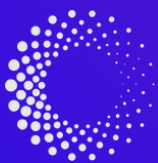


# Seoul 2024

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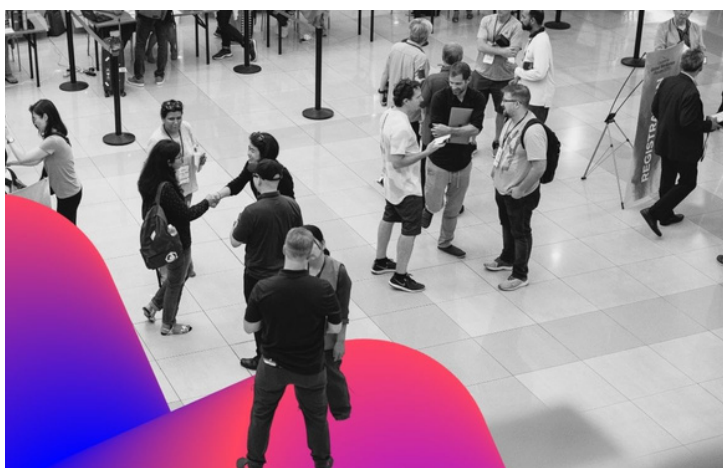
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## COLLABORATE | Moving Together to Close Great Commission Gaps

An Executive Summary of the Seoul 2024 Afternoon Programme

What is a wise response to the most complex and emerging concerns (that is, '[wicked problems](#)') of our particular time and place – requiring prayer-full integration of expertise across generations, Lausanne's Issue Networks [IN], and regions to respond – that we may let the church declare and display Christ together, between now and 2050?

We have an opportunity at [Seoul 2024](#) to squarely face the major gaps in the Great Commission – identified through the global [L4 listening process](#), crystallised into the State of the Great Commission Report, and then consolidated into 25 'gaps' most conducive to working together. Through Collaborate we will build a transferable toolkit which fuels collaboration to accelerate global mission. Through this Spirit-filled guided conversation, fresh acts arise today.

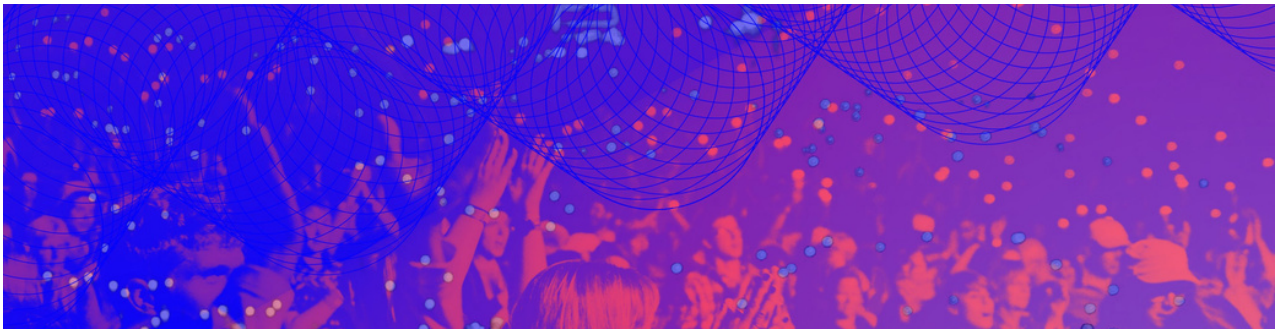


Put simply, we are prayerfully seeking to mobilise and equip every congress participant to commit to collaborative action as part of a team: working together, taking wise action towards fulfilling the Great Commission, alongside multiple identifiable people in the (para)church and workplace, to accomplish together what none could do alone.

Collaborate is a design process of reflective-action to explain what is currently happening, discern what should be happening, prayerfully seek to close these 'Great Commission gaps', and commit to a process of collaborative action through organic teams that will be consolidated post-Seoul 2024. We must move together to serve God's purposes.

## AIMS

1. Prepare and train every Seoul 2024 participant with transferable tools and a collaborative design process to become reflective practitioners who work toward integrated solutions to key gaps in the Great Commission
2. Identify and form Collaborative Action Teams before, at, and beyond the congress, with every participant positioned to commit to a collaborative missional process
3. Accelerate global mission by helping intergenerational participants move together in regions and Issue Networks/affinity-groups, strengthening and yet mixing the siloes of Lausanne's core structures.



## IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

(1) **Pre-Event Preparation:** The Collaborative Action Leadership Forum (CALF) will help participants identify which of the 25-gaps is closest to their calling, and the language- or 'affinity group' (potential connection with established IN) with whom – in that physical or virtual room – they would most fruitfully have this conversation. The pre-congress preparation will include training in collaboration for the global church.

(2) **Congress Sessions:** Across Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 3–5pm (plus a 1:30–2:30pm Monday Networks and Friday Regions meeting), Collaborate will lay the foundations to identify emerging practices and generate wise responses as we work together to close the identified 25-gaps, building on local actions and connections already in place. Insights and data will be captured digitally along the way. This strategic conversation in language/affinity groups is led by a specialist and YLGen facilitator per room:



**STEP 1: LISTEN** to the current reality – what’s going on and why for this gap in your context?



**STEP 2: IMAGINE** a preferred future – if you truly worked together, what’s possible?



**STEP 3: CREATE** a way to close the gap – what steps of change move us forward together?



**STEP 4: COMMUNICATE** your prayerful proposal – who will collaborate on what opportunity for what goal?



**FINAL CEREMONY: COMMIT** to collaborative action – will you sign on, supported as you move forward?

(3) **Post-Congress Process:** CALF will facilitate recording of CATs (Collaborative Action Teams), networking, resource sharing, and ongoing training with support and guidance, sensitive to regions, generations, and current (and emerging) Issue Networks. Innovation sprints are offered working towards YLG2026.

## 25 GAPS, EMERGING FROM THE STATE OF THE GREAT COMMISSION REPORT

In May, all participants will have the opportunity to select their top three preferred gap choices. From there, each participant will be assigned one of their preferred gaps to join. A collaboration question and description for each gap will be shared pre-congress, to discern where to go day one:



### ***How can emerging population blocks be reached?***

(1) The Global Aging Population (2) The New Middle Class (3) The Next Generation (4) Islam (5) Secularism (6) Least Reached Peoples



### ***What is ministry in a digital age?***

(7) Scripture in a Digital Age (8) Church Forms in a Digital Age (9) Discipleship in a Digital Age (10) Evangelism in a Digital Age



### ***What does it mean to be human?***

(11) AI & Transhumanism (12) Sexuality & Gender (13) Wholistic Health



### ***What is Polycentric Mission?***

(14) Polycentric Missions (15) Polycentric Resource Mobilization



### ***How can spirituality and holiness define missions?***

(16) Integrity & Anti-Corruption (17) Integrated Spirituality & Mission (18) Developing Leaders of Character



### ***What is Community?***

(19) People on the Move (20) Urban Communities (21) Digital Communities (22) Ethnicism & Racism



### ***What is our influence on society?***

(23) Christianity, Radical Politics, and Religious Freedom (24) Caring for Creation & the Vulnerable (25) Societal Trust and Influence of Christianity.

*\*Note that 1:30–2:30pm each day is for missional friendship and self-organised meetings, with the [Business as Mission](#), [Workplace Ministry](#), and [Tentmaking](#) Issue Networks combining Mon–Thu for an optional track.*

## TABLE ARRANGEMENT: LANGUAGE AND AFFINITY GROUPS

Beyond 6 x language groups for each gap (both online and physical rooms at Seoul 2024), there will be 7 x 'affinity groups'. These loosely offer groupings of Issue Networks (IN) so that people can quickly find a place to practise self-organized collaborative design across the 4-afternoons, with those who share a similar focus:

**(A) KINGDOM IMPACT:** exploring the social/ecological dimension of the gap

**(B) WORLD RELIGIONS:** exploring how Christians interact with those of other belief systems, both in working for the common good and sharing the gospel

**(C) MISSION STRATEGY:** exploring how the church and parachurch might best coordinate and deploy disciple-making strategies and resources to address this gap

**(D) CONTEXTUAL MISSION:** exploring how best to understand the gap in a variety of contexts/situations and respond wisely in that place/setting

**(E) WHOLE-LIFE MISSION:** exploring how to appreciate these fields in and of themselves, but also how the arts, leisure, workplace, and digital innovation may help us more effectively close the gap and share the gospel

**(F) REACHING PEOPLE:** exploring how the gap intersects with particular people groups, and how to address their concerns and grow gospel engagement

**(G) JUSTICE AND ADVOCACY:** exploring the injustices and inequities at the heart of this gap, and how to seek shalom for all in the midst of brokenness.