing HIV/AIDS crisis represents an unprecedented challenge to the global body of Christ. Leaders at the 2004 Forum, particularly those in IG 4 Holistic Mission, articulated the conviction that the HIV/AIDS crisis is not only a medical, social, psycholog-

ical and economic issue, but also a missions issue of paramount importance.

Dr. Yamamori will provide overall leadership on this global Lausanne consultation on HIV/AIDS. Dr. Yamamori has just published a book entitled, *The Hope Factor: Engaging the Church in the HIV/AIDS Crisis*. As the title of the book implies, so also the global consultation will seek to provide hope as well as strategies and resources that enable the church to be more effectively engaged in responding to the crisis with a holistic demonstration and presentation of the Gospel.

Third Lausanne Congress on World Evangelization — 2010

Lausanne has begun exploring the possibility of convening a Third Lausanne Congress on World Evangelization in 2010. This would commemorate the 100th anniversary of the historic 1910 Edinburgh Conference and look forward to the mission challenges and opportunities of the 21st century.

The Congress will build upon the discoveries and proposals coming from the ongoing work of the Forum IGs. It will also incorporate discoveries made at many upcoming national and regional Lausanne consultations, the Global HIV/AIDS Consultation and the Younger Leaders Conference. The

Congress will be led by an international leadership team representing each region of the world and include younger leaders (brought into the movement through the Younger Leaders Gathering) and established senior leaders who are serving the church around the world.

Major issues to be addressed at the Third Lausanne Congress will likely include the following: The Uniqueness of Christ in a Pluralistic World; Evangelization and Church Planting among the World's Major Religions; Response to the HIV/AIDS Crisis; Impacting Global Youth Culture; Evangelization and Peace Making in an Age of Terrorism; Reaching Diaspora People; Bible Translation and Distribution—The Challenge of Literacy, Orality and Understanding, and others to be determined.

It is also anticipated that the Third Lausanne Congress will include times of worship giving expression to the creative and cultural richness of the church around the world. It is hoped that the power and

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beauty of God's people gathered together in worship will provide inspiration for new forms of “doxological evangelism.” We are of the conviction that the arts are to be redeemed as gifts of a creative God and that they are to be used as means of evangelism, particularly among youth cultures that are increasingly responsive to music, drama, dance and film.

Partnership

When Rev. Graham first spoke of “the spirit of Lausanne” he did so in terms of humility, prayer and partnership. Today, more than ever, the spirit of Lausanne finds its best expression in partnership. The Lausanne movement is committed to serving and working alongside global and regional organizations and networks that share the vision of world evangelization. Our desire is to build Christ-honoring friendships among those who lead these movements and to develop biblically informed partnerships and alliances that contribute to the unity and the strength of the Church in bearing witness to the transforming power of the Gospel.

The Lausanne movement has a rich history. By the providence of God and in dependence upon Him, we believe the movement has an even brighter future with a fresh contribution to the cause of world evangelization. We have reaffirmed our commitment to the ideals of the movement. The Lausanne Covenant provides the over-arching and uniting expression of these Biblical convictions. As a movement, we are humbly and expectantly committed to the vision of “The Whole Church Taking the Whole Gospel to the Whole World”—until Christ comes again.



Issue Group 6: Hidden and Forgotten People

2004 Forum: Common Themes and Concerns

By Paul Eshleman, 2004 Forum Convergence Group Chair and Lausanne Strategy Working Group Chair

Common challenges and barriers to world evangelization emerged at the 2004 Forum for World Evangelization. Thirty-one Issue Groups (IGs) grappled with some of the biggest hindrances to taking the gospel of Jesus Christ to the whole world.

A small group of leaders was commissioned to seek out common themes being raised by the IGs. These findings were published in the Lausanne 2004 Forum Summary Affirmations and are available on the Lausanne web site (www.lausanne.org).

Each morning, a “Convergence Time” was scheduled during the plenary sessions to help inform leaders of new evangelization insights being explored by the individual groups. This provided participants with ideas and visions for other facets of world evangelization.

The 31 IGs tended to organize under four major emphases:

1. **Mobilizing and Equipping the Church.** God has always intended that the church be “salt and light” to its community and the world. Perhaps some are not attracted to the message of Christ because the lives of His followers do not back up their words.
 2. **Making the Issue Clear.** In today's world, our message must be culturally appropriate, contextual and relevant. And it must also be clearly understood by those who have heard little of the message of Christ.
 3. **Adapting our Methodologies for Various Audiences.** God's primary method of reaching out to people has been to find people who will reflect His love and compassion. Yet He has also used media, technology and the arts as a means of effectively communicating His message.
 4. **Prioritizing the Most Neglected.** This was one of the most common and heart touching themes of the consultation. Why are there so many groups of people with so little access to the gospel? In well-churches areas, why are there so many groups ignored by the church?
- From these four streams of ministry came very specific recommendations and challenges:
1. We must **reach out to the 630 million people of the world who are physically disabled.**
 2. 2000 years after Christ gave His Great Commission there are still **6,000 groups with no church or little access to the gospel.**
 3. **Globalization no longer allows us to live out our faith with a cultural bias.** The political stances we take in one country may have disastrous consequences to our brothers and sisters in other places.
 4. **The AIDS pandemic must become a priority for the church** as the death-rate approaches 2 million people a year.
 5. Since **half of the world's population are oral learners, we must take new steps to reach them through stories and parables.**
 6. **200 million people in 3,000 language groups have no portion of the Scriptures available.** 60 Bible stories translated and recounted orally may provide them with an “Oral Bible.”
 7. We must continue to **seek racial, tribal and ethnic reconciliation within the Christian community.**
 8. **The church must deal with its own reluctance to reach out to the marginalized of society**—refugees, prostitutes, prisoners and victims of crime and abuse.
 9. The worldwide church must call for “**freedom of conscience**” laws in every country so that people are not forced by their citizenship or ethnicity to follow a particular religion.
 10. We must continually pray that **every person, young or old, man or woman, clergy or laity will feel empowered for ministry by the Lord and His church.**

These ten points of analysis reflect only a glimpse of the hundreds of creative and visionary ideas proposed by the individual Issue Groups. As the Convergence Group members participated in the various consultations there was an overriding sense of renewed enthusiasm and commitment to the command of our Lord to make disciples of all nations. The prospects of working together in partnership to plant His church among the unreached of our world remains the great vision and challenge for the decade.

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Introduction to Issue Groups

By Robyn Claydon,
2004 Forum Program Chair

One of the strengths of the 2004 Forum was that it was issue-based and outcome-oriented. Each Issue Group (IG) focused on one obstacle to evangelization in our currently rapidly changing world. People from 130 countries who were committed to, passionate about, or interested in one of these issues worked together by email, over the Internet and through phone calls for some months leading up to the Forum.

IGs were to reflect on the issue, prepare case studies and practical ideas. Groups were then asked to prepare a report not only about the work done but also on practical suggestions for the church to respond to the issues locally, nationally and globally. In the Forum IG reporting sessions it was exciting to see the enthusiasm and creative way they presented their material.

We believe local churches will be challenged and excited by the new ideas and practical suggestions for taking the gospel to those in the community not yet being reached. Papers and outcomes for each IG will be available on the Lausanne web site (www.lausanne.org) and through other means. I want to challenge you to be proactive in making sure that these reports are brought to the attention of the church.

As Program Chair, I have heard from so many people who felt blessed to be at the Forum and who particularly noted with gratitude that it was a grassroots, working, democratic Forum that enabled every participant to contribute. It was a great privilege to share with so many people who were seeking a **new heart, a new vision and a renewed call** to take the good news of the Lord Jesus to the world.



Issue Group 22: *Confronting Racial, Tribal and Ethnic Conflict within the Christian Community*



2004 Forum Issue Group Reports

IG 3: Persecuted Church

By Patrick Sookhdeo, *Convener*

Suffering, persecution and martyrdom are promised to the Body of Christ, and such has been the experience of most Christians from New Testament times onward. In the early 21st century, anti-Christian hostility and violence are on the increase. From Egypt to Indonesia, from Pakistan to Nigeria, Christians are suffering for their faith, some even to the point of martyrdom. In contexts as varied as Syria and Bangladesh, believers are anticipating growing persecution. This increasing persecution is facilitated by factors such as globalization, religious fundamentalism and revival, nationalism, economic issues and an aggressive and intolerant new brand of secularism.

The most important initiative to address this situation must be capacity building within and for the persecuted Church, by providing resources to sustain and strengthen the Church under pressure. Other key ways to assist the persecuted Church include advocacy and intercessory prayer.

A real partnership must be developed between the non-persecuted Church and the persecuted, a partnership whose primary results should be the encouragement of the persecuted and the edification of the non-persecuted. This partnership will also help to prepare the non-persecuted Church for future repression. To facilitate this partnership there will be a continuing Lausanne Issue Group on the Persecuted Church, to be known as the Lausanne Persecuted Church Forum.

IG 4: Holistic Mission: The Church in Response to HIV/AIDS: A People Compelled

By Evvy Hay Campbell, *Facilitator*

The enormity of global AIDS, presented and passionately discussed during a plenary panel session in our Holistic Mission Issue Group, caused us to take on the challenge of articulating a declaration of response for the evangelical church. An estimated 40 million people live with the virus today⁽¹⁾ making it one of the greatest pandemics of all time. Commercial sex, injecting drug use, contaminated blood supplies and sex outside of a faithful marriage relationship have all fueled the pandemic's explosion. Life expectancy has plummeted 20 years in Swaziland, Zimbabwe, Botswana and Lesotho⁽²⁾ and AIDS has presented a staggering challenge to health agencies, society, and the church.

Now is the time for Lausanne to make a global call for evangelical churches to take action on HIV/AIDS: learning from those already deeply engaged in a response, nurturing effective Christian global interaction and ministry, fulfilling scripture's mandate to compassionately care for the sick, orphans, and widows and addressing the issues of injustice and poverty that propel the epidemic forward. AIDS provides an opportunity for evangelism at all levels: from the grassroots family through international policy. The church must not fail to respond: we are a people compelled and must one day give an account for our response.

IG 4 has also released the declaration: "Holistic Mission and AIDS: The Challenge of Our Time to World Evangelization." The document is available online at www.lausanne.org.

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IG 18: Evangelization of Children

By Wendy Strachan, *Convener*

There are over 6 billion people in the world and over 2 billion are children under the age of 15. They are arguably the largest unreached people group in the world: the most vulnerable and the most receptive. George Barna's recent research in the United States, echoed by anecdotal evidence around the world, claims that: "...churches can have a very significant impact on the worldview of people, but they must start with an intentional process introduced to people at a very young age. Waiting until someone is in their teens or young adult years misses the window of opportunity."⁽³⁾

How might this happen—so that every child has the opportunity to choose to follow Jesus?

1. The Pattaya Scale

Defining 20 levels in the process whereby children move from being "unreached" to being part of the Great Commission and maps the partnerships that would identify and provide resources and training so that the local church could accomplish the task.

2. New Imaginative Strategies

- Prayer for every child in the world.
- Children empowered to be active participants in mission.
- Universal languages that raise life-issues that are addressed biblically.
- Culturally-appropriate media tools that provide entry points into evangelization.
- New ways of doing church so that children truly "belong."

3. Best Practice

Existing evangelistic initiatives for children must encourage long-term followers rather than short-term results. A checklist is offered that focuses on child-centred, relational, holistic strategies: this is followed by action plans for those encountering children in a variety of contexts.



Wingtai Leung, *Convener of Issue Group 19: Media and Technology*

(3): Barna George: Transforming Children into Spiritual Giants (USA, Regal Books, 2003) p66-7

4. Theological thinking and research must take children as seriously as God does.
5. Children must be considered in every evangelistic endeavour of the church.

IG 19: Media and Technology

By Wingtai Leung, *Convener*

In cities and most societies today, the media becomes the central shaping force and demise of our cultures and values. Media sets the agenda in a society. Media propaganda in the form of advertising and political persuasion is shaping the minds of the young.

The rise of communication technologies such as the Internet and digital media creates new threats and opportunities for evangelization. Globalization is slowly minimizing local media and culture and with this there is a loss of indigenous identities of the people. Western media and technologies are dominating the international flow of information. The Church needs to examine media and technology as it pertains to world evangelization.

How can the Church break the strongholds of the marketplace of ideas using the media, besides using the media as evangelistic tools? Does the Church understand the nature and impact of the media? How can Christian media focus on reaching the unreached people, the people at-risk, the youth and children in megacities, and the marginal people in diaspora? How can the Church target the media to specific people in context with specific needs? Does the *Whole Gospel* mean more than a conversion process? Would it include the redemptive mandate (the Great Commission), the expression of love (the Great Commandment) and cultural development (the Creation Mandate)? What are the implications for using the media for spreading the *Whole Gospel*? How can we nurture Christians who are called to become leaders in the global media?

IG 22: Confronting Racial, Tribal and Ethnic Conflict within the Christian Community: The Church on Her Knees

By Chris Rice, *Convener*

48 leaders from 25 countries engaged "Pursuing God's Reconciling Mission in a World of Destructive Conflicts." We gathered across historic and continuing divisions and conflicts, heard each others' stories of pain and hope, and confessed that we in the Christian community are often part of the division and conflict. We listened, debated, prayed, sang and danced and shared laughter and tears. We committed to form an ongoing transnational community of relationship and partnership.

"The church's action begins in repentance. In our final report to the Forum, we washed one another's feet as Tutsi and Hutu; Protestant, Catholic, and Orthodox; Israeli and Palestinian; black, white, and Asian; male and female. It was not a performance. We prayed, we prepared. In this living sign, I believe, the entire Forum received God's invitation into what the Holy Spirit is doing in this 21st century: drawing us to be the Church on her knees, washing feet across the boundaries that fragment the one body of Christ and God's world." Chris Rice

Some convictions arose among us: **Reconciliation is at the heart of the gospel and the church's life and mission, and is integral to evangelism and justice.**

Yet the church is being caught up in many destructive conflicts by our silence, neutrality, or even direct complicity. Until 1994, Rwanda was seen as one of the world's best-evangelized countries. Then came the genocide, with Christians widely involved. The church has often failed to adequately answer, "How did this happen, where did Christians fail, and where has our gospel been defective?"

From apartheid's recent history in South Africa, to "sectarianism" in Northern Ireland, to Dalit "untouchables" and caste in India, to the plight of Aboriginal peoples in Australia, to Palestinians and Israelis, Christians are often bitterly divided on both sides. This entire situation presents serious challenges for Christian witness in a shrinking world where divisions and conflicts are increasing.

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IG 25: Making Disciples of Oral Learners

By Avery Willis, *Convener*

Seventy percent of all people in the world are oral communicators—those who can't, don't, or won't learn through literate means. Four billion people in our world are at risk of a Christless eternity unless literate Christians make significant changes in evangelism, discipleship, leader training and church planting. These four billion people in our world need a customized strategy delivered in a culturally appropriate manner in order for them to hear, understand, respond to the gospel and reproduce disciples.

However, an estimated 90% of the world's Christian workers are using literate communication styles that don't communicate to oral learners. Literate approaches rely on lists, outlines, word studies, apologetics and theological jargon. Making disciples of oral learners means using communication forms that are familiar within the cultures: stories, proverbs, drama, songs, chants and poetry. Our Issue Group discovered that many churches and workers in relational cultures have found significant benefits to the chronological Bible storytelling approach in evangelism, discipleship, church planting and leader training.

During the Forum we formed a Lausanne Task Force on Making Disciples of Oral Learners to explore and implement all practical means to advance the cause of making disciples of oral learners worldwide.

We challenge churches and other Christian organizations to join us and ride the next wave of Kingdom advancement by developing and implementing methods for effective oral strategies. Partners, networks, seminaries, mission agencies, conference and workshop leaders and other Christian influencers are called upon to recognize the issues of orality in the world around them, become intentional about making disciples of oral learners, raise awareness, initiate oral communication projects and train missionaries and local leaders in chronological Bible storytelling as an effective church-planting strategy.



The Role of the Lausanne Covenant

By S. Douglas Birdsall, *Executive Chair*

The Lausanne Covenant has arguably⁽¹⁾ been the single greatest contribution of the Lausanne movement. In the history of evangelical Protestantism, it is the most well known and influential document ever produced with respect to world evangelization.

Since it was first signed by Dr. Billy Graham and Bishop Jack Dain, along with men and women from more than 150 countries who were present at the 1974 Lausanne Congress, the Covenant has provided a basis for unity among evangelicals in world missions.

As we look to the future of the Lausanne movement, the role of the Covenant will become increasingly important. Three factors necessitate a renewed commitment to the Covenant. The first factor is theological in nature—the challenge of pluralism. In an era where tolerance is extolled as a preeminent virtue, evangelicals must reaffirm the uniqueness of Christ⁽²⁾ and His claims to be the Savior of the world by virtue of His incarnation, atonement and resurrection.

The second factor is the need for greater unity and cooperation.⁽³⁾ Evangelicals today are in danger of continued fragmentation. We must reflect more profoundly on what Christ yearned for as He prayed for the spiritual oneness of His people.

Thirdly, the Covenant will provide a foundation for strategic planning for world evangelization. We must be aware of pressures that would drive the world mission enterprise on the basis of money, management and marketing priorities. Theology and mission practice must be kept together. The Lausanne Covenant provides a cogent expression of the relation between the two.

We will continue to utilize the Covenant as a basis for increased unity, as a practical guide for the outworking of the Gospel and as

a framework for more strategic witness to the world in which God has placed us. It is our prayer that the Covenant will provide inspiration for the "Whole Church to take the Whole Gospel to the Whole World."

"The Covenant seems to have stood the test of time, especially as it was elaborated in the Manila Manifesto, for two reasons. First, it spoke to the vital

issues of the day, which are still being debated. Secondly, it set the evangelization of the world in a broad context of the purpose of God, the authority of Scripture, the uniqueness of Christ, the mission of the church, the power of the Holy Spirit and the coming of Christ. World evangelization cannot be separated from these topics . . . perhaps the greatest hindrance

to world evangelization remains our failure to be what we profess to be. The (Lausanne) Covenant still challenges us to look like what we are talking about." John Stott



Jack Dain and Billy Graham signing the Lausanne Covenant (Courtesy Archives of the Billy Graham Center, Wheaton, Illinois)

(1): To read the Lausanne Covenant, please visit www.lausanne.org where the covenant is accessible in 13 major languages. (2): Article 3 of the Lausanne Covenant (3): Article 7 of the Lausanne Covenant

Introducing Lausanne's International Deputy Directors

By Tetsunao "Ted" Yamamori, *International Director*

The position of International Director has been in place since the beginning of the Lausanne movement. What is new since the 2004 Forum is the formation of positions for Lausanne International Deputy Directors (IDD), representing various regions of the world.

The International Director works closely with the Executive Chair to advance the vision of the Lausanne movement. That vision has been, is, and will continue to be to pray, plan and work together for the "Whole Church to take the Whole Gospel to the Whole World."

Given the challenge of world evangelization for the 21st century, Lausanne is providing a revitalized, fresh voice challenging the whole church to: recognize the urgency of reaching the unreached; help remove the obstacles to effective evangelism and; commend the holistic gospel of word and deed providing hope to the hopeless, a healing balm to the suffering and the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

The IDDs will nurture existing Lausanne constituents in their regions and seek out new relationships with ministries, organizations and networks that are committed to the Lausanne Covenant and world evangelization. The IDDs will share what happened at the 2004 Forum and what will happen in the coming months and years. They stand ready to assist any and all events related to Lausanne that take place in their regions and may organize strategic gatherings in their regions to advance the work of Lausanne.

Eleven leaders have agreed to serve as Lausanne International Deputy Directors.



LCWE International Deputy Directors and LCWE Leadership (front row l-r) Elke Werner, Tetsunao Yamamori, S. Douglas Birdsall, Daniel Bourdanne (back row l-r) Paul Choi, John Azumah, J. Norberto Saracco. Unavailable at the time of the photo: Agnes Liu, Adrian de Visser, Earl Robinson Fiodor Mokan, Sameh Maurice and Daniel Willis.

North Asia: Dr. Agnes Liu (Hong Kong). Dr. Liu is President of Jubilee Ministries. Holds a Ph.D. in anthropology from Chinese University of Hong Kong and a doctorate in missiology from Fuller Theological Seminary. She has written several books and handles eight languages with varying degrees of competency. Mother of three children.

East Asia: Dr. Paul Choi (Korea). Dr. Choi is Professor of Mission Studies at Seoul Theological University. Ordained as a pastor in the Evangelical Holiness Church. His Ph.D. dissertation at Asbury Seminary was published as *Preparing Korean Missionaries for Cross-Cultural Effectiveness*. He translated four missiological books into Korean. Married with two children.

South Asia: Rev. Adrian de Visser (Sri Lanka). Rev. Adrian de Visser is leader of Kithu Sevana.

Latin America: Dr. J. Norberto Saracco (Argentina). Dr. Saracco is President of International Faculty of Theological Education. Holds a Ph.D. from University of Birmingham, England. Author of *History and Theology of the Argentine Pentecostal Movement* and *The Pentecostal/Catholic Dialogue: A Latin American Perspective*. Married with three children and one grandson.

Eastern Europe: Rev. Fiodor Mokan (Russia). Rev. Mokan is Rector of St. Petersburg Theological Seminary. His immediate plans include enrolling in a Ph.D. program and advancing the work of Lausanne in Eastern Europe.

Western Europe: Mrs. Elke Werner (Germany). Mrs. Werner is a secondary school teacher for religion and fine arts. She is a preacher, lecturer and frequent speaker in conferences and churches all over Europe. Author of ten books in the fields of women, religion and counseling.

Anglophone Africa: Dr. John Azumah (Ghana). Dr. Azumah holds a Ph.D. in Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations.

Research Fellow at Akrofi-Christaller Centre in Ghana. Authored *The Legacy of Arab-Islam in Africa, Let Your Light Shine: Christian Witness in Muslim Context, and Light on Islam: What Non-Muslims Need to Know about Islam*. Married with three children.

Francophone Africa: Dr. Daniel Bourdanne (Ivory Coast). Dr. Bourdanne is Regional Director of International Fellowship for Evangelical Students (IFES) and Director of Presses Bibliques Africaines. Holds a doctorate in biology. Edited two books. Married with four children.

North Africa/Middle East: Dr. Sameh Maurice Tawfik (Egypt). Dr. Maurice is a general surgeon and co-Pastor of Kasr El Dobarah Evangelical Church in Cairo, the largest church in Egypt and the Middle East (7,000 people in attendance). Received a call to full-time ministry and was ordained in 1993. Married with three sons.

North America: Colonel Earl Robinson (Canada). Colonel Robinson was The Salvation Army's international headquarters Secretary for Spiritual Life Development and International External Relations from 1997-2005. Also served as chair of the Army's international doctrine council which co-authored *Salvation Story, Salvation Story Study Guide* and *Servants Together*. Married with two children and one grandson.

Australia/Oceania: Rev. Daniel Willis (Australia). Rev. Willis is CEO of Bible Society NSW, National Secretary of Bible Society in Australia and Executive Officer for Bible Society Western Australia. Married with three adult children.

These IDDs are well credentialed and committed to the vision and spirit of Lausanne. Please be praying for them as they assume their Lausanne responsibilities over and above their current ministry leadership positions.



Disability ministry advocate Joni Eareckson Tada, speaking to the Forum. Tada also served as Co-Convener of IG 6: Hidden and Forgotten People



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2004 Forum for World Evangelization Lausanne Occasional Papers (LOPS)

Lausanne Occasional Papers produced by the 2004 Forum for World Evangelization Issue Groups will be available soon on the Lausanne web site—www.lausanne.org. The LOPs will be produced first in English and then in other languages as capable volunteer translators are available. While the papers will be presented incrementally, Lausanne leaders desire to have the majority of the LOPs online by mid-2005. At that time, the LOPs will be accessible for downloading and printing.

Plans are also being made for an LOP CD-ROM for purchase. In addition, a printed compendium of the Forum LOPs will be offered for purchase through the William Carey Library.

Upcoming Lausanne Gatherings

Regional Youth Leadership Training

August 16-18, 2005, Cairo, Egypt. Challenging a younger generation of leadership.

HIV/AIDS Global Consultation

November 2005, Southeast Christian Church, Louisville, KY, USA.

Providing hope, strategies and resources that will enable the church to be more effectively engaged in responding to the HIV/AIDS crisis with a holistic demonstration and presentation of the Gospel.

Younger Leaders Gathering

October 2006, Bangkok, Thailand. Advancing the movement of the whole church taking the whole gospel to the whole world by connecting, developing and inspiring the next generation of leaders.

Third Lausanne Congress on World Evangelization, 2010,

Location in Asia to be determined. Commemorating the 100th anniversary of the historic 1910 Edinburgh Conference and addressing the mission challenges and opportunities of the 21st century.

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“The Lausanne Conference catapulted the Making Disciples of Oral Learners issue to the forefront of the missions world. With the insights we are gaining from research and collaboration, our prayer is that it will become as significant as Ralph Winter’s call to reach the ‘hidden peoples’ of the world at Lausanne 1974. Christians have the opportunity to evangelize, disciple, plant churches and train leaders in these unreached people groups of the world in our generation, but only if we use appropriate communication styles with oral learners. The church today must embrace oral communicators as partners— together making disciples of all peoples to the glory of God!”

Avery Willis



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