

# **Report of the TW2020 Global Leadership Summit VIII** **Melbourne 2019**

The TW Summit, Transform South Pacific & Beyond, was held in Melbourne, Australia on October 15 through 18, 2019.



The Transform World Movement pursued Connections during 2005-2011, as the First Chapter of the global movement, beginning with Indonesia, India, Korea and the United States, in order to promote the transformation that God wants for His workers around the world. This was followed by repentance, prayer, meetings for unity, and large gatherings, with the goal of realizing the kingdom of God in the seven spheres of cultural society.

In the Second Chapter, the 'TW 2020 Movement' that lasts from 2012 till 2020, in addition to the existing seven spheres, has been focusing on the seven practical challenges and through the lenses of the ten regions and the three generations. It has been developed in various ways under the leadership of Daniel S. Kim, the Executive Chair of the TW2020 Movement.

The TW Summit has been held in various continents every year for listening to and praying for the strategies and the wisdom of God through the word proclaimed by Dr. Luis Bush, Dr. Iman Santoso, Rev. Daniel S. Kim, Rev. Djohan Handojo (the Chair of the TW Connections) and the leaders of each host country. It has been a chance to share their activities for the past year and the planned ministries for the coming year.



The Summit VIII, held just before the closing of TW 2020 movement by 2020, was full of appreciation for the current Chapter and tension prevailed with the expectation of the 'Next Chapter'. Naturally, the meeting was more lively, with discussions on whether to proceed as well as generational changes. Dr. Luis Bush, the founder of the movement, completed his committed time as the International Facilitator of the Transform World Connections until this Summit as approved by the Board. This was previously expressed in the Summit VI, Guayaquil, 2017. However, his Servant position in the TW2020 movement will be maintained until 2020. He has repeatedly emphasized in his several

messages throughout this summit that this transformational ministry is not our work but God's work.

The Summit VII was held in Addis Ababa last year. It was reported that a lot of changes are happening in Africa, especially in Ethiopia thereafter. One of the most exciting news was about Ethiopia's Prime Minister who won the Nobel Peace Prize this year. He loves God and has deep roots in the Christian faith. African transformational agents see this as a prize for all of the African Christian leaders who uphold justice and serve their respective countries with integrity and love.



The Summit VIII held in Melbourne, apart from giving a global perspective, also specifically focused on the South Pacific region which consists of Australia, Papua New Guinea, New Zealand, and several Pacific islands. As this region is the most distant from Jerusalem, it may be referred to as the "ends of the earth". Though about 70% of people in this region are Christians, a substantial proportion of these people would be seen as nominal Christian believers. However, many in this region have a very strong faith which is reflected in their global mission focus and passionate worship which has been exported to the world.

The summit gave opportunity for leaders across the South Pacific to share their stories of transformation. Amazing stories of unity and transformation were shared about what is happening in Papua New Guinea at this time including a recent meeting of 50,000 people coming together before the Lord. A story was also shared from New Zealand where, through prayer and reconciliation, a major transformation of the Maori people in one of the roughest towns in the nation happened. This transformation was not just spiritual but led to a whole economic revival of the town.

Another area of encouragement was the sharing about a number of South Pacific nations that had Christian constitutions and/or Christian political leadership. Some of these changes are very recent. Australia, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu are particular nations where this is happening. Australia just held a national prayer breakfast where the two most senior governmental leaders in the nation spoke clearly about their Christian faith and the need for it to influence the Australian society. Such developments provide an open door to the gospel being understood as a transformative agent rather than just for personal piety.



Additionally, there has been a growth in prayer initiatives. The week before the summit, over 50 of the most senior intercessory leaders met together for three days with Sue Rowe from the Celebration Challenge to seek the Lord together. Other initiatives include greatly expanded online prayer and prayer for governments. At the summit itself, there was an emphasis on prayer and impartation to those with the transformation call.

In addition, the whole Transform World delegation did a prayer tour throughout inner Melbourne. There were some very encouraging reports about the subsequent exposure of evil in some of the regions we prayed in as a result of this.

There was also an opportunity to experience some Australian and South Pacific culture where we worshipped with a very contemporary expression at a local church as well as joining with a group of South Pacific leaders who led us in a deep and heartfelt time of getting nearer to the Father. Additionally, Steve Grace one of Australia's foremost gospel artists, came and encouraged us and shared about his forebears' mission endeavors in remote Papua New Guinea.

There was also a focus on the "Next Generation" with separate workshops. Some of the Next Gen leaders shared their hearts and vision in panel discussions.

There are however challenges in this region that were outlined at the summit. The island nations in particular were concerned about debt and their economic sublimation to China.



As in other regions there is a desperate need for the movement of the Holy Spirit to empower and cleanse the church and influence competing worldviews such as humanism, secularism and animism. The importance of prayer is increasingly being recognized particularly in the developed nations, but more needs to happen. The gospel needs to move beyond the church to recognize the theology of God's kingdom and the influence of Christianity in the society.



In October next year, we will gather in Jakarta with reports on the results of the TW 2020 movement, praying for the successful completion of the Second Chapter, and for the decision on the name, format, and activities to be conducted in the Third Chapter.

However, the Third Chapter will maintain the same essence to transform the nations and generations with Kingdom missions and values. There Dr. Luis Bush and Dr. Iman Santoso will serve as Intercessors on a silent basis. Again, we expect to have the spirit of unity to work toward our new model.

We would like to express a big thanks to all those who served in making this summit possible including the South Pacific host team, especially Bethany Int'l Church staff and volunteers who set an example of efficient and humble service. Finally, a big thanks to those 210 delegates who came from 46 nations around the world to stand with the South Pacific and helped make this summit a success. We pray that God will continue to inspire and lead all of them in their transformation journey forward.

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