

# TW2020 TRANSFORM MANIPUR SUMMIT-2017



For the very first time a trans-denominational initiative of TW2020, Transform Manipur Summit-2017, was organized at Rayburn Church, Presbyterian Church in India (R), New Lamka, Churachandpur, Manipur, India between 18-20 August, 2017. The summit was inaugurated by Rev. Dr. Richard Howell, General Secretary, Asia Evangelical Alliance who is also the key resource person in the Summit and Church Facilitator of TW2020.

The Summit was conceived with the objective of having key influencers and opinion makers of the society come together and work along with churches in mutual collaboration for the transformation of the society and culture. The target was to bring at least 200 people together, comprising of full time workers in churches and people from other professional life in the ratio of 50:50, as far as possible. The Summit witnessed more than 350 registrations, the maximum capacity set by the Hospitality Committee. By reaching the maximum level of registration targeted, there is not an iota of doubt that God's hand is truly behind the transform Manipur movement of TW2020.

More than 15 denominations provided financial support to the Summit and also sent the highest decision makers in their Churches as delegates. Further, 19 key educational institutions and organizations provided financial support and sent their delegates too. This is not only encouraging, but also an assurance that the Churches and institutions are fully with the movement and it is expected that this will serve as an asset in the transformational movement of Manipur.

The key focus area of Transform Manipur 2017 can be summarized under three main areas:

- Transform Manipur;
- Transform 3NationsPeople (Zo-Chin-Kuki-Mizo-Zomi-Lai family who are divided by international boundaries into three nations, viz., India, Bangladesh and Myanmar); and
- Transform Trans-Asian Highway.

The Summit aims to bring about transformation in the culture and society by starting a Focus group which will spearhead the movement in different Spheres, Challenges and Generations. The number of participants who signed up for a focus group on the 7 Spheres are:

Arts – 10; Business - 17; Church – 52; Education – 43; Family – 45 (Fathers concern – 28 and Mothers concern – 26); Government – 10; and Media – 16.

The number of participants who signed up for a focus group on various Challenges are: Celebration – 9; Ideological – 14; Family – 36; Christ Missional – 36; Orphan – 25; Poverty – 29; Justice Peace & Reconciliation – 33; Marketplace – 7; Land, Agriculture and Environment – 15.

The number of participants who signed up for a focus group on the 3 Generations are: 4/14 Window – 22; Gen Y – 38 and Gen X – 11.



The power and presence of God was strongly felt in our midst during the Summit. There was a great sense that the global family of TW2020 is uniting in prayers for a fruitful gathering in Manipur. The 9-point declaration marked the climax of the Summit. (Please read Transform Manipur Summit 2017's declaration here: <https://www.transform-world.net/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/TW-Manipur-declaration.pdf>)

The level of participation as well as the involvement of the participants was truly encouraging. In the words of the Chairman of the Steering Committee of TW2020 Transform Manipur Summit-2017 and General Secretary of Evangelical Baptist Convention, Rev. S. Vung Minthang, "TW2020 Transform Manipur Summit-2017 marks a new dawn of hope with the Summit of leaders in this manner for a purpose which is rare. A new hope of joining hands to say 'Yes' to Jesus, the great Transformer." Rev. Dr. J.L. Songate, Steering Committee member and also Secretary, Missions, Independent Church of India observed that, "Transform Manipur Summit-2017 (TW2020) has created a new record of being the first gathering of Christian leaders in Manipur in the 21st Century. It is an epoch event of records that hundreds of Church leaders from various denominations gathered and shared together with an aim to Transform the land in this august summit." He further stated that, "The Summit achieved the

saying that well begin is half done. The transformational movement need to go more miles in the coming years in order to accomplish our goals. May all glory and honor be unto God!"

I would like to specifically highlight one encouraging feedback from the Summit. A 35 member team from Manipur University Evangelical Fellowship (MUEF) participated in the Summit and presented a song and delivered a talk. David Zote, Joint Registrar, Manipur University and also Advisor, MUEF gave us words during the discussion on Educational Sphere that MUEF will volunteer to host the next Summit if it is held in Imphal. This is a great encouragement not only for the leaders but for the whole participants in a movement.

Looking at the proceedings of the Summit, listening to one another and at the signed focus group form, there prevails great hope and expectation that God is going to do something big and great which "no eyes has seen and no ears has heard" through the TW2020 movement in the region within our generation. The prayers and support of the leaders, facilitators and family of TW2020 will greatly bring fulfillment to the movement in this part of the world which is greatly in need of Christ-centered transformation. Our spirit soared high when we heard stories of challenges, opportunities and champions and we look forward expectantly for the next summit and what God has in store for the transformation of Manipur and beyond.

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