

16.06 SCHEDULE: MMF JOINT THEOLOGICAL CONSULTATION on: Economic Ethics in Scripture, Theology, and Practice in the Mekong Area

Mekong Mission Forum (MMF) in cooperation with the Judson Research Center of Myanmar Institute of Theology (JRC-MIT), the Association for Theological Education in Myanmar (ATEM), and the Lutheran Theological Seminary, Hong Kong

June 15 – 17, 2016

Time	Wednesday, 15 th June	Thursday, 16 th June	Friday, 17 th June	Saturday, 18 th June
7:30		Breakfast	Breakfast	D E P A R T U R E
8:30 – 9:00		Opening Welcome, Song, Prayer – MMF/LTS & MIT/JRC	Session VII An Appeal to the Rich in the Gospel of Luke/Acts – Rev.Dr. Zo Dong	
9:00 – 9:45		Session II The Significance and Roles of the Buddhist Socio-Cultural Values in Doing Economic Works and Business in Myanmar – Rev. Dr. Samuel Ling, President of MIT		
10:00 – 10:30	A		MIT Chapel – led by Consultation	
10:30 – 10:45	R	Tea/Coffee Break	Tea/Coffee Break	
10:45 – 12:00	R I V	Session III What does a healthy business look like? -- Wai Phyo Myint, Manager - Regional Outreach Myanmar Centre for Responsible Business (MCRB)	Session VIII Economic Activity, Ethics, and Peace-Building among the Nations –Mai Aye Aye Aung	
12:00 – 13:30	A	Lunch & Rest	Lunch & Rest	
13:30 – 14:45	L	Session IV The Prophets, Christian Critique of Economic Activity in the Context of the Mekong Area --Rev. Dr. Nang Sawm Piang, Principal of Tedim Christian College	Session IX Women, Children and Health: Policies and Business Practices which Empower and Vitalize God's People – Ms. Kathleen Ferrier and Dr. Tjeerd Deboer	
14:45 – 15:00		Tea/Coffee Break	Tea/Coffee Break	
15:00 - 16:00		Session V 2-3 Short regional presentations: 1) An Overview of Reform Initiatives in Public Financial Management in Myanmar" --Mr. David Allen 2) TBA	Session X 2-3 Short regional presentations: " 1) Economics in Cambodia: Impact for church growth and practice in both rural and urban communities --Mr. KONG, Chak Mun: 2) TBA	
16:00--17:00		Session VI Small Group Discussion/ Feedback and Provocative Proposals	Session XI Small Group Discussion/ Feedback and Provocative Proposals	
17:00--19:00	Opening Dinner/ Session I Keynote: Economic Activity and the Public Theology of the Church: How and Why Shall God's People Speak? – Ms. Kathleen Ferrier and Dr. Tjeerd DeBoer	Dinner	Closing Dinner	

RESOURCE PERSONS:

Rev. Dr. Tjeerd DeBoer -- Ordained pastor, Protestant Church in the Netherlands (PKN), Professor of Mission and Culture at LTS, ***“Economic Activity and the Public Theology of the Church”***

Ms. Kathleen Ferrier -- International speaker and researcher with a focus human rights, migration, health, education and sustainability. Born in Suriname, she worked on grassroots health, education, and development projects in Chile and Brazil, before serving as a member of parliament in the Netherlands for ten years. She currently lives in Hong Kong, where she works as an academic professor, ***“Women, Children and Health: Policies and Business Practices which Empower and Vitalize God’s People”***

Rev. Dr. Samuel Ling An ordained Baptist Minister and Professor of Theology with 26 years of service in teaching and church ministries, Rev. Dr. Samuel Ngun Ling is currently the President of the Myanmar Institute of Theology (MIT as well as the President of the Association for Theological Education in Myanmar (ATEM). He also serves as an Honorary Pastor of the Lai Baptist Church, Yangon, and as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Association for Theological Education in Southeast Asia (ATESEA). ***“The Significance and Roles of the Buddhist Socio-Cultural Values in Doing Economic Works and Business in Myanmar”***

Ms. Wai Phyo Myint , Manager - Regional Outreach for Myanmar Centre for Responsible Business (MCRB) ***“What does a healthy business look like? The work of MCRB”***
(To be followed with discussion on *“How church and religious leaders can accompany & encourage economic & business leaders in their communities”*.)

Rev. Dr. Nang Sawm Piang is a Principal of Tedim Christian College; Translation Officer, Bible Society of Myanmar; Adjunct Professor of Old Testament, MIT. ***“The Prophets, Christian Critique of Economic Activity in the Context of the Mekong Area”***

Rev. Dr. Zo Dong – Lecturer at Lorrain Theological College, Ordained Pastor of the Mara Evangelical Church, Recent graduate of Lutheran Theological Seminary, Hong Kong ***“An Appeal to the Rich in the Gospel of Luke/Acts”***

Ms. Mai Aye Aye Aung - Dean of Liberal Arts of MIT & Lecturer, Community Development of MIT ***“Economic Activity, Ethics, and Peace-Building among the Nations”***

Mr. David Allan has lived in Asia for over a decade, and has been based in Myanmar for the last seven years. His expertise lies in areas of sustainable business strategy and implementation as well as conflict-and risk-reduction- with a special focus on sustainable development practice and conflict prevention. He is associated with Danmission. founder of Spectrum in Myanmar and Short regional presentation: ***“An Overview of Reform Initiatives in Public Financial Management in Myanmar.”***

Mr. Chak Mun KONG, from the Lutheran Church of Singapore, is Field Coordinator with the Lutheran Church of Cambodia and Lutheran World Mission- Cambodia. Short regional presentation: ***“Economics in Cambodia: Impact for church growth and practice in both rural and urban communities.”***