



## **Lausanne 4 Congress: A Global Mission Milestone in Seoul**

*by Lara Heneveld*

The Fourth Lausanne Congress on World Evangelization, known as Lausanne 4, recently took place in Seoul-Incheon, South Korea, from September 22 to 28, 2024. This landmark event also celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Lausanne

Movement, drawing over 5,200 on-site participants from 202 nations.<sup>1</sup> The local Korean evangelical community volunteered over 1,500 congregants who served, encouraged, and welcomed each delegate with warm and enthusiastic greetings and offers of assistance throughout the length of the congress.

### **Key Themes and Highlights**

The Congress focused on advancing the Movement’s fourfold vision: the gospel for every person, disciple-making churches for every people and place, Christ-like leaders for every church and sector, and kingdom impact in every sphere of society.<sup>2</sup> The event was a blend of in-person and virtual experiences, allowing for broader global participation and providing a showcase for mission-minded technological applications and approaches for reaching an unprecedented, digitally accessible world.

One of the pivotal moments was the release of the [Seoul Statement](#), a comprehensive 97-point theological declaration addressing key topics such as the gospel, the Bible, the church, discipleship, and technology. David Bennett, Lausanne’s Global Associate Director, explained, “The Seoul Statement was designed to fill in some gaps, to be a supplement in seven key topics that we have not thought enough about or haven’t reflected or written enough about within the Lausanne Movement”.<sup>3</sup>

### **Plenary Speakers and Their Insights**

The Congress featured a diverse lineup of plenary speakers who provided deep insights and practical wisdom:

- **Rev. Dr. Femi Adeleye** from Ghana emphasized the importance of integrating biblical principles into everyday life. “We must seek and show the whole world the beauty of the whole body of Christ! Not just one tiny part,” he urged.<sup>4</sup>
- **Dr. Anne Zaki** from Egypt highlighted the need for theological education that addresses contemporary issues. “It is time we restored the lost art of church discussions, the art of

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<sup>1</sup> <https://lausanne.org/gathering/seoul-2024>

<sup>2</sup> Ibid

<sup>3</sup> Ibid

<sup>4</sup> <https://congress.lausanne.org/speakers/>

talking and listening to each other,” she said, advocating for more inclusive and open dialogues within the church.<sup>5</sup>

• **Rev. Dr. Patrick Fung** from Singapore spoke on the importance of holistic mission, stating, “Our mission must encompass both word and deed, reflecting the full gospel of Jesus Christ.”<sup>6</sup>

## Research and Data Components

The Congress was shaped by three key documents: [The State of the Great Commission Report](#), [The Seoul Statement](#), and The Collaborative Action Commitment. These documents provided a data-driven foundation for discussions, highlighting the greatest gaps and opportunities for fulfilling the Great Commission.

## Workshops on Research and Mission Information

Some workshops focused on research and mission information, addressing key issues identified in the State of the Great Commission Report. Larry and Stephanie Kraft, along with their team, provided an inviting opportunity for deep collaboration and networking, which was well attended by approximately 70 or more research leaders, colleagues and co-laborers. The diversity of experience, academic backgrounds, intergenerational conversations, and countries represented was encouraging and reflected the ongoing prayers for the LORD to enlarge the CMIW borders globally. Several members of our Facilitation and Editorial Teams were pleased to have made contributions to [SGC Report](#) (the Krafts on Polycentric Mission and Rodrigo Tinoco on the issue of Ministry Data), thereby contributing to the overall richness of the dialogue.

An additional onsite opportunity was spearheaded by Chris Maynard and his team, where he presented the Strategic Sending workshop. This presentation expanded on innovative concepts from his blog contributions to the Lausanne community, introduced prior to his webinar offered in March 2024. Each of these, along with their related conversations and connections, promise to bring dynamic new innovations and impacting ideas to not only CMIW but the Body of Christ itself.

There were other opportunities for participants engaged in collaborative sessions to explore solutions and strategies for advancing global mission efforts. These workshops facilitated in-depth discussions on topics such as digital evangelism, church planting, and leadership development.

The Lausanne 4 Congress also featured opportunities to address critical issues in global mission and evangelization. Some of the specific workshop topics included:

1. **Digital Evangelism:** Exploring the use of technology and social media to spread the gospel and engage with younger generations.
2. **Church Planting Strategies:** Discussing effective methods for establishing new churches in diverse cultural contexts.
3. **Leadership Development:** Focusing on training and equipping Christ-like leaders for various sectors of society.

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<sup>5</sup> <https://www.christiandaily.com/news/lausanne-4-time-we-restored-the-lost-art-of-church-discussions.html>

<sup>6</sup> <https://congress.lausanne.org/speakers/>

4. **Holistic Mission:** Integrating word and deed in mission work to address both spiritual and physical needs.
5. **Persecution and Resilience:** Supporting Christians facing persecution and developing strategies for resilience and advocacy.
6. **Workplace Ministry:** Reflecting Christ in the workplace and integrating faith with professional life.
7. **Environmental Stewardship:** Addressing the role of the church in caring for creation and promoting sustainable practices.
8. **Theological Education:** Enhancing theological training to address contemporary issues and equip future church leaders.
9. **Interfaith Dialogue:** Engaging in meaningful conversations with people of other faiths to promote understanding and peace.
10. **Youth and Mission:** Empowering young people to take active roles in mission and evangelization efforts.

These workshops provided participants with practical tools and strategies to advance their mission work and foster collaboration across different regions and cultures.

### Social Media Buzz and Participant Reactions

The Congress generated significant buzz on social media, with participants sharing their experiences and reflections. One participant tweeted, “The Lausanne 4 Congress has been a transformative experience. The discussions on global mission and collaboration have been truly inspiring.”<sup>7</sup>

Another attendee shared on Instagram, “Witnessing the unity and diversity of the global church here in Seoul is a powerful reminder of our collective mission.”<sup>8</sup>

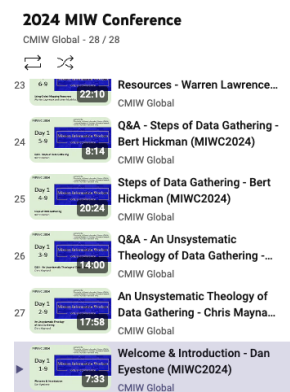
### Conclusion

The Fourth Lausanne Congress in Seoul was a landmark event that not only celebrated 50 years of the Lausanne Movement but also set a course for future global mission efforts. As participants return to their respective countries, they carry with them a renewed commitment to the Great Commission and a vision for collaborative action in advancing the gospel worldwide.

## MIWvCon 2024 videos

Dear MIW, all of the formal sessions from MIWvCon 2024 are now available on CMIW’s YouTube channel. We have 2022, 2023 and 2024 available, each conference is grouped as a “playlist”, but you can select an individual session to listen to. (If you are busy, you can even listen at a higher speed!). See:

<https://www.youtube.com/@cmiwworld/playlists>



<sup>7</sup> <https://lausanne.org/about/blog/snapshots-from-the-fourth-lausanne-congress-28-september>

<sup>8</sup> #Lausanne4 #GlobalMission

## MIW Training Corner

### The Reading Diet of the Information Worker

by Michael Jaffarian

You need to be a well-read, well-informed person. We all do, but if you work in research and information, you do more than most. Some ideas on this:

1. News is repetitive. It's easy to waste time reading or hearing the same story three times or 40 times. Try to engineer your news experiences to minimize that. Don't be a newshound. You don't have time for that. Find a healthier hobby.
2. Reading is more time-efficient than TV or video. The amount of information you gain from 15 minutes of reading is way greater than the amount of information you gain from 15 minutes of watching video. Sure there are a few, key video clips you might need to see, but not many.
3. Know how to sort facts from opinions from speculation. Look at your present news and information flow, and consider how the statements you read or listen to sort out along those lines. "Somebody said x" = fact. "That's divisive!" = opinion. "This will cause deeper division in Congress" = speculation. Look for news & information sources that deliver a lot of facts, and a lot of unique facts, that don't appear everywhere else.
4. There are tons of free content out there, but you probably have to pay for the most fact-packed sources. To find, gather, and analyze facts professionally, costs money. That's why you have to pay for the New York Times, or the Economist, or professional journals.
5. There is such a thing as expertise. Seek it out. When you're reading on a topic, ask, "Is this writer an expert on this topic?"
6. Your news and information diet needs to be dynamic, changing often. That's the world we live in. Persistently evaluate your present flow of inputs – periodicals, books, newsletters, podcasts, email feeds, journals, and the rest. What should be dropped? Persistently add new sources and try them.
7. If your job changes, your news and information diet should change. So also if your organization changes, or if you move to a new place.
8. Know your topics. For your position as a citizen, but especially for your position as an information worker, what topics do you need to stay up on? What topics are you spending time on unnecessarily?
9. You need dedicated reading time in your day, in your week, and in your year. A lot of it. There are shortcuts, but this basic truth holds.
10. Go deep on something. Build your own expertise. If your work is in urban ministry, read deeply and widely on urban ministry.

11. Sources lead to sources. Good reading leads to good reading. A good book will mention other good books, in the text, notes, or bibliography. A good article or website will point you to others.

12. When you put something in your diet and find it helpful or even essential, stick with it. Like maybe CMIW?

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## ***Special Profile: Duane Frasier***



**1) [CMIW] Please tell us about yourself and your family.**

**[DF]** I'm from a very small town in the Adirondack Mountains of New York. I attended Bethany College of Missions (now, Bethany Global University). In 2002, I moved to Mexico to work in the Department of Research of Comimex and helped create [Etnopedia.org](http://Etnopedia.org) for [COMIBAM](http://COMIBAM). I met Erika Becerra, who had joined the team as a Spanish editor. We married the following year. Our son, Michael (16), was born in Mexico, just before we moved to the United States. William (11) was born in Colorado Springs.

**2) [CMIW] What is your current ministry?**

**[DF]** I'm the communications director for [Joshua Project](http://Joshua Project). We maintain a list of all the world's people groups. This list informs strategic missionary sending to the unreached.

**3) [CMIW] What are the contributions you have made to world missions that have brought you the greatest satisfaction?**

**[DF]** I have worked with people group data for 22 years. It has been a pleasure to humanize that data with descriptions in several languages and quality photos. We have assembled the largest collection of profiles in existence and that presentation is inspiring a new generation to understand the people group component of the Great Commission.



#### 4) [CMIW] What dreams do you have for your next ten years of ministry?

[DF] I'm looking forward to the day when people group data no longer flows from centralized locations a world away from the greatest need. Instead, I long to see the data coming from and managed by sisters and brothers who call the 10/40 Window home.

#### 5) [CMIW] Is there some way you'd be willing to help the CMIW community?

[DF] It has been a pleasure to be part of the CMIW team for years. I'll do whatever it takes to serve the community with people group information and connections.

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## Information From the Word

*by Rodrigo Tinoco*

“As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.”

Proverbs 27:17 (NIV)

Caribbean; East Asia; English, Portuguese and Spanish-speaking Africa; Eurasia; Europe; Francophone Africa; Latin America; Middle East and North Africa; North America; Oceania; South Asia; Southeast Asia. The Lausanne Movement's 12 regional networks are vibrant collectives of leaders and visionaries strategically positioned around the world to advance the cause of global mission.

More and more we have new mission information workers (MIWs) emerging from these regional networks with their research, databases, reports and more. Are we, MIWs, ready for global collaboration? How does it happen? When was the last time you trained or exchanged information with another MIW from another regional network?

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## Announcing a Survey of the Brazilian missionary Force

The Brazilian Cross-cultural Mission Association Research Department

The Research Department of the AMTB (Brazilian Cross-cultural Mission Association) has officially begun the process of researching the Brazilian Missionary Force.

This new survey is intended to bring up-to-date data on the number and locations of Brazilian cross-cultural missionaries, and also to better understand how missionary mobilization is currently happening in Brazil. AMTB is doing three different surveys simultaneously: 1) Missionary sending organizations; 2) Cross-Cultural Missionaries; 3) Local churches.

They are hoping to complete these surveys in time to present the report at the Brazilian Congress on Missions in 2025.

Please pray for this process and for a complete response!

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# Help us learn about the participation and impact of Ibero-American churches in God's global mission!

We want to hear both from those churches that are actively participating in global mission, as well as those that may not think they are. This survey is a great opportunity to reflect and share about how God is using the Ibero-American Church to fulfill the Great Commission and the reality facing the church in this process of fulfilling God's will.



The survey is part of a permanent study of the **Ibero-American Missionary Cooperation (COMIBAM)**. Take the survey and share it with other churches through your networks: <https://forms.office.com/r/ifUpfQQE8B>

The survey applies to all Hispanic churches in the United States, Canada, all of Latin America and Spain.

Thank you for being part of this important effort! #RumboaCOMIBAM2025  
For more information: [investigacion@comibam.org](mailto:investigacion@comibam.org)

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## Final Details:

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