

Appendix B: MICN Strategic Intent

Values

International churches that are missional in orientation, perspective, purpose, and practice;

- A holistic approach to ministry and mission
- The church as catalyst in Kingdom initiatives
- Partnership in the task of world mission
- Networking, equipping and mentoring of leaders
- Unity within our ethnic and theological diversity
- Reproducible and sustainable models

Purposes

- Envision: inspire IC leaders to envision missional
- Encourage: Care for the whole person of the IC leader
- Engage: Connect with the fellow IC leaders through network

Mission

We intend to facilitate a world-wide movement of missional international Churches

Vision

A network of IC leaders who inspire to be missional, care for the whole person, and journey together

What does MICN look like in five years?

- 1) **Envision:** fulfilled?
 - a) Publish a well-written book about missional IC & leadership
 - b) MICN had major impact on 80% of IC leaders in network
 - c) Influence IC leaders outside network/conference
 - d) Strong web presence with resources and social networking
- 2) **Encourage:** services?
 - a) Have a well written conference plan for 3years in advance
 - b) Have a program to equip new IC leaders as they start out
 - c) Network counselling services for IC leaders in our region
- 3) **Engage:** extend?
 - a) Reached out to most IC leaders throughout the whole Asia-ME region
 - b) Be the go-to resources for IC leaders in our region
 - c) Continue switching conferences between ME, SE, Asia and E-Asia
 - d) Promote country/regional gatherings of IC leaders
 - e) Facilitate ongoing networking at conferences

Overarching Goals

- 1) Conference organization
 - a) Upcoming conference details
 - b) Future conferences
- 2) Sustainable leadership
 - a) Meet in October in a strategic place to strengthen network
 - b) Meet during conference
 - c) Recruit new members during conference
- 3) Communication

- a) Monthly e-newsletter
- b) Articles on missional during conference
- 4) Web site
 - a) Up-to-date center of information on MICN
 - b) Go-to place for IC related resources
 - c) Social networking integrated
- 5) Networking
 - a) Extend our regional networks
 - b) Extend our para-church networks

Conferences

Four emphasis:

1. **Missional theology:** why missions, Gospel of kingdom, discipleship
2. **Contextualization:** cultural dynamics, theology, practices
3. **Whole church sent:** leadership, mobilization, multicultural, processes
4. **Incarnational involvement:** relational vs programmatic, implementation, city transformation

Felt needs:

1. Scratch the itch
2. Meet personal felt needs
3. Dilemmas and challenges unique to ICs
4. Creating time & space to connect people

5-year Conference Schedule:

| Year | Dates: | Easter | Region | Location | Speaker | Theme |
|------|----------|--------|--------------|-------------|-------------|---|
| 2011 | 4-8/4 | 24/4 | ME | Dubai | Bob Roberts | Mobilizing members to serve in domains of society |
| 2012 | 16-20/4 | 08/4 | Asia | Hanoi | C.B Samuel | Holistic Mission |
| 2013 | 15-19/4 | 31/3 | ME | Kuwait? | Swanson | City Transformation? |
| 2014 | 28/4-2/5 | 20/4 | Asia | Phuket, HK? | | Contextualization? |
| 2015 | 20-24/4 | 05/4 | ME/Lausanne? | | | |

Typical IC cases:

1. Political: Open vs. closed country, democratic vs. totalitarian
2. Economic: Developing vs. economic influential
3. Religious: Islamic vs. Buddhist, Taoist, Hindu vs. Secular
4. Expat: minority vs. majority, tourists vs. political/commercial centers; diverse, transient, influential

Objectives 2011/12

1. Write-up one page description of IC and Missional – Graham by 1/12/10
2. Intentionally network with parachurch organizations who provide relevant services for ICs, asking to send resources (if not a person) to share at the conference – all by 1/3/11

3. Extend our network throughout ME-Asia with a focus on 10/40 window – Cam for ME by 31/1/11; Jacob for Asia by 30/11/10
4. Develop conference organization handbook – Graham initial revision; Karin tracks hospitality; Brad tracks logistics and member care; Graham tracks content planning; Jacob & Kyle track communication & online registration; Jacob tracks overall process; complete by 8/4/11
5. Identify strategic location for next leadership meeting – Jacob by 4/4/11
6. Compile book of past and relevant articles? – Jacob?

Appendix

1. The Kingdom of God: All kingdom power and authority has been given to the Lord Jesus. He now rules to implement the promises and purposes of God to transform, renew and purify “all things” that through the cross, God is reconciled to all that He has made. His rule brings eternal life and forgiveness to all in Him; justice and peace to the nations; and the restoration of persons and societies, families and communities, economics and environments, systems and structures, in accordance with His character and will. All that is beyond redemption will be removed. All that is perfected, the wealth and glory of the kings and the nations, will be taken through into the new earth.
2. This Kingdom is holistic because Jesus rules over the whole of all God has made and His agenda is to bring all things into submission to Him that they might be either condemned by Him or reconciled to Him.
3. Missional: The mission of God’s people is the mission of Jesus (John 17:18). By word, deed, sign and prayer, God’s servants are called to engage with the world and its people with the same holistic Kingdom agenda as Jesus; such engagement is to be contextualized and relational. Through His Word and Spirit and through His people, Jesus continually increases the impact of His Kingdom in the lives of individuals and in all the nations of the earth.

To be missional is to be characterized by all that this Kingdom and this mission represent. It is an orientation for all of the life and practice. It is a perspective that features the calling to be servant sent into the world. It is a vision for the Kingdom to be increasingly manifest in all of life. It is a willingness to play one’s part in whatever God may be doing to increase the impact of the rule of Christ. Missional churches seek to engage the whole body in this perspective and engagement.