ASIA REGIONAL CONSULTATION

INTEGRAL MISSION AND THE PUBLIC SQUARE

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THE CHURCH IN THE PUBLIC SQUARE?

A significant part of our lives are lived in the public square where shared concerns for society and its wellbeing are expressed, debated and worked out. Government structures, civil society, community gatherings at a grass-roots level are all spheres of the public square that shape community wellbeing. Our regional consultation seeks to unpack the why and the how, and explore what the church’s role is in the public square within the Asian context. As a minority faith group, often restricted and marginalised, the space to engage is sometimes assumed to be too difficult? Through robust discussion, drawing on theology and good practice examples, we hope to discern what God is calling us to say and do (integral mission), both regionally and nationally in Asia.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- Understand, articulate and contextualise our theology for the public square.
- Rethink church and mission in view of our understanding of the Kingdom of God and what is required of us.
- Outline our understanding of what a flourishing community looks like, and to explore good practice approaches to enable communities to live life in all its fullness.
- Review the role of the aid and mission organisations, local churches, faith groups, government and business in the pursuit of a transformed community.
- Explore what discipling a nation entails and how we can effectively advocate for good policies and practices to be applied. This includes the role of campaigning, lobbying and advocacy as a means for good and lasting change.
- Discuss the emerging role of social media, communication, arts, music and research as an essential platform for awareness raising and advocating for good practice.
- Rethink interfaith engagement as the church faces the public square.
- Explore peace and reconciliation processes within the public square.
- Discern together the importance of engaging the up-and-coming generations in the public square.
- Explore God’s Word and review our theological understanding of God’s perspective for the church, the Kingdom of God and the Public Square.
- Explore specific issues of concern within Integral Mission and the Public Square including: disaster mitigation and resilience, conflict and reconciliation, good leadership, Kingdom lifestyle, restorative economy, gender issues, urban shalom, good governance, creation care and the Sustainable Development Goals.
Micah Regional Consultations provide platforms for transnational and cross-cultural engagement around a shared vision.

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

The five days will follow the following themes ...

UNDERSTANDING THE PUBLIC SQUARE
Political & public engagement, civil participation, church engagement

DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES
Influencing policy, pursuing truth & justice, discipling a nation

ANTI-CORRUPTION ISSUES
Corruption issues such as indigenous people and land rights, good governance, anti-corruption initiatives and more

PEACE AND RECONCILIATION
Addressing conflicts, refugee crisis, inter-faith, inter-racial and inter-generational relations, as well as debates on current divisive issues

CREATION CARE
Prevention, protection, promoting good practice, restoration

PROGRAMME OUTLINE

- Morning reflections drawing on Biblical characters and their public square engagement
- Plenaries to unpack daily core themes
- M-phatics for member led presentations
- Open space for consultation and sharing
- Workshops for in depth learning
- Plenary forum for brainstorming

Delegates will be given space to share learning around topics of interest, as well as to present papers on new initiatives and challenging reflections to prompt rich discussion and shared learning. Case studies from various contexts will be reviewed and opportunities to raise questions for further discussions will be provided throughout the week. The outcomes from consultations include partnerships and synergies being formed through the networking opportunities.
What will it offer?
- Dialogue and discussion about Integral Mission and the Public Square
- Working groups that address topics with theological and practical application so as to
  provide ideas for further application
- Networking and synergies for cooperation and partnership
- Opportunities to share best practices
- Biblical and theological reflections
- Worship and intercession
- Extra community tour on Friday pm and Saturday after the Consultation at extra cost

Who should be there?
- Aid and mission organisation leaders and practitioners
- Church leaders and pastors
- Social activists
- Youth leaders in Christian movements and churches
- Theologians and lecturers
- Young people who are passionate about justice, poverty reduction and conflict resolution

Special Focus on Asia Young People
The programme has especially been designed alongside Micah Young People and sessions are designed to
engage ideas and learning, questions and concerns from our up-and-coming generation.

When?
Monday 26 October to Friday 30 October 2020, with arrivals encouraged for Sunday 25th October 2020.
(Please note there is an extra community tour Friday - Saturday after the Consultation at extra cost, so plan to
leave on Sunday if you are keen to participate. Costs of this tour will be communicated closer to the time.)

Where?
Chang Gung Health and Culture Centre, Taoyuan, Taiwan
Website: https://www1.cgmh.org.tw/cgv/
VISA

Delegates are responsible for ensuring they have a VISA and for all associated costs and paperwork.

A VISA is required for some nationalities. Please check with your local embassy prior to travel. Visa on arrival has been negotiated for delegates who have registered and sent through the required visa information in a timely manner (ideally 8 weeks prior to the start of travel). Please contact Micah at events@micahglobal.org for more information.

Please note: where possible, if you can acquire a visa from your country prior to travel, please do. The visa on arrival option is especially for those who do not have easy access to the visa application facilities.

"LET US STAND UPRIGHT"

"To all who believe that there is a sovereign God who rules over the affairs and doings of nations, let us heed these words from a church father named Cyprian as the Roman Empire crumbled and tottered before his eyes: “Let us stand upright amid the ruins of the world, and not lie on the ground as those who have no hope.”

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REGISTRATION

Register here: https://forms.gle/kBD9YxA15VPudaP1A

International: events@micahglobal.org

National (Taiwan): RD@mustard.org.tw

COST (IN US $)

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The cost will cover airport transfers, 5 nights of accommodation
(Package: Dinner time Sunday to lunch time Friday, 5 days of meals, conference materials and conference administration/organisation. Note that to qualify for member status, the member organisation or individual must have made a membership contribution in the last 12 months. This price does not include: Special outings planned for mid week or post conference. VISA costs. Health insurance.
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Micah Asia and The Mustard Seed Mission

About Micah Global

Vision: Communities living life in all its fullness, free from extreme poverty, injustice and conflict.

Micah's Mission: Rooted in the Gospel, we become agents of change together with communities by:

- Inspiring, equipping and enabling one another to respond effectively in word and deed
- Uniting, mobilising and standing together to address poverty, injustice and conflict with a clear prophetic voice

Micah 6:8 - What does the Lord require of us but to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with God.

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Enquiries

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