

# the FIN News

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## Gathered to Scatter, Scattered to Gather

*Edmonton, Canada* – Invited participants to the Global Diaspora Missiology Consultation will discuss the impact of global migration on the future of global missions as well as new missions strategies to be utilized by diaspora followers of Jesus Christ. Participants representing major diaspora groups (i.e. Chinese, Japanese, Vietnamese, Jewish, South Asian, Korean, Brazillian, Hispanic, Nepalese, West African, East African, Russian, Arab, Filipino) include missiologists and missions strategists, diaspora leaders, and theologians. The FIN-sponsored and Lausanne-endorsed Global Diaspora Missiology Consultation will take place in Edmonton from November 16-18, 2006. It will be hosted by Taylor University College and Seminary (Edmonton). The consultation has been convened by Dr. Enoch Wan, Director, Doctor of Missiology Program at Western Seminary (Portland), and Dr. Joy Tira, International Coordinator of FIN. The host for the event is Dr. Allan Effa, Associate Professor of Intercultural Studies at Taylor Seminary. Papers presented by the participants will be collected and published as a sequel to FIN's first publication, SCATTERED: The Filipino Global Presence (2004).

Though the consultation itself is open only to invited participants and invited observers, public lectures and services have been scheduled. Dr. Tetsuno Yamamori, International Director of the Lausanne Committee for World Evangelization will be speaking twice at Taylor University College and Seminary on November 16, 2006. The topics are "Critical Issues in Global Mission Today" and "Business as Mission." The consultation will culminate in a special celebration event that will gather the diaspora congregations of Edmonton in an international service on November 17, 2006. Dr. TV Thomas, Director of Centre for Evangelism and World Missions, will be speaking on the "Gathering of the Nations" at First Filipino Alliance Church (Edmonton). Please refer below for additional information regarding the public service and lectures.

Please pray for the participants as they prepare and present their respective papers. Pray also for the consultation's coordinating committee as they prepare for the event. Pray for new strategies, and for far-reaching impact in furthering the Great Commission.

### **Dr. Ted Yamamori**

Nov. 16, 2006, Taylor University College and Seminary

9:30 am

"Critical Issues in Global Mission Today" (Chapel Service)

12:00 nn

"Business as Mission"

### **Dr. TV Thomas**

Nov. 17, 2006, 7:30 pm, First Filipino Alliance Church

"Gathering of the Nations" (Celebration Event)

### **Global Diaspora Missiology Consultation**

(By invitation only)

Taylor University College and Seminary

Nov. 16 - 18, 2006, 8 am - 5 pm



"There's no one quite like you among the gods, O Lord, and nothing to compare with your works. All the nations you made are on their way, ready to give honor to you, O Lord, ready to put your beauty on display, parading your greatness, and the great things you do -- God, you're the one, there's no one but you!"

– Psalm 86:9, The Message

Representatives of various diaspora groups will descend on Edmonton International Airport in mid-November for the Global Diaspora Missiology Consultation (November 16-18, 2006). They will gather to rejoice in God's work through their scattered peoples, and they will seek God's wisdom and brainstorm for new ways to further the Great Commission through their respective diaspora groups. What a privilege for FIN to host "the nations" as they find new ways to parade God's greatness. This issue of FIN News will tell you a bit more about the consultation and will provide you an update of FIN's ongoing evangelism and discipleship training. We thank you for your prayer support in the past, and we solicit them again in the upcoming months.

For the Great Commission,  
The FIN Staff

# Interview with Dr. Enoch Wan

Dr. Wan is the Director of the Doctor of Missiology Program at Western Seminary in Portland. He is passionate about the Great Commission and is committed to seeing diaspora groups, like the Filipinos, motivated and mobilized to partner for worldwide missions. Dr. Wan was actively involved in the gathering of Filipino Alliance churches in Canada into the Conference of Filipino Alliance Ministries (CFAM), and has been instrumental in the development of FIN.

## 1. What is your current involvement with FIN? How did you first come to participate with FIN?

I'm currently serving on the FIN Global Committee, and I originally learned about FIN through Joy Tira. Actually, before FIN started, I began working with the Conference of Filipino Alliance Ministries years ago when I was working in Canada.

## 2. You have been a FIN partner and friend from the beginning -- what for you has been/ what is the most exciting development in FIN's ministry so far?

The blossoming of the network and the partnership with different organisations and leaders in different countries. And to see the tragedy of Overseas Filipinos Workers (OFWs) leaving the homeland and separated from the family being turned around, as OFWs are encouraged and equipped for ministry.

## 3. What do you think FIN's greatest contribution will be to the movement of diaspora groups actively participating in global missions?

Following the Chinese Coordination Centre of World Evangelization (CCOWE), FIN is the second global network for evangelism. After FIN, it would be good for other groups to follow similar models for the furthering of the Kingdom.

## 4. How do you think the Global Diaspora Missiology Consultation will contribute to global missions?

First, that consultation is the first of its type dealing with the topic of diaspora from a missiological perspective, then the eventual compilation of the papers presented at the consultation will be very informative as a sequel for the book SCATTERED. The book SCATTERED focuses on Filipinos only. The upcoming one is broadening the topic to apply a similar approach to other groups.

## 5. What could other diaspora groups learn from the FIN movement?

First, they could take a look at the book SCATTERED then maybe they could produce a similar work to SCATTERED. Then using the partnership and networking model of FIN, hopefully they will do similar things for their own people and for the Kingdom.

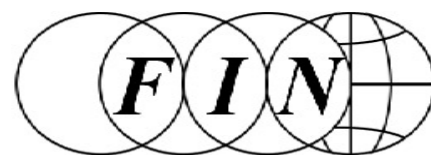
It is exciting to see how CFAM being a denominational and national partnership has expanded to other countries and denominations through FIN. Effective partnership has brought this group of Filipinos to a point that is now FIN. It is my hope that more systematic training programs, written material, and help, could be made available soon.

## Training Update

*Tokyo, Japan* -- FIN sponsors and conducts New Life Training Curriculum (NLTC) in cities that have a substantial Filipino population throughout the globe. NLTC is a curriculum in evangelism and discipleship with the goal of producing "multiplying disciples" of Jesus Christ. These NLTC courses are ongoing throughout the year and are conducted by local-based Filipino trainers, Philippine-based trainers, as well as trainers from Europe and North America. This is one of the ways that FIN is mobilizing strategic Filipinos globally "to partner for worldwide mission."

The next round of NLTC has been planned for Tokyo, Japan, in December 2006. Over 25 trainees are expected to participate. In the past, trainees in Tokyo have come from diverse cultural backgrounds. Filipino trainees have often been joined by Brazilian, Canadian, American, as well as Japanese trainees. These trainees have been instrumental in introducing many Japanese to Jesus Christ, and they have gone on to train others to continue in evangelism and discipleship of people in their circles of influence.

Please pray for the trainers and trainees as they gather to learn how to share their faith in Jesus Christ. Pray that many Japanese (and other nationals) will be introduced to Jesus Christ through the trainees' witness.



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