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AGORA WEA MISSION COMMISSION WORLD FORUM

Agora is the Greek word for market place, forum, where people gathered for dialogue, discussions, sharing information or just for being together (Acts 17:17). **Agora** is an open forum for the MC Associates, MC Task Forces and Networks as a complement to the magazine **Connections**. Brief texts and news for publication in **Agora** can be sent to our office: bekstrom@world-evangelical.org

Agora is also available at our www.weaconnections.com

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Streams under an Oak...Musings*

Can we deal with the hard issues related to partnership and co-operation in mission? This is certainly one of the concerns many of us, particularly during this year of so many celebrations and affirmation of unity and desire for collaboration. Event after event

reaffirm the need and the search for co-operation at the same time that we seem to achieve very little in practical terms to really advance in this matter.

Building a common platform of trust and understanding is certainly a good way of starting. In many cases, though, leaders of Evangelical movements and networks know it each other quite well. In some cases, perhaps, too well.

However there is hope. When writing this I have started my journey to the Cape Town Event. I will visit Mozambique first and then some days in South Africa before the conference start on the 16th. Cape Town will be a new opportunity for building and strengthening relationships, for discussions around central themes related to evangelism and mission, for leaders of organisations and networks to discover common goals and avoid duplication, for executives of mission agencies in the North and in the South to find ways of sharing resources, and so on and so forth. If we close this year of 2010, with all the global meetings and the millionaire investment in conferences, without a sense of clear advance for the sake of the Gospel perhaps it is time to think of other ways of getting to know each other and building partnerships.

Bertil Ekström



GLOBAL MISSION ROUNDTABLE IN THE UK

In August of this year in the UK, the MC took the initiative to assemble the senior leadership of worldwide Evangelical missional networks for a Global Mission Roundtable. Some 42 leaders participated during five days, investing time in sustained prayer, fellowship and honest listening to each other and to God. There was consensus after the roundtable that the time together, without a specific agenda and focusing more on “being” than on “doing”, had qualitatively strengthened our relationships and the needed trust between leaders in order for there to be authentic co-operation



Participants at the Global Mission Roundtable – All Nations, UK.

NEXT CONNECTIONS

The most recent edition of **Connections** focuses on Arts and Mission. John Franklin and Robin Harris have co-edited this edition and done a fantastic job. It is a double issue with rich material regarding the importance and the use of arts in mission. The magazine has been prepared just in time for the Cape Town event. Many of you will receive the magazine in a few days, but there will also be issues available in Cape Town. For more information please check our website: www.weaconnections.com



REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

2010

October

16-25 – Lausanne III, Cape Town, South Africa

A significant number of MC Associates will attend the Cape Town event and as MC we plan to gather the associates on Tuesday (19th) and Friday (22nd) during dinner time. The place reserved for us is Room 1.61. We can bring the dinner with us to the room although there are no tables so we will have to use our laps.

December

8-9 - Finish the Task Strategy Group, California USA. Contact: Terri Batson,
Terry.Batson@ccci.org

2011

March

14-17 Iberoamerican mission leaders gathering, Panama. Contact: decarvalho@comibam.org

April

2-9 Vision 5:9 Network Assembly, Bali, Indonesia. Contact: Derek Wong –
Derek.wong@fconsult.net

October

10-14 6th Brazilian Mission Congress, Caldas Novas, Brazil.
www.congressobrasileirodemişsoes.com

November

5-10 Mission Commission Global Consultation, Germany

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February

20-24 European Membercare Conference, Schönblick, Germany, www.membercareeurope.com

November

5th COMIBAM International Assembly

MISSION COMMISSION CONSULTATION IN 2011

The next Mission Commission Global Consultation will be in November, 5-10, at the Christian Centre Schönblick, in Württemberg, Germany. Please book the date!! More information soon.



1ST ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN FILM FESTIVAL IN SOUTH AFRICA

One Week Festival throughout five Cities in South Africa and
Cape Town 2010 five day Film Festival - Lausanne World Congress
October 15-23, 2010

“powerful, inspiring, faith affirming, evangelistic, transforming stories”

More information at arrival in Cape Town.

CONNECTED 2010

a dynamic global mission forum

A leaders conference seeking to be...

- _ Connected to God
- _ Connected to His Word
- _ Connected to His Mission
- _ Connected to His World

20-22 October 2010

Venue: His People N1 Goodwood, Cape Town

Event Sponsored by: WENSA, TEASA, MANI, CCC,

Mission Mobilisers Network, Great Commission Ministries,
World Thrust & Kingfisher Mobilising Service

During the time when thousands gather in the Cape Town 2010 Evangelism Congress, you can connect here locally to pray, participate and promote God's Mission Advance from Africa. Key visiting speakers, like Rick Warren, Joseph de Sousa, Peter Mayden, Tim Keller and workers from the Arab Peninsula and Chinese Church are invited to share. Register at info@Kfmc.co.za
Early-bird Conference Fee: R250 (before 31 July) includes material and refreshments, but not meals, transport or accommodation.

WRITERS TO THE LAUSANNE WORLD PULSE

In September, Lausanne World Pulse (LWP, www.LausanneWorldPulse.com) began its 6th year of being online. We thank the Lord for His blessings and guidance as readership and impact grows and are very appreciative of the partnership Lausanne has with the Billy Graham Center in producing this e-zine.

Here are the specifics on writing an article:

- *Length:* 1000-1200 words
- *Deadline:* At least three months prior to their publication
- *Language:* Articles should be submitted in English but we also post articles in the native language of the author as available
- Because not every article in every issue reflects the major editorial topic, articles from the broad spectrum of missions and evangelism are welcome at any time.

Please feel free to email me (nfrizzell@lausanne.org) if you have questions or need clarification on anything related to www.LausanneWorldPulse.com.

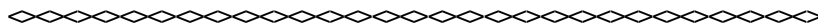
Thank you for your help!

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Lausanne World Pulse

2011 Editorial Calendar

January/February

Cape Town Commitment

Possible articles:

- Unpacking the Belief and Intent Statements and their relevance to the global church

March

The Power of Partnerships

Possible articles:

- Mission Africa stories
- Working together in mutual servanthood
- Integrity in mission partnerships

April

The Power of the Resurrection

Possible articles:

- The model of Christ's sacrifice
- The role of communion

May

The Power of Personal Testimony

Possible articles:

- Sharing our faith stories effectively
- Storytelling and the Gospel
- Relational evangelism

June/July

The Power of Discipleship

Possible articles:

- Examples from churches where discipleship is a priority
- Modeling and mentoring in discipleship

August

The Power of Integrity

Possible articles:

- Missions and money
- What does it mean to be "pro-life" in every area of life?

- Accountability in mission statistics
- Christians and pornography

September

Women on the Cutting Edge of Mission

Possible articles:

- Stories of women and their ministries

October/November

Cape Town 2010: 1 Year Following

Possible articles:

- Analysis of the impact of CT2010
- Personal stories of post-CT2010
- The road forward from CT2010

December

Early Church Models of Mission and Evangelism

Possible articles:

- Emphasizing the examples of the early church:
 - Community
 - Dealing with persecution
 - Spiritual disciplines such as Bible study, fasting, prayer, solitude

Bulletins and Websites

Many resources and updated mission information are available on the websites and in the bulletins of our networks, partners and associates. The list below is a sampler of some of the MC global partners.

MC related Networks:

International Missionary Training Network – IMTN - theimtn.org/tiki-index.php

Global Member Care Network – GMCN - www.globalmembercare.com/

Refugee Highway Partnership – RHP - refugeehighway.net/

Tentmakers International – TI - tentmakersinternational.com/

International Partnership Associates – www.betterpartnerships.net

Ethne - www.ethne.net/

Regional Mission Movements:

COMIBAM, Latin America – www.comibam.org

EEMA, Europe – www.europeanema.org

MANI, Africa – www.maniafrica.com/

CARIBBEAN – www.caribbeanevangelical.org

National Mission Movements

Africa:

Nigeria Evangelical Missions Association – www.nematoday.org/index.php

WENSA, South Africa - www.wensa.org.za/

Asia:

Philippines Mission Association - www.cybermissions.org/pma/

Indian Mission Association – www.imaindia.org

Singapore Centre for Global Missions - www.scgm.org.sg

Japan Evangelical Missionary Association – www.jema.org

Japan Overseas Missions Association – www.joma.mydns.jp

National C. E. Alliance, Sri Lanka - www.nceasl.org/NCEASL/missions/home.php

Korean World Mission Association – kwma.org/eng/index.html

Malaysian Center for Global Missions – www.mcgm.net.my

Europe:

Global Connections, UK - www.globalconnections.co.uk/

Swedish Mission Council - www.missioncouncil.se

Norwegian Council for Mission and Evangelism – www.norme.no

Danish Mission Council – www.dmr.org

AEM, Switzerland – www.aem.ch (German)

EZA, Netherlands – eza.nl (Dutch)

AEM, Germany – www.aem.de (German)

Latin America:

Brazilian Association of Cross-Cultural Missions, Brazil – www.amtb.org.br (Portuguese)

COMIMEX, Mexico – www.comimex.org (Spanish)

FEDEMEC, Costa Rica – www.fedemec.org (Spanish)

North America:

Cross Global Link, USA – www.crossglobalink.org/

Mission Exchange, USA – themissionexchange.org/

Evangelical Fellowship of Canada - www.evangelicalfellowship.ca/

South Pacific:

Mission Interlink, Australia – www.missionsinterlink.org.au

Mission Interlink, New Zealand – www.missions.org.nz

Now to him who is able to establish you by my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery hidden for long ages past, but now revealed and made known through the prophetic writings by the command of the eternal God, so that all nations might believe and obey him – to the only wise God be glory for ever through Jesus Christ! Amen. (Romans 16: 25-27)

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