

SM GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT CONSULTATION, APRIL 23 – 28, 2017

In the last week of April we held a very successful Consultation at the SM Center in the Philippines.

Forty-one SM mobilizers, from a number of our thirteen SM global regions, participated in this one-week Consultation. It was also special having a significant representation from the Youth Kairos global team with us, adding their limitless energy and enthusiasm to the Consultation, and of course their unique generational perspective on mobilization and mission.

This Consultation was the first of a number of annual Consultations planned to help move our SM Vision 2020 forward, climaxing with our next International Conference in 2020.

Morning Plenaries

To lay a foundation for the Consultation, Max Chismon (International Director) presented two morning plenaries. The first was on 'Our Journey into Simply Mobilizing(SM)'. This plenary traced our history of prophetic mobilization from the mid 1970s to the present, highlighting how God has led us, grown us and developed our vision, ministry, values and uniqueness through three distinct eras, to where we are today with Simply Mobilizing! This proved very helpful to the participants to appreciate, firstly, the 'God factor' in our movement and how SM can add significant value to the Body of Christ in mission in today's world.

The second plenary was entitled "Our Ministry of Prophetic Mobilization". This plenary was all about clarifying what prophetic or level-one mobilization is and is not. We discussed how this differs from levels two and three (apostolic) mobilization but complements them both, in order to help see the whole Body of Christ mobilized into fruitful mission with God!

During and following two plenaries, there were small breakout groups (growth point groups) where discussion and interaction took place. Feedback was positive and buy-in was very encouraging.

Specialized Consultation Groups

The final two days of the Consultation concentrated on divided sessions with three specialized groups looking at the following:

- 1. Development of the SM Message** - Every movement has at its core a 'message'. Without a message, a movement simply cannot exist. This group was coordinated by Max Chismon.
- 2. Global Region Development** - This is how we see SM growing and developing globally. It is our way forward as a movement with each of the thirteen global regions growing SM in the countries associated with their respective regions. This group was coordinated by Lecille Garcia.
- 3. Youth Mobilization** - With more than 50% of the world's population under the age of 30 years old and 89% under the age of 30 in the majority world – youth mobilization makes heaps of sense! In addition, our SM youth mobilizers are the future of SM. This group was coordinated by Bianca Malbas.

In brief, the outcomes, following lengthy discussions, were as follows:

1. SM Message people discussed just what the nature of our message was, how we can enhance the clarity of the message and increase the number of message communicators. We also discussed establishing a forum where SM message people can interact with the message and how to develop a community of message people.
2. Global Regions representatives discussed ways of developing the regions in such a way so as to be able to help in the development of SM in the many countries where SM has a presence (now 92 countries). Practical steps were agreed to and a strategic plan was adopted.
3. Our Youth Mobilizers discussed and agreed to transition from Youth Kairos (YK) to Youth Mobilization (YM), look at and develop new strategies for Youth Mobilization, and to grow the Tribe of Youth Mobilizers.

One of the highlights of the Consultation was without question the intergenerational synergy that took place between all participants. We were all united in our love for Jesus and a passion for mission and mobilization for mission!

Our Leadership and Management Model

Effort was also given to clarify SM's leadership and management model which is bottom-up and not top-down. We are a movement that is organized and not an organization as such. We want to create, in SM, pathways for every mobilizer to find their full potential and full expression. Servant leadership is required for this to take place.

The Launch of a New Product (The Unfinished Story or TUS)

During the Consultation, this video-based, four-session course on mission designed for local churches and small groups was finally rolled out. It was well received and should provide sound mission teaching for local churches, and also serve as a 'taster' to the Kairos Course for those wanting more following TUS!

TUS can be introduced into local churches through our SM Mobilizers in conjunction with the NCTs.

It is our hope that countries, global regions and/or global language groups will decide to use a local presenter for this course. TUS has been prepared in such a way that a local person can successfully be substituted as the presenter, giving TUS local ownership and communication of the missions message.

In Conclusion

This was the first Consultation involving key global regional people in our SM Movement. There will be three more leading up to our next International Conference in 2020. This is where we will celebrate the success (by the grace of God) of our SM Vision 2020 that we believe God has inspired us to undertake!

For all those who prayed for this Consultation, a very big thank you! We sensed the presence of God in a remarkable way throughout the Consultation. The morning worship and waiting on God times, led by Linda Harding, Peter Mc Dougall and Max Chismon, were precious indeed, with others sharing insights and words of encouragement.

Please continue to pray for the full implementation of all the critical decisions made during the Consultation.

Some comments from the participants:

- *The consultation provided a great opportunity for me to clearly grasp all the benefits of SM and to have explained the different eras and the transitions to the SM movement. The display of openness to accept other views during the consultation was very encouraging.*
- *It has been an instructive inspiring week, combining learning with time for refreshing in the Lord.*
- *Good networking and it was great to get to know many people. Everyone was able to contribute and were encouraged to participate in the discussions and share ideas, etc.*
- *The way the Youth Mobilizers (YM) crossed over and were not a separate group. We all seemed to be ONE group even though our interests were diverse. Message, management and YM. Fantastic really.*
- *Well facilitated, loads of useful and helpful information. Personally, I have received a lot of clarity on the structural and management aspect of SMI.*



Registration Time



Group Photo



Youth Presentation



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