WILL YOU JOURNEY WITH US?

We need prayer for we depend on God. Will you help us by your prayers? We are looking for faithful donors. Could you help us with a one-off gift or a regular gift?

We have vacancies for many volunteers, to help in their own countries or at the congress itself. Could you or someone you know offer skilled voluntary help?

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From now to 2010

Further consultation is planned on each continent. Participant selection panels, formed at a national level, will determine those to be invited from their countries.

Lausanne senior leaders have embarked on a ‘100-city tour’, a mosaic of large and small meetings and personal conversations in strategic centres on all continents. This is a further opportunity to glean ideas and recommendations for speakers, and to impart news on planning developments.

Virtual Participation

Capacity is being built for thousands to take part in the congress remotely – at www.lausanne.org – to extend its reach and impact. Online discussion groups, chat rooms, email, streaming audio and video, SMS/MMS and other mobile and Internet technologies are being explored.

Regional Consultations

April: A series of consultations began at regional level, each at the invitation of the International Deputy Directors, to reflect on social concerns and key theological and missiological issues which will confront the Church over the next 5-10 years.

Leadership Meetings – Buenos Aires, Argentina

June: The Administrative Committee, International Deputy Directors, and Cape Town 2010 Directors met to review plans and set the next targets. They were joined by Latin American leaders who brought news of the Latin American Church, and added their perspective on issues to be covered in the congress. These included ways in which western influence had affected family life.

The congress logo was selected, and launched a week later at an Anglican congress in Jerusalem.

THE ROAD TO CAPE TOWN

The Second Lausanne Congress on World Evangelization was held in Manila, Philippines, in 1989. The sheer speed of change since then gives the intervening years a unique place in history.

The road to Cape Town bears footprints on all continents, and is marked at each turn by conversations, discussions, papers, as well as by prayer. In all these, sights have been set beyond 2010, to help strengthen the Church for what lies ahead in 2020. Behind everything we trace the hand of our sovereign God, who sees the end from the beginning.

MILESTONES ON THE WAY

Wide consultation has always been a hallmark of The Lausanne Movement – God’s people around the world planning and working together in a spirit of prayerful dependence, and needing his blessing. Here are some of the milestones:

2004

Forum for World Evangelization – Pattaya, Thailand

September/October: 1,500 church leaders, together with thinkers and influencers from a range of disciplines and professions, focused on 31 issues relating to the task of global evangelization. This six-day gathering gave a major impetus to the need for a Third Lausanne Congress.

The issues were chosen following a worldwide survey conducted by Christian Research (CR). CR contacted 4,000 senior leaders of church groupings and of mission

THE WHY • WHAT • WHO

We want to see Christ’s gospel taught and applied more effectively in all contexts. For this we need to be firm in what we believe, to understand trends, to anticipate opportunities and threats, and to link arms and work together.

4,000 leaders from 200 countries will be invited to attend Cape Town 2010. The Participant Selection Committee, chaired by Bishop Hwa Yung from Malaysia, and with members from all continents, has established criteria to ensure the chosen participants include men and women from a broad spectrum of nationalities, ethnicities, ages, professions and church affiliations. The numbers of places per country is in correlation to the size of the church in that country.

The Chairman and Director for Programme Planning have consulted with Christian thinkers in church and mission, in the academic and business worlds, in medicine and ethics. At least ten per cent of participants in Cape Town will come from the secular professions.

Will you join us online? Cape Town 2010 aims to be a truly global church council. You are invited to participate in this unique event. (See Virtual Participation.)

Cape Town 2010: The Third Lausanne Congress
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Christ’s ambassadors implore people in an ever-more better-equipped, renewed in energy, joyful in hope – Hong Kong. Third Lausanne Congress agreed

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Lausanne Congress on World Evangelization

Communications and Strategy Working Group

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National Participant Selection

Panels send invitations

The online global conversation opens

Churches and individuals prepare for the Congress

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Working groups continue to initiate ideas, and inform and refine plans

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Biennial Leadership Meeting

– Hong Kong

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