

THE CHURCH AS AN AMBASSADOR FOR RECONCILIATION

Micah Eastern Europe and Central Asia
Regional Consultation



18-20 May 2017
Light to the World Church,
Chisinau, Moldova

In Cooperation with



Eastern Europe and Central Asia has experienced many conflicts during the last twenty-seven years: ethnic, religious, inter-religious, inter-denominational and even between churches from the same denomination, as well as wars and civil wars. At the same time, Christianity came to this region hundreds of years ago, churches are big, and Christians have access to the public sphere. In many cases churches are concerned with self-protection and growth in numbers, and don't show their passion for peace-making and conflict resolution.

Jesus' Great Commandment in the Gospel of John speaks of Shalom as a preamble for mission. This consultation aims to explore the theological affirmation that the local church is the agent for God's true peace, and to emphasise and learn from good practice from the region and other parts of the world.

Aims and Objectives of the Consultation

This consultation is undertaken in cooperation with INFEMIT Europe (International Fellowship of Mission as Transformation), WEA Peace and Reconciliation Network (PRN), The Studio of Innovative Leadership and Micah Global.

- To understand, articulate and contextualise the theology of Reconciliation.
- To enable INFEMIT Europe to gather around the theology and praxis of integral mission.
- To explore and outline the church we *want* and *need* in order for the church to be an agent of change in Eastern Europe and Central Asia.
- To review how good practices can be combined with good theology, and vice-versa.
- To create a network and movement of churches, aid and mission organisations and civil activists from the region who will work together for Peace and Reconciliation.
- To explore and connect how Peace and Reconciliation is an outworking of integral mission.
- To inspire one another through our experiences and application of integral mission and explore further synergies.

Consultation approach

- Dialogue and discussion about Integral Mission and Shalom.
- Presentation and consultative discussions to discern together how best to be a catalyst for transforming mission in this region.



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- Working groups that address topics with a theological and practical application to provide ideas for further application.
- Networking and synergies for co-operation and partnership.
- Opportunities to share best practices.
- Consultation around issues of concern and seeking a way forward together.
- Biblical and theological reflection.
- Worship and intercession.

Programme overview

- Micah 6:8 and integral mission
- Shalom as the goal of Missio Dei
- Church as Ambassador for peace
- Mission and justice
- Mission and love and kindness
- Mission and walking with God
- Integral Mission and the Common Good
- Cultural abuse and prejudices

Registration Information

The conference will take place at **Light to the World** church, Pan. Halippa str.#1, Chisinau, Moldova. Accommodation is at the **Vila Verde Hotel**, Grenoble str. 110, Chisinau (<http://vila-verde.md/en/>). Registration cost per participant is:

Micah Membership Status	Cost
Member	\$15 US
Non-Member	\$25 US

The cost covers transfers from Vila Verde hotel to the conference centre and back each day, lunches during the conference, conference materials and conference administration and organisation. Note that to qualify for member status, the member organisation or individual will have made a membership contribution to Micah Global during the past 12 months.

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1. Register through downloading the registration form online (<http://micahnetwork.org/micah-eastern-europecentral-asia-regional-consultation>) and email it to: micahmoldova@gmail.com

2. Payment options:

In cash at registration desk

3. VISA Requirements:

A VISA may be required for some nationalities. Please check with your local embassy prior to travel.

Participants are responsible for obtaining a VISA and all associated costs and paperwork. Micah can provide a visa support letter on request (refer to registration form).

Consultation Information:

Date:	18th-20th May 2017
Arrival:	Wednesday 17th May 2017
Registration:	08:00-09:00 AM (18 th May)
Opening:	09:00 AM, 18 th May
Closing:	15:00 PM, 20 th May
Departure:	From 15:00 PM, 20 th May



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