

local church, local change, global impact

Integral Mission and the Community

5th Global Triennial Consultation

10 - 14 September 2012

Thun, Switzerland



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God has called us from all nations and all ages to be imitators of Jesus Christ, participators in God's mission, and proclaimers and demonstrators of the Good News of the Kingdom of God. At the heart of community transformation is the local church – an integral part of the community embodying the values of the Kingdom, and responding to what God requires of us, namely **to act justly, love compassion and walk humbly with God.**

Challenge: have we made a difference, has there been a grass-roots impact?

Context: are we being proactive, relevant and responsive?

Cooperation: are there increased synergies between stakeholders serving the poor and marginalised?

Compromise: have we influenced our world or vice versa?

Aim: to enable one another to adopt an incarnational approach in making known the Gospel of God's saving grace through Jesus Christ; to learn from one another best practice in demonstrating God's love in compassionate care for the needy; to join together in striving for justice and peace and in caring for His creation.

DAY 01 Impact

- Grass -roots Impact?

DAY 02 Justice

- Discerning the Times
- Human Rights
- Corruption
- Trafficking
- Child Protection
- Local Church
- Poverty / Wealth

DAY 03 Compassion

- Motivation
- Proclamation
- Marginalisation
- Aid Dependency
- Disaster Management
- Creation Care
- Theological Educators

DAY 04 Humility

- The Cross
- God in Suffering
- Radical Discipleship
- Incarnational Living
- Persecution
- Equity / Elitism
- Signs and Wonders

DAY 05 Mobilisation

- What does the Lord require of us?

Registration Information

Registration Process:

1. Register online via the Micah Network website: www.micahnetwork.org/events
2. Download and complete the booking form, returning it to: events@micahnetwork.org
3. Send payment to Micah Network by:
 - a. Bank transfer: see guidance details
 - b. PayPal: www.micahnetwork.org/contribute
 - c. Cheque: payable to Micah Network

NB: Bank charges to be borne by delegates

Early Bird Registration:

For registrations completed by **30th June 2012** an early bird reduction of US \$20.00 will be given.

Member Reduction:

For all members who have sent in their 2012 annual contribution prior to the start of the Consultation, fees will be reduced by US \$50.00.

Visa Requirements

A Schengen visa is required for entry into Switzerland. Micah Network will provide an invitation letter to support applications.

Health and travel insurance will be required to apply for a visa and this is available through Micah Network on request and is included in the consultation fee.

Visa approvals may take time (e.g. 1-3 months), therefore please apply well in advance.

Consultation Information:

Dates:	10 th - 14 th September 2012
Arrival:	Monday 10 th September 2012 (earlier arrival will require pre arrangement)
Registration:	14:00 – 16:00 (2 pm - 4 pm)
Opening:	16:30 (4:30 pm) Monday 10 th
Closing:	13:00 (1 pm) Friday 14 th
Departure:	After lunch on Friday 14 th
Venue:	Burgsaal Thun Burgstrasse, 3601 Thun, Switzerland
Entry Airport:	Zürich International Airport
Transfers:	Arranged by bus from Zürich to Thun for arrival and departures
Host Member:	TearFund Schweiz Josefstrasse 34, 8005 Zürich Tel: +41 44 447 44 00 info@tearfund.ch
Interpretation:	Languages: English, French, Spanish Other languages may be available depending on demand
Programme:	See full programme details below.
Enquiries:	events@micahnetwork.org

Location:

As a global network, we aim to hold our triennial consultations on a regional rotational basis.

2001: Oxford, United Kingdom – 1st Triennial
2003: Queretero, Mexico – 2nd Triennial
2006: Chiang Mai, Thailand – 3rd Triennial
2009: Limuru, Kenya – 4th Triennial
2012: Thun, Switzerland – 5th Triennial

Distance from Zürich: Thun is 98km from Zürich and will take 1 hour and 30 minutes by bus, provided by Micah Network. A direct train is available at the delegates own cost.



Burgsaal Thun

The conference centre is situated near to an old castle built in the 12th Century.



Thun is a historic town located at the lower end of Lake Thun and is the gateway to the Bernese Oberland

We will be surrounded by mountains, enjoying the wonder of God's creation.

Costs:

All Micah Network events are run **on a cost recovery basis**. We do our utmost to get feasible and cost effective venues so as to reduce the overall costs. Switzerland has higher costs than many of our previous locations, but due to the generosity of the Swiss churches, our members and sponsors and the volunteer service of TearFund Schweiz, we have been able to keep costs relatively low. A big thank you to all for their help.

Travel: Delegates will need to meet their own travel costs (including visas) to the event. For those arriving at Zürich Airport, transfers to the venue in Thun will be arranged – flight arrival details **must** be given for this to be in place and for the hospitality team to meet you. Travel within Thun at set times (to and fro residence) will be covered.

All prices include:

- **Accommodation:** Monday night 10th September to Friday morning 14th September. Any extra nights will be the responsibility of the delegate. A variety of accommodation has been made available and will affect the cost. See below
- **Meals:** all meals are included from Monday 10th September evening (dinner) to Friday 14th September (lunch).
- **Registrations and Consultation Fee:** For members a US \$ 50.00 reduction is given (eligibility based on receipt of 2012 membership contribution)
- **Internal transfers:** from Zürich Airport to Thun on arrival and for departure back to Thun
- **Internal Transport:** daily bus pass for delegates to travel within Thun
- **Health and Travel Insurance:** for non EU delegates requiring a Schengen visa
- **Swiss cultural evening:** excursion on a steam boat on Lake Thun, creating an opportunity to network while surrounded by amazing beauty.

Funding or sponsorship: Micah Network does **not** have funding available for delegates to attend. We encourage you to plan early and to seek funding support where required from churches, partner agencies etc., to enable your participation.

For members (per person):

<input type="checkbox"/> Fee: US \$440.00 Hosted in Private Homes * 150 places	<input type="checkbox"/> Fee: US \$540.00 Group House (shared) * 73 places	<input type="checkbox"/> Fee: US \$600.00 B&B Rooms * 137 places	<input type="checkbox"/> Fee: US \$770.00 Hotel Room (shared)	<input type="checkbox"/> Fee: US \$900.00 Hotel Room (single)
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*Priority to members on a first-come-first-served basis, as places in private homes, group houses and B&B's are limited as shown

For non-members (per person):

<input type="checkbox"/> Fee: US \$490.00 Hosted in Private Homes	<input type="checkbox"/> Fee: US \$590.00 Group House (shared)	<input type="checkbox"/> Fee: US \$650.00 B&B Rooms	<input type="checkbox"/> Fee: US \$820.00 Hotel Room (shared)	<input type="checkbox"/> Fee: US \$950.00 Hotel Room (single)
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We are a Global Network

Who Should Attend?

Micah Network seeks to create a platform for Christians to meet, share and consult one another on relevant global and contextual issues and concerns, through the lens of integral mission.

This global consultation is important and relevant for all those involved in holistic transformation through relief, rehabilitation, development, environmental care and justice ministries. All topics will include:

- Theological perspectives (the why)
- Good practice guidance (the how)
- Learning (shared experiences of practice and theological reflection)

This is for practitioners and theologians together!

About the Consultation

Theme:	Integral Mission and the Community
Emphasis:	Local church, Local change, Global Impact
Rationale:	<p>It is just over 10 years since Micah Network was established and the Micah Declaration on Integral Mission published. This document has had a global impact, especially amongst Christian leadership. In a Review of the Declaration in June 2011 the question was posed as to whether the foundational drive for integral mission has impacted communities at grass-roots level.</p> <p>This global consultation seeks to address this question through the lens of our founding verse from Micah 6:8 “What does the Lord require of us but to act justly, love mercy (compassion) and walk humbly with our God”.</p>
Approach:	<p>Day One: René Padilla, the president of Micah Network will open with an overview of what has been achieved and a challenge of what still lies ahead for us.</p> <p>Day Two: The theme for the day will be around justice and advocacy. The aim is to understand what our prophetic responsibility should be as we seek to influence and hold all levels and aspects of decision makers / people in power to account.</p> <p>Day Three: The theme for the day will be around compassion and social action. The aim is to consult one another on the application of integral mission approaches in current cross-cutting themes and topics.</p> <p>Day Four: The theme for the day will be around humility and considering the Kingdom values and fruit that should be evident as we chose a radical discipleship and incarnational lifestyle.</p> <p>Day Five: To draw together what has been discussed and to propose and commit to a way ahead. The theme for the day is mobilisation</p>
Style:	<p>We believe God speaks through each one of us in order to develop a richer and more in-depth understanding of the issues and concerns, the theological perspectives and the application. Therefore this is deliberately called a consultation rather than a conference.</p> <p>We have invited a number of people to share with us from God’s Word and to help us to discuss specific topics. This will be done in plenary groups.</p> <p>Specific themes and topics will be tackled through consultation and the sharing of experiences, in order to draw out a clear set of proposals for the way ahead.</p> <p>The afternoons will have a number of tracks which aim to explore, teach and corporately develop our understanding of a variety of topics. Track facilitators will run each session.</p> <p>Note: Selection of tracks should occur at registration in order to help determine interest</p>
Objectives:	<p>It is envisaged that by the end of the Consultation delegates will have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessed their understanding and further developed their concept and practice of integral mission • Developed a personal and corporate action plan to help guide development over the coming year (a work manual / handbook will be available to develop thinking and capture learning) • Encouraged one another through worship, fellowship and the sharing of God’s Word • Been challenged to grow closer to God and to walk with integrity • Developed further understanding of how to engage in holistic transformation in our communities • Contributed to the future direction of Micah Network
About Us:	For information about Micah Network: www.micahnetwork.org