

Singapore 87

Update

Younger Leaders Gather

SINGAPORE – Nearly 300 emerging and younger church leaders from 65 countries are meeting on the National University of Singapore campus to consider leadership “on the cutting edge” of world evangelization.

Beyond learning, however, something more important will happen. Networks of relationships will be built. Those at this 10-day gathering will begin to establish personal and professional relationships, encouraging cooperation in reaching this world for Christ.

“The primary agenda of this conference is not to structure a world-wide organization, draft a profound statement to the evangelical world, nor formulate a strategy to win the world,” said Conference Director Stephen Hoke.

Singapore 87 is sponsored by the Lausanne Committee for World Evangelization (LCWE) which has worked to encourage the kind of cooperation that is essential to completing the task of world evangelization.

The program of Singapore 87 is divided into two parts. The first week will focus on “The Leader as Risk Taker,”



which will cover subjects such as integrity, vision and family life. The second week will be devoted to “The Leader on the Cutting Edge,” which will address issues such as urbanization, secularization and social justice.

Passing the Torch

Sounding the keynote address for Singapore 87, the Rev. Brian Stiller of Toronto, Canada, called for an orderly passing of the torch of leadership in world evangelization to a new generation of younger leaders.

Stiller, chairman of the Singapore 87 planning committee, observed that many key leaders in world evangelization today came out of a meeting of about 250 young men and



women in Beatenburg, Switzerland in 1948.

“From that meeting came the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, World Vision, Youth for Christ, Trans World Radio and countless other ministries,” said Stiller.

“Since the post-World War II generation is now passing from the scene, we want to know who the torch will be passed to in our generation. And will those who are called to run be ready to run with courage,

creativity and faith?”

Stiller said the participants were invited to the conference, not to make leaders out of them, but because they were already recognized as

gifted leaders in their fields.

“We are here to think, talk, debate, pray and reflect on leadership in this age,” he said. “We are here to ask God to speak to us about the critical need of leadership.”

He warned today’s younger leaders not to get trapped into thinking a

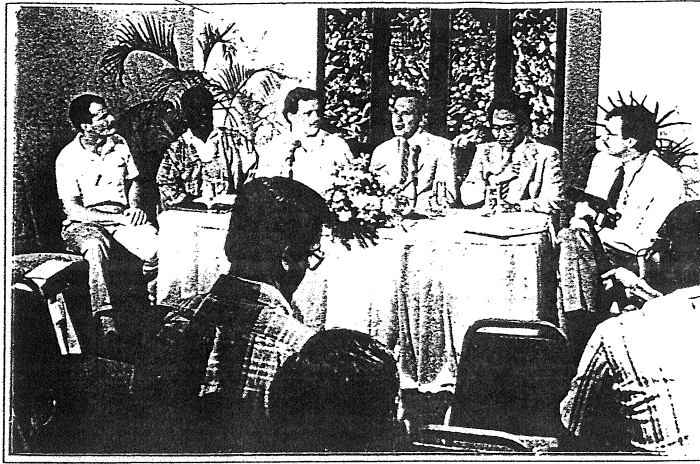
leader must exhibit certain styles. “Since World War II, the cloth of leadership has too often been cut from a Western pattern.”

He also cautioned against what he called “the long shadow syndrome” in which a senior leader serves so long that his or her shadow “covers” the younger follower and prevents him from emerging into his own vision.

He also warned that a senior leader sometimes is threatened and does not help develop a young follower. But younger leaders sometimes become resentful. They ignore what has been done before and start all over again.

Stiller, executive director of the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada, compared the passing of the torch in world evangelization today to the passing of leadership from Moses to Joshua in the Old Testament.

I. to r.: Steve Hoke, Kweku Hutchful, Brian Stiller, Leighton Ford, Thomas Wang, Steve Downey at press conference.



The Making of A Leader

What are some of the factors that influence and shape a leader? How does that leader then shape others? What are some of the risks involved in leading?

These questions are being examined Tuesday and Wednesday in plenary sessions led by Canadians Brian Stiller and Don Posterski, and Ghanaian Kweku Hutchful.

"All of us have been shaped and influenced by different people," said Posterski, an InterVarsity Christian Fellowship director, who is coordinating the two sessions. Each of us bows to the Lordship of Jesus as our primary shaper, but God also brings individuals who act as models for our lives, he pointed out.

Leadership can be both positive and negative, added Posterski. A slide presentation depicting spiritual and political leaders, ranging from Mother Teresa, Bishop Desmond Tutu, Pope John Paul and Billy Graham to Ronald Reagan, Mikhail Gorbachev and even Adolf Hitler, illustrated his point. The exercise was "to invite people to get an idea of leadership in a general way."

Hutchful, general director of Scripture Union in Ghana, gave a personal description of some of the people who have had an impact on his life. The subject of being shaped led to the issue of "whom do we let influence us?" We are influenced both unconsciously and intentionally, Posterski said. "Perhaps we should raise our consciousness of whom we allow to influence us."

How we are influenced is in fact the

way we will influence," he added. "We teach what we're taught."

The first session also gave an overview of a number of biblical leaders, from both the Old and New Testaments.

The session concluded with the distribution of a leadership survey intended to stimulate discussion on different styles of leadership. "We want to affirm diversity," Posterski emphasized. The results of the survey will be analyzed following the conclusion of the conference and mailed to each participant. "We hope we're going to be able to profile younger leaders and try to analyze what factors combine to produce their effectiveness." The material will be useful as the Lausanne-sponsored 1989 Congress approaches. The survey is anonymous, Posterski pointed out, so participants should be free to answer the questions openly and honestly. The intention is to gain a better understanding of who we are.

Brian Stiller will examine some of the risks involved in leadership, beginning with a look at gifts outlined in Romans 12. Leaders must take risks, says Stiller, because "what they attempt to do can only be realized when God in fact enables them."

Reluctance to take risks can happen in any culture, but the risks involved vary. For example, in some countries, "leading someone to Christ is life-threatening."

Stiller expects participants will gain a "better understanding of being shaped" as a result of the two sessions, "and therefore the need to shape others."

Reuben Ezemade, Nigeria:

"I come desiring to know what others are doing and how they are coping with the challenges (of world evangelization on the local level). I want to explore linkages to learn of good ideas which we can implement in Nigeria."

Pradeep Das, India:

"I want to enlarge my vision, to be more international, more cross-cultural in my ministry. I want to be more effective in working with Christians from other parts of the world."

Juliana Senavoe, Ghana:

"I am praying that we might all have a teachable spirit. This is hard since we are all leaders."

Gottfried Osei-Mensah, senior leader. U.K.:

"I hope that those here will develop a world-wide vision. Then, when they hear of what God is doing elsewhere in the world, they can put names and faces to the work and pray for it with greater fervency."

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Stiller said older Christians today need to follow the example of Moses who took Joshua into his confidence and helped, as a mentor, develop him into a leader for God. In turn, younger Christians need to be like Joshua, who showed no sign of resentment toward Moses, accepted his own role, and learned from his mentor.

Stiller urged younger leaders to "run counter to the self-centered attitude which plagues our world" and to "run with abandonment as we take the torch of leadership and run for our own generation."

Workshops: A Chance to Work Together

Twenty-three different workshops will be offered during the conference. They're designed to help participants deal with a wide range of critical concerns of leadership.

Some sessions touch on practical issues such as finances and managing time. Other workshops focus on strategic possibilities such as reaching intellectuals and integrating a local ministry into the total picture of world evangelization. Still others deal with relational dimensions of ministry such

as how to serve your family, encourage women in ministry, and motivate your staff.

Most participants have already selected the workshops they would like to attend which are scheduled for the afternoons of 2 June and 3 June. Later on in the conference participants will have opportunity to choose workshops scheduled for the afternoons of 8 June and 9 June.

Some participants were disappointed not to be able to join in their

first choice of workshops. Attendance and demand will be monitored. Greatly desired workshops may be repeated next week. Workshops are not intended to be lectures. They will not be taped because the highlight of most sessions promises to be the interaction among participants during the workshop.

Come to workshops prepared to listen. Take in the viewpoints and ideas of others. Come just as ready to offer your insights on the topic.

Tuesday, June 2

#	Workshop	Room No.
1.	Biblical Authority and Cultural Relativity - <i>John Stott</i>	SR-4
2.	Only One Way <i>Fernando/Piper</i>	SR-30
3.	Motivational Leadership <i>Clive Calver</i>	SR-20
4.	Reaching the Intellectual <i>Ramesh Richard</i>	SR-19
5.	Fundraising <i>Terry Winter</i>	SR-23
8.	Leading with the Pen <i>Brian Stiller</i>	SR-32
9.	Strategies in World Evangelization <i>Thomas Wang/Robb</i>	SR-33
10.	Staff Development and Supervision - <i>Thena Ayres</i>	SR-34

Wednesday, June 3

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11.	Biblical Authority and Cultural Relativity <i>John Stott</i>	SR-4
12.	Only One Way <i>Fernando/Piper</i>	SR-30
13.	Motivational Leadership <i>Clive Calver</i>	SR-20
14.	Charismatic Movement <i>Ian Coffey</i>	SR-19
15.	Advancement of Women <i>Florence Yeboah</i>	SR-23
16.	Know Your Gifts <i>Brian Stiller</i>	SR-24
17.	Managing Your Time <i>Kweku Hutchful</i>	SR-28
18.	Multiplying Your Ministry <i>Ramez Atallah</i>	SR-32
19.	Cooperation in World Evangelization <i>Gottfried Osei-Mensah</i>	SR-33
20.	The Leader's Family Life <i>Leighton Ford</i>	SR-34

Here At Last!

They arrived in ones and twos, tired and bedraggled after hours of travel. What brought them? Expectation of what God would do.

And many saw God's hand at work even before they arrived. Take the two participants from Uruguay, for example. Their travel plan took them through the United States. But upon arrival in Florida, while attempting



she could hand-deliver the tickets. God again provided, just in time.

As late as Monday afternoon, negotiations were being made with the Indian Consulate to allow two

participants from Madras to come.

Many tell exciting tales of tickets received just prior to departure. Others tell of ways in which God provided for them to come.

to transfer to their flight to San Francisco, they were informed that they needed a travel visa to do so. After prayer and consultation, an immigration guard was provided to escort them to their next flight. But in San Francisco, Singaporean Airlines wouldn't allow them to board without a visa for Singapore. Again they prayed. Again they consulted with officials and persuaded them that a two-week stay wasn't long enough to need a visa. And now they're here.

Then there were the participants from Pakistan. A week before the conference they paid for their tickets, only to be notified that the quoted price was for a one-way fare. To avoid paying twice the price, their reservations were switched to Singaporean Airlines. This meant that their tickets needed to be hand-delivered from Canada to Pakistan within three days. One of the Canadian stewards was able to route her itinerary through Lahore on the way to Singapore,

News You Can Use

Name Tags: Please wear your name tag. It helps people identify you and it serves as your entrance pass.

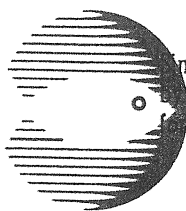
Meals: Participants are required to eat all their meals in the resident hall where they are living. Your name tag serves as your meal ticket. Day guests may purchase tickets at the registration desk.

Residence Hall Stewards: A steward will be available in each residence hall every day until 10:00 p.m., when meetings are not in session. They will answer your questions about campus facilities, housing problems, laundry information, and supplies.

Translation is available in French, Spanish, and German. If you have a need for translation into another language, please contact Dr. Victor Koh.

Special Meeting: Interested in meeting with others sharing a common concern? Or doing similar work as yours? Or those connected with a particular ministry? Feel free to call meetings with other participants during the conference. Choose a time on the schedule during a break, or a meal, or one of the free periods in the afternoons. For an announcement to be printed in the "Update" newsletter, write the details of the place and time of the gathering and place it in the "Media" box in the main office at Sheares Hall. Announcements must be placed in the office by 14:00 on the day before you would like the announcement to appear.

IFES: All participants related to IFES will meet on Saturday June 6 at 10:00 at Sheares Hall Lounge to visit FES Singapore for lunch (10:00 to 14:00); and then on to town with Singaporean FES friends.



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