

MIMC-7 DECLARATION
(Manila International Mission Conference-7)

COVID-19 has greatly affected and altered our lives and our institutions. We suddenly find ourselves unprepared for the future. Coping with the present is incredibly difficult for us. We face the threat of getting infected by COVID-19. Thousands die of the virus every day. The financial losses of individuals, businesses, and the global economy are staggering.

The COVID-19 virus though invisible to our eyes has brought about the biggest changes in our world. The ministry of the Church and doing Christian missions have been greatly impacted by this pandemic. In the midst of such difficulties, the 7th Manila International Missions Conference (MIMC-7) was organized on August 5-6, 2022 with the cry, “Revive Us in the Midst of COVID-19.”

In order for revival to happen, the MIMC-7 caused us to look backward, forward, and inward.

1. Backward Look - basic lessons from history.

We learned the secrets of success from the largest Christian church in the world. Born in the context of abject poverty and reeling from the great devastation of the Korean war, the Yoido Full Gospel Church started with 5 members in 1965 and grew to 880,000 members. The church emphasized the ministry of the Word, the ministry of the power of Holy Spirit, the power of personal and collective prayer, the significance of the cell group, and the emphasis of world evangelism and compassionate ministries.

2. Forward Look - finishing the task in a post-COVID new normal.

With the world population reaching 8 billion by November 2022, we are confronted with the reality that we are still far behind in reaching the world for the Lord Jesus. Thus, in finishing the task, we identified the metrics of making the gospel, the Bible, and the body of Christ for everyone. We inculcated the unchanging mandate of Jesus to submit to His authority to make disciples of all nations and be assured of His continuous presence.

The COVID-19 crisis prompted the Christian community to find ways and principles to triumph over these obstacles. We rejoice and give glory to our God and Father that studies in science and Scripture, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, have led in the use of hydrogen water against this pathogen.

The post COVID-19 era demands that we undertake a new normal mission by reaching the third and fourth generation and mobilizing the global south to all missions. We must take full advantage of the great opportunities brought by the 4th industrial revolution in digital technology. Innovations like cloud computing, big data analytics, artificial intelligence, and immersive media provide virtual formats that enable us to share the gospel in revolutionary ways from anywhere to everywhere. Now is the time for

Christian mission agencies and organizations to collaborate together to bring the whole gospel using digital technologies and platforms to the global village.

We recognize that God is sovereign in transporting Senator Manny Pacquiao from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of light. This was because of God's higher calling for him to be a Gospel messenger. His global recognition as an exceptional professional boxer grants him an open door for Gospel proclamation, as such, he was commissioned and consecrated to be an international evangelist.

3. Inward Look - by faith, live a Christ-centered life.

We acknowledge that Jesus is still in control of the current COVID-19 situation. We recognize this is a new open door and take advantage of this opportunity for the expansion of His mission and world evangelization. And with the assurance of His presence and control under the new normal, we can make disciples of all nations. As God equips all of us, we are all sent and will obey the great commission of Jesus where we are. We do this with confidence in God and with a great sense of urgency.

We offer our lives as a living sacrifice to our Lord Jesus to live Christ-centered lives and actively participate in the Galilean Movement's goal of raising one million Christlike harvest workers for biblical ministries annually.

We are thankful for the exemplary partnership of the Philippine Council of Evangelical Churches, the World Evangelical Alliance, A Grain of Wheat Christian Ministries, and other organizations in conducting this conference.

We are grateful for the great sacrifice and unselfish work of love, excellent service and ministries of the pastoral team, leaders, and members of A Grain of Wheat Christian Ministries that provided great encouragement, inspiration, and model of what it means to live by faith and have a Christ-centered life as they organized and hosted the MIMC-7.

We, the 1,880 delegates from 17 countries have experienced the presence of God and have resolved to move forward victoriously to obey the Lord Jesus in fulfilling His great commission whatever and wherever with the power of the Holy Spirit for the glory of the Father.

Signed: on the 6th of August 2022, at A Grain of Wheat Christian Ministries, Taytay, Rizal, Philippines

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