

Lausanne Movement Glossary

A Guide to the Concepts, Documents, People, and Gatherings that Shape Our Movement

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Action Hub

The [Action Hub](#) is Lausanne's chosen digital platform designed to connect and equip Christian leaders from around the world, through fostering collaboration and action on the most pressing issues in global mission, and in this way empowering leaders to make a tangible impact in their local and global contexts.

Board of Directors

The [group](#) of people who are responsible for the overall governance of the Lausanne Movement.

Biblical

A key characteristic of our Movement is our commitment to God's Word as our foundation and fuel for everything we do and as our ultimate authority.

Cape Town Commitment, The

Acting as a roadmap for the Movement, [The Cape Town Commitment](#) sets out biblical convictions for the global church, and sounds the call for global action. This document emerged from the [Cape Town 2010 Congress](#).

Catalyst

A leader of one of the Lausanne [issue networks](#) who are subject matter experts in their respective fields. [Tanya van Horne](#) oversees the [catalysts](#).

Catalytic

One of Lausanne's key characteristics is bringing together diverse ideas and influencers to spark new insights and make greater progress than any could do alone.

Collaborative

One of our key principles is operating through a collaborative approach by facilitating fellowship with like-hearted believers that leads to action. We do so through a shared (polycentric) platform that invites others to work and lead together.

Collaborative Action Teams (CAT)

These teams seek to unite the global church and accelerate action by helping the various activities and networks of the Lausanne Movement to be even more effective and wider-reaching. The teams are overseen by [Jurie Kriel](#) and [Jiyoung Yoo](#).

Communications

The sharing of information within Lausanne through email, media, calls, and various forms of writing, as well as the processes responsible for communicating with people and entities outside the Movement. [Michael du Toit](#) leads the communications team.

Congress

A major Lausanne gathering that intends to draw a significant and diverse number of Christian leaders and influencers to convene for the furtherance of God's global mission. Lausanne has held four [historic congresses](#) thus far, in 1974, 1989, 2010, and most recently in 2024.

Content

The written, digital, or other forms of information and resources produced by Lausanne. This includes articles, papers, videos, and other content products, as well as a robust historical archive that has emerged from previous Lausanne gatherings and congresses. [Jason Watson](#) oversees Lausanne's content.

Contractor

A person who is paid for a particular skill set or service, for a predetermined project, time, or occasion.

Curatorial

Lausanne aims to be curatorial by platforming the ideas and influencers who demonstrate the best practices for accelerating global mission.

Digital Ecosystem

The integrated set of digital tools, platforms, and resources that Lausanne utilises to enhance global connectivity, collaboration, and engagement in mission.

Event Engagement App

An app that allows users to experience an event through virtual engagement. This includes, but is not limited to, live updates, video streaming and recordings, chat rooms, engagement with other participants, virtual booths, and programme overview.

Fourth Lausanne Congress on World Evangelisation, The

The full official title of the [Seoul-Incheon 2024 Congress](#). This follows the nomenclature of the [First](#) (Lausanne I in Lausanne, Switzerland), [Second](#) (Lausanne II in Manila, Philippines), and [Third](#) (Lausanne III in Cape Town, South Africa) Congresses.

Fourfold Vision, The

The foundational vision of the Lausanne Movement: 1) The gospel for every person; 2) disciple-making churches for every people and place; 3) Christlike leaders for every church and sector; and 4) kingdom impact in every sphere of society.

Generations Conversation (LGC23)

[A gathering](#) held in California, US in May 2023. As the next generation prepares to accelerate global mission towards 2050, the Generations Conversation gathering facilitated intentional intergenerational connecting, convening, communities, and collaboration for global mission in the coming decades.

Generations Department

Lausanne Generations exists to equip younger leaders for global missions and foster intergenerational collaboration across the Lausanne Movement and beyond. The Generations department is led by [Nana Yaw Offei Awuku](#).

Global Listening Report

Between September 2020 and July 2021, Lausanne's regions and issue networks hosted more than 35 global listening calls, resulting in a detailed [report](#). This report was compiled by the Global Listening Team, led by [Eiko Takamizawa](#) and [Steve Sang-Cheol Moon](#).

Intercession Working Group

A working group that focuses on growing prayer support for the Lausanne Movement specifically and for global mission broadly. This group is led by [Sarah Plummer](#).

Issue Networks

Lausanne [issue networks](#) exist to connect and catalyse Christians and evangelical influencers in a particular field or interest for global mission through gatherings focused on biblical prayer, reflection, training, and ministry action. [Tanya Van Horne](#) oversees the issue networks.

Lausanne 4

A multi-year, global, polycentric process facilitated by the platform of Lausanne, towards the catalytic collaboration of the global church, for the discipling of all nations and the shaping of the world in 2050. Also known as [L4](#).

Lausanne Covenant, The

A call and commitment of the global church to world evangelization. A product of [Lausanne 1974](#), the [Covenant](#) seeks to unite evangelicals in their vision and mission as God's people in the world.

Lausanne Global Analysis (LGA)

A content product of the Lausanne Movement that aims to deliver strategic and credible information and insight from an international network of evangelical analysts to equip influencers of global mission. [Lausanne Global Analysis](#) is also known as LGA. These scholarly [articles](#) are also known as LGA.

Lausanne Global Classroom

A topic-based video resource for Christian leaders dealing with key issues in global mission in the world today. Each [episode](#) consists of a series of short video segments and a user guide for deeper study in small group, individual, church, or educational settings.

Lausanne Global Partnerships

A network of ministry partners who support the Lausanne Movement through financial giving and prayer, and are invited to an exclusive annual partners gathering designed to foster deep relationships, provide invaluable insights, and offer you rest and rejuvenation.

Lausanne Leadership

The 350+ global members of Lausanne who are responsible for the Movement's oversight and strategic implementation. These include board members, staff, and volunteer leaders (catalysts, regional directors, working group members). The Lausanne [organizational chart](#) visually portrays the leadership team.

Lausanne Movement

A global movement that seeks to accelerate global mission by connecting Christian influencers and ideas.

Lausanne Occasional Papers (LOPs)

Historically important [documents](#) that have emerged from global consultations of evangelical influencers convened by the Lausanne Movement, also known as LOPs.

Manila Manifesto, The

A public declaration of evangelical convictions, intentions, and motives which calls 'the whole church to take the whole gospel to the whole world'. The first section of the [Manifesto](#) is a series of 12 succinct biblical affirmations of the church, and the second section elaborates and commends those 12 affirmations for further study and action. This key document emerged from the [Manila 1989 Congress](#).

Operations Team

The Lausanne staff who are responsible for the day-to-day functioning of the operational aspects of the Movement. These include human resources, finances, staffing matters, assistance with calls, and technical support. In the context of a gathering such as the [Seoul-Incheon 2024 Congress](#), the operations team is involved in participant registrations and gathering logistics. [Sarah White](#) is Lausanne's chief operations officer.

Platform

Lausanne invites people of diverse backgrounds to a shared platform where they can express their ideas towards the discipling of the nations and shaping of the world for the next generations. A shared platform encourages 'global reach, local expression' by inviting participation from the global church which includes international influencers, as well as pastors of small local churches.

Polycentric

Actively inviting others to participate and lead together. [Polycentric](#) leadership relies on collaboration within diverse teams across multiple centers of operation. The polycentric approach is uniquely suited to engage

the leadership issues, challenges, and opportunities we face in the world today.

Public Reading of Scripture, The

Listening to one another, and especially listening to God was an important aspect of the [Lausanne 4 Journey](#). We believe in the importance of regularly coming together to hear Scripture read aloud in a communal environment. This was facilitated weekly through Listening to God's Word Together Calls (L2G) leading up to the Fourth Lausanne Congress and publicly reading Scripture at gatherings.

Region

One of the 12 geographic areas of the world in which Lausanne is involved. Each [region](#) seeks to both contribute and contextualize region-specific content and action plans.

Regional Director

A [person](#) who leads one of the [12 Lausanne regions](#), working closely with a support group to connect influencers and ideas in their region through networking, regional consultations, and contextualized communications to and from their region. [Joshua Bogunjoko](#) serves as the global associate director for regions.

Senior Staff

The executive leadership team of the Lausanne Movement led by the global executive director / CEO, [Michael Oh](#).

Spirit of Lausanne, The

The collective term of core characteristics identified by Billy Graham that is used to describe the nature of connections within the Lausanne Movement. These are: a spirit of humility, friendship, prayer, study, partnership, and hope.

Theology Working Group

The group engaged with further research in line with the global listening report to discern what the current theological trends, gaps, and opportunities are that inform *The Seoul Statement*. The group is led by [Victor Nakah](#) and [Ivor Poobalan](#).

Younger Leaders Gathering

The Younger Leaders Gathering (YLG) is a gathering of emerging Christian leaders from every region, for spiritual formation, leadership development, and global networking in mission, and to bring them into a 10-year journey called the Younger Leaders Generation.

Younger Leaders Generation

YLGen is a ten-year commitment to strategically partner with younger leaders and to connect them more intentionally to Lausanne issue networks, regions, resources, and mentors, as well as to one another through peer groups.

Younger Leaders Team

The team responsible for planning the Younger Leaders Gathering. This team consists of the YLG director, deputy directors and team chairs.

Fourth Lausanne Congress Related Terms

Accelerate

[Accelerate](#) is an initiative launched at the Fourth Lausanne Congress to make Lausanne content readily available to people who wish to use it in their own context. This includes a selection of curated content, primarily videos from Lausanne gatherings, which people can download along with additional resources that are being added.

Application

Step two of the five-step [participant selection process](#) for Lausanne 4 gatherings, where interested candidates submit completed application and reference forms.

Collaborative Action Commitment

The document that will help the global church towards implementing action as a result of Collaborative Action Teams and the [Fourth Lausanne Congress](#). One of the three documents set to shape the Fourth Lausanne Congress, alongside the *State of the Great Commission* report and the *Seoul Statement*.

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Congress Virtual Experience (VX)

A digital gathering experience that integrated onsite with the [Fourth Lausanne Congress](#), allowing participants a unique immersive experience of the congress from wherever they reside around the world.

Digital Discovery Center

A physical space at the Fourth Lausanne Congress where individuals engaged with practical digital tools and strategies for spreading the gospel.

Interpretation / Interpreter

The process / person by which a language is mediated orally. This usually happens in real time. The official languages supported at the Fourth Lausanne Congress were English, Spanish, Korean, Portuguese, French, Russian and Simplified Chinese. Lausanne gatherings provide support for interpretation on a case by case basis.

Invitation

Step four of the five-step [participant selection process](#) for Lausanne 4 gatherings, where the selection committees invite selected applicants to register.

Korean Preparatory Committee

The team responsible for event operations at the Fourth Lausanne Congress, including local volunteers and management, meals, accommodation, and expenses in Korea, as well as local translators.

Korea Lausanne Committee

The national committee of the Lausanne Movement in Korea. Korea Lausanne served as co-host of the Fourth Lausanne Congress together with Japan and the broader Asian church. Rev Jaehoon Lee, pastor of Onnuri Church, is chair of Korea Lausanne.

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Lausanne Gatherings App

The mobile application used at the Fourth Lausanne Congress that provided participants with event schedules, speaker information, networking opportunities, and real-time updates for the gatherings.

Listening Process

The first of three key rhythms of the [Lausanne 4](#) journey. The process of [listening](#) included a number of intentional activities that engaged the global church in listening to God through Scripture and prayer, as well as to one another. Five questions guided the L4 listening process: 1) What are the most significant missional gaps and remaining opportunities? 2) What promising breakthroughs and innovations can accelerate global mission? 3) In what areas is greater missional collaboration most critical? 4) Where is further

research needed? and 5) Whom else should we be listening to as part of this process?

LiveVoice

A multilingual interpretation tool used during gatherings to provide live audio translation, enabling participants to engage with content in their preferred language.

Nomination

Christian leaders and influencers nominate potential candidates. This is the first step in the five-step [participant selection process](#) for Lausanne's global events such as the Fourth Lausanne Congress.

Plenary

A focused session during a gathering where all participants come together to engage on key themes, listen to speakers, and may engage in related discussions.

Pre-Congress Programme

Officially called *Journey to the Congress*, the pre-congress programme consisted of a year-long preparation programme tailored to help participants make the most of their own engagement in the Fourth Lausanne Congress. Both onsite and virtual participants engaged with the materials provided on a monthly basis. [Jason Watson](#) led the pre-congress programme.

Programme

The structured schedule of sessions, discussions, and activities designed to facilitate learning, collaboration, and strategic planning around predetermined themes during a gathering or event.

Programme Team

The team entrusted with the development of the programme for the [Seoul-Incheon 2024 Congress](#). The programme includes various aspects of the participant experience including plenary sessions, worship, workshops

and breakouts, and table groups. The programme team for the Fourth Lausanne Congress was led by Patrick Fung.

Regional Gathering

During 2023, all Lausanne regions held gatherings with the objective of listening, convening, and strategising based on the work done by the Global Listening Team, the Seoul-Incheon 2024 Team, the Collaboration team, and the Listening Report, to further discern what the regionalised gaps, opportunities, and action points are needed in light of the world in 2050.

Registration

The final step of the five-step [participant selection process](#) for Lausanne's global gatherings, where applicants who accept the invitation register and pay the registration fee to secure their spot.

Selection

Step three of the five-step [participant selection process](#) for Lausanne global gatherings, where applications are screened by the selection committees.

Selection Process

Used to describe the broader [five-step process](#) which includes nomination, application, selection, invitation, and registration in order for prospective participants to participate in the [Seoul-Incheon 2024 Congress](#) or other global gathering. The [selection process](#) for the Fourth Lausanne Congress was overseen by [Las Newman](#) and [Joseph Vijayam](#).

Seoul-Incheon 2024 Congress

The [Seoul-Incheon 2024 Congress](#), known officially as the Fourth Lausanne Congress on World Evangelization, took place in Incheon, South Korea in September 2024. This gathering was set to accelerate Christian collaboration and shape global mission in light of the world in 2050. It was also a celebration of our gracious God and the gospel, and coincides with the 50th anniversary of the Lausanne Movement. [David Bennett](#) served as director of the Congress, along with a [team](#) of co-directors.

Seoul Statement, The

The title of the key document that emerged from the [Seoul-Incheon 2024 Congress](#), which sounds a call for collaborative action for the sake of God's mission as an active response to the [Lausanne 4](#) journey. The Theology Working Group led the drafting of this document.

Specialized Volunteer

An unpaid person who has a particular skill set that is required for a particular job, ie. video editing. The volunteer may or may not receive sponsorship in the form of transport, accommodation, and meals.

State of the Great Commission Report, The

A culmination of the [L4](#) process of listening, research, and gatherings distilled into a report that is set to shape global mission with the world of 2050 in mind. The research team was led by [Matthew Niermann](#).

Storytelling

The practice of sharing testimonies, mission insights, and gospel impact narratives to inspire, mobilise, and connect the global church.

Translation / Translator

The process / person by which one written language is transferred to another written language. This usually happens in advance. The languages Lausanne supports are English, Spanish, Korean, Portuguese, and French.

Additional Terms to Add:

