

APRIL 2011 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PUBLISHER'S MEMO

Cape Town Commitment: Finding Our Place by Naomi Frizzell, chief communications officer for Lausanne. Many people are looking to “find their place” in the Cape Town Commitment, dissecting what it says about leadership, business as mission, Bible engagement, partnership and collaboration, etc. This is good, but perhaps we should also look at the Commitment as a mosaic of what is before us as believers—together, finding our place in the outworking of the Commitment, looking for others with whom we can partner. In doing so, we express the beautiful unity of the Body of Christ as we seek to share hope in Christ. www.lausanneworldpulse.com/leadershipmemo/1393/04-2011

THEMED ARTICLES: THE CAPE TOWN COMMITMENT

The Cape Town Commitment: The Inside Story by Chris Wright, executive director of Langham Partnership International and chair of The Cape Town Commitment Statement Working Group. The vision for the Cape Town Commitment began in December 2009, with a gathering of theologians from every region of the world. Here, Wright shares how the CTC came together before, during, and after Cape Town 2010. www.lausanneworldpulse.com/themedarticles.php/1388/04-2011

The Cape Town Commitment, Part 2: A Call to Action, a Summation by Rose Dowsett, vice chair of the World Evangelical Alliance Mission Commission. Part 2 of the Cape Town Commitment, “A Call to Action,” should not be separated from Part 1, because to do so would leave us with unrooted activism, Dowsett writes. Here, she gives an introduction to Part 2 and offers suggestions on how to put it into practice. www.lausanneworldpulse.com/themedarticles.php/1389/04-2011

Why Today's Church Needs the Cape Town Commitment by C. Rosalee Velloso Ewell, executive director of the World Evangelical Alliance Theological Commission. The Cape Town Commitment is needed today as a tool for both calling back and pointing forward—memory and vision, writes Velloso Ewell. She points to two recurring themes at Cape Town 2010, being felt around the world: the decline in biblical literacy and the Church's failure to see peace and reconciliation as integral to the gospel message. www.lausanneworldpulse.com/themedarticles.php/1390/04-2011

We Have a Gospel to Proclaim: Cape Town 2010 Concludes. An abbreviated version of a closing address given by Lindsay Brown, Lausanne International Director, at Cape Town 2010, during which he touched upon four hopes and visions for the Church, as well as core elements, including mission that is Christocentric, being people of integrity, and having perseverance to the end. (Complete video message at www.lausanne.org/conversation) www.lausanneworldpulse.com/themedarticles.php/1391/04-2011

Post-Cape Town 2010 Meeting in Denmark by Lasse Holmgaard Iversen, Danish Cape Town 2010 team. Danish participants who attended Cape Town 2010 gathered in January 2011 to reflect on what they heard and plan for the days ahead. www.lausanneworldpulse.com/themedarticles.php/1392/04-2011

PERSPECTIVES

More than a Name: Wycliffe Global Alliance by Susan Van Wynen, director for communications of Wycliffe Global Alliance. Wycliffe International recently became Wycliffe Global Alliance (WGA), signifying key objectives and distinctives for the days ahead. Van Wynen takes a short survey of the past, present, and future of WGA. www.lausanneworldpulse.com/perspectives.php/1384/04-2011

Partnering to Reach 200 by 2025: A Snapshot of Wycliffe Singapore by Nicky Chong and Soak Wan Leong, executive director and communications executive, respectively, of Wycliffe Bible Translators Singapore. Before Vision 2025 was adopted by Wycliffe organizations worldwide, statistics showed that the remaining more than two thousand people groups would not see a translation program started until 2150. And thus was born the Wycliffe Singapore response to Vision 2025—"Reaching 200 by 2025." Two Wycliffe Singapore leaders share why the leadership saw this as crucial to the future of the Church. www.lausanneworldpulse.com/perspectives.php/1394/04-2011

LEADERSHIP PROFILE

Leadership Profile: Hannelore Illgen, Women's Ministry, Prayer Warrior, Evangelist, Germany. Illgen, who is passionately involved in women's ministries nationally and internationally, has a deep desire to see Pentecostals, and in particular women Pentecostals, make a growing impact in world evangelism. Read more about her ministry. www.lausanneworldpulse.com/leadership_profiles.php/1387/04-2011

INTERNATIONAL PUBLISHING

When President Obama Met with Hugo Chávez...Publishing in Latin America by Ian Darke, coordinator of *Letra Viva*. The author shares the top three challenges publishers in Latin America developing writers, growing mentor/editors, and strengthening publishers. He lists ten Latin American writers—including Milton Acostas, Orlando Costas, Samuel Escobar, and Darío López—who are making a significant difference for the kingdom through publishing. www.lausanneworldpulse.com/international_publishing.php/1385/04-2011

A Glimpse at Brazilian Publishing by Katie Main Hautamaki, a writer and editor with *New York Family Magazine*. Christians in Brazil read an average of five books a year, forty percent more than the average Brazilian. Nonfiction books top the list of Christian reads, including self-help, Christian living, Bible studies, and gift books. www.lausanneworldpulse.com/international_publishing.php/1386/04-2011

NEWS BRIEFS SUMMARY

(Complete News Briefs: www.lausanneworldpulse.com/newsbriefs.php/1395/04-2011)

EGYPT: Army Fires Live Ammunition at Monastery

The recent Egyptian uprising has left Coptic Orthodox monasteries exceedingly vulnerable, as the police who normally guard the monasteries have either deserted their posts or been redeployed to the cities. Exploiting the security vacuum, Arab raiders, jihadists, and prison escapees have attacked and raided several monasteries. When the monks requested protection at the fifth-century Monastery of St. Bishoy in Wadi al-Natroun, north of Cairo, they were told they would have to fend for themselves. Islamic law mandates that Christians cannot build or repair churches. On 21 February 2011 soldiers arrived at the monastery and proceeded to demolish it. ([Assist News Service](#))

ETHIOPIA: Christian Students Attacked by Muslim Mob

According to [International Christian Concern](#), a Muslim mob assaulted and wounded seventeen Christian college students on a short-term mission trip in Oma village on 26 February 2011. After the students

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started to distribute Bibles and speak with the Muslims, one of the villagers argued with them, inciting a mob to attack the students. The Muslims shouted "Allah Akbar" ("Allah is greater") and hurled stones at the Christians and beat them with rods. When the Christians fled, the mob unsuccessfully attempted to set fire to their car. While Ethiopia's constitution guarantees freedom of religion, Muslims occasionally attack Christians living in Muslim-majority areas. ([Voice of the Martyrs Canada](#))

IVORY COAST: Political Deadlock Degenerating into Civil War

Internationally-recognized president Alassane Ouattara has yet to take office in spite of the appointment of a parallel government. The November 2010 election results are being ignored by incumbent, Laurent Gbagbo, who refuses to step aside. Curt Cole, [HCJB Global](#) vice president of international ministries, says one of their partners, *Fréquence Vie* (Life Frequency), was caught in the crossfire. HCJB Global Voice has partnered with *Fréquence Vie* since 1999. The crisis in Ivory Coast is creating another "forgotten emergency," Cole explains, saying up to forty thousand refugees are fleeing into Liberia. ([Mission Network News](#))

LIBYA: Radio Broadcasts Bring Hope Despite Bombings

Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi recently launched an air raid on eastern Libya after oil installations appear to have been switching hands between pro-Gaddafi and rebel forces. The number of deaths associated with the weeks-long, violent uprising in Libya is unclear. Thousands are trying desperately to flee the country. In the midst of tragedy, however, hope has broken through, thanks to radio programming. [HCJB Global](#) president Wayne Pederson says, "The satellite provider we have from Europe beaming into North Africa has been able to stay on the air. Other satellite signals have been blocked, but the Lord has enabled our radio signal to continue 24/7 into the households of North Africa and the Middle East." ([Mission Network News](#))

PAKISTAN: Pakistani Churches Mourn Assassinated Christian Minister

Christian schools and colleges across Pakistan shut down for three days to protest the 2 March 2011 assassination of Shahbaz Bhatti, a Roman Catholic and Minister for Religious Minorities. In addition, churches observed Sunday, 6 March as a day of prayer and fasting. On 3 March, Christians and secular groups marched in the cities of Lahore, Karachi, Hyderabad, and Faisalabad to protest Bhatti's killing. Bhatti, 42, was ambushed and shot dead as he was being driven to his office. A critic of Pakistan's blasphemy law, Bhatti initiated a clemency petition for Asia Bibi, a Christian woman currently in prison on blasphemy charges. ([Ecumenical News International](#))

SOMALIA: Somali Islamists Kill Twenty-fourth Christian Convert

[International Christian Concern](#) has learned that members of the Somali Islamic radical group, Al-Shabaab, killed Abdirahman Hussein Roble, a Christian convert from Islam on 26 January 2011 in Mogadishu. Roble was accused of spying and promoting religious discord by evangelizing Muslims. He is the twenty-fourth Christian to be killed by the Somali Islamists since 2009. Al-Shabaab is an al-Qaeda-linked organization known for enforcing a strict version of *Sharia* law. ([Assist News Service](#))

COMING IN MAY: THE POWER OF PERSONAL TESTIMONY

FAQ'S

Who is behind Lausanne World Pulse?

Lausanne World Pulse (LWP) is a collaborative partnership between:

- The Lausanne Movement
- The Billy Graham Center at Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL, USA

What is the purpose of Lausanne World Pulse?

LWP serves as a *catalytic force* for collaborative holistic outreach by providing an online place for Christian leaders worldwide to share news of mission and evangelism efforts and perspectives on the work of the global Church.

What is the editorial policy of Lausanne World Pulse?

LWP accepts articles on world mission and evangelism topics, including challenges and opportunities and trends and changes in the Church and on the mission field. Opinions and editorials on topics related to mission and evangelism are welcome. LWP is not an academic journal; therefore, articles should not to be restricted to theological discussions. Submitted articles should be of practical value, offering readers insight into cultures or issues of relevancy in the Church and God's world today.

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- *Photos, images, tables, and graphs*: Are welcome and encouraged
- *Author photo and bio (40 words)*: Should be included with the article submission
- *Submissions*: Send to editor@lausanneworldpulse.com; submitted content will not be returned

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