



Annual Conference AGENDA

June 6-8, 2017 | Wesley Methodist Centre | Singapore

Theme: TENSIONS OF THE KINGDOM

MONDAY, JUNE 5

- 10:00 AM** Board of Directors meeting
6:00 PM Welcoming Event **Santosh Gnanakan & Lawrence Ko**
Venue: YWCA Fort Canning Lodge

TUESDAY, JUNE 6

Host of the day - Ching Ching Chong

- 8:30 AM** Devotions & Prayer
9:00 AM Plenary Session I - **Kevin Mannoia**
Introduction of Resourcing Track Leaders
Orientation to the program
10:00 AM BREAK
10:30 AM Resourcing Tracks (first rotation)
Please select two of the three tracks you would like to attend during the conference:

A. CHRISTIANITY AND WORLD RELIGIONS

(Dr Christine Schirmacher and Dr Todd Pokrifka)

Islam is a growing global religious presence. Yet, many of us, both as individuals and institutions, have little understanding of Islam or how to engage it in society and in higher education. Although there are foundational differences between Christianity and Islam that cannot be reconciled, there are also points of commonality that could potentially lead to opportunities.

B. ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

(Dr Chris Elisara and Mr Lawrence Ko)

As a Christian community, we have a mandate not only to care for our fellow humans, but also for creation. The pursuit of both of these goals has often lapsed into a conflict between economic

development and environmental stewardship, especially in the development community. Human wellbeing is often reduced to increases in per capita GDP, which is then pursued at the expense of the environment. This track explores the tension between these two noble goals and offers a reconciliatory approach from a Biblical perspective.

C. DIVERSITY AND DISCRIMINATION

(Dr Frances Wu & Dr Kevin Smith)

Increasingly, our societies are becoming racially, ethnically, socio-economically, and nationally diverse. At no time in the history of the world have we seen such mobility, both within and among societies. The higher education institutions of tomorrow will be increasingly diverse. The reactions worldwide have trended in two directions. On the one hand, societies have become more open, embracing diversity as an enrichment of the social fabric. On the other hand, societies are becoming more closed and discriminatory, fearing a loss of identity and unwanted competition for employment and resources. What is the Christian response to these trends? Do we as believers advocate the elimination of barriers to immigration, open borders, and global freedom of movement, or ought we side with those who express concern for the dilution of national identities, the subversion of cultural values, and the unwelcomed drain on national resources? This track examines the Biblical values of hospitality and kindness to the foreigner against the background of the corrosion of cultures, especially Christian cultures, by increasingly pluralistic societies.

12:00 PM	LUNCH
1:30 PM	Resourcing Tracks (first rotation continued)
3:00 PM	BREAK
3:30 PM	Annual ICHE Membership Meeting - Ken Gnanakan
4:30 PM	BREAK
6:00 PM	Dinner
7:00 PM	Asia Regional Network meeting - Frances Wu & Lawrence Ko

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

Host of the Day - Santosh Gnanakan

9:00 AM	Devotions & Prayer - Ernest Chew
9:30 AM	Session III – Working Groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Credit exchanges among ICHE member/accredited institutions.

- b. Degree recognition among ICHE member/accredited institutions.
 - c. Program sharing among ICHE member institutions.
- 10:30 AM** BREAK
- 11:00 AM** Resourcing Tracks (**second rotation**)
Please join the second track you have selected:
- A. Christianity and World Religions
 - B. Environmental Stewardship and Economic Development
 - C. Diversity and Discrimination
- 12:30 PM** LUNCH
- 2:00 PM** Resourcing Tracks (**second rotation continued**)
- 3:30 PM** BREAK
- 4:00 PM** Plenary Session IV – Working Groups Report & Discussion:
- a. Credit Exchanges
 - b. Degree Recognition
 - c. Program Sharing
- 5:30 PM** BREAK
- 6:00 PM** Dinner
- 7:00 PM** Bus Tour of Singapore
- 8:15 PM** Free at Marina Centre for Light & Water Show or exploring

THURSDAY, JUNE 8

Host of the Day - Nicole Roberts

- 9:00 AM** Devotions & Prayer
- 9:30 AM** Regional Reports:
- a. West Africa ICHE - **Emiola Nihinlola**
 - b. Asia Pacific ICHE - **Lawrence Ko**
- 10:30 AM** Closing Prayer and Departure - **Kevin Mannoia**

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