

Circle of Significance and Mission Asia 24

For GACX

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On October 4, 2022, Rev. Dr. John A. Mayer of Deo Volente and City Vision unveiled the *Circle of Significance* at the GACX Forum 2022 (October 3-6) in Bloomington, MN at a Tuesday night plenary session with 375 attendees from 40 different countries. The Circle of Significance is part of a book John is currently writing on world missions.

John's extensive research highlights the potential that Circle of Significance holds:

- Over 50% of the world (4.2 billion people) live inside the Circle which comprises only 15% of the world's land area. The Circle's radius is 2,224 miles.
- 67% of the all the UPGs in the world (Almost 5,000 of them) are in the Circle.
- 29 of the world's 46 megacities of 10 million+ are all located in the Circle and they represent a total population of over half a billion people (which is 200 million more than live in the entire USA).
- 99% of all the Hindus in the world live in the Circle.
- 99% of all the Taoists in the world live in the Circle.
- 98% of all the Buddhists in the world live in the Circle.
- 92% of all the Jains in the world live in the Circle.
- 78% of all the Sikhs in the world live in the Circle.
- 50% of all the Muslims in the world live in the Circle including the four largest Muslim countries in the world which have more Muslims than the next 16 largest Muslim countries combined. There are also 2 million mosques located just in these four countries in the Circle.

- Java Island in Indonesia (smaller than my home State of MN) has over 150 million living there, which is more than all of Russia.
- Only 4.2% of those living in the Circle are Evangelical Christians.

At the GACX Forum, John asked for GACX members to partner to reach out to those in the Circle of Significance in Partnership with Mission Asia 24. To date we have 54 GACX members who sent emails stating their interest in collaboratively praying for and reaching the Circle of Significance.

The Circle of Significance has already been adopted by Mission Asia 24 which is in partnership with the 4th Lausanne Conference in Seoul, South Korea in 2024.

To fully understand the vision for Mission Asia 24, we must step back and consider its precedent. Lausanne has a long history in global mission. At Lausanne 74, an evangelistic mission with Billy Graham (Lausanne '74), was held in conjunction with the Congress. Alongside Cape Town 2010, (Lausanne 3), Mission Africa partnered international and African evangelists in training, mobilization and outreach across the African continent. Together, in the context of Lausanne 4, Mission Asia 24 desires to mobilize in this significant region of the world “the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation...” (Isaiah 52:7).

We all believe that the world needs the Gospel. To that end, in partnership with Seoul 2024, the Fourth Lausanne Congress, Mission Asia 24 will serve as a catalyst for evangelism and proclamation of the Good News of Jesus across the world’s most densely populated region. Mission Asia will support Seoul 2024’s vision to “listen, gather, and act - together” in global missions so that many more people are given an opportunity to respond to an invitation to become disciples of Jesus, and movements of evangelism are given impetus.

The heart of the vision is that by the proclamation of the gospel in partnership with the local church, many will hear and respond and become life-long disciples of Jesus.

The Mission is to encourage, equip, and energize the church to engage with evangelists to proclaim the message of Jesus Christ, and then to disciple new believers through locally-led, culturally-integrated, and relationship-oriented mission initiatives in Asia. If that is your heart, too, you are a partner in this work.

The strategy is this: using the structure of the Lausanne Movement, Mission Asia 24 will work in tandem leading up to Seoul 2024. We envision many partnerships across Asia prioritizing local evangelistic outreach together. Churches and ministries in the nearly 30 countries across Asia, and evangelists from around the world, will connect in a shared passion for proclaiming the Gospel in multiple contexts.

For more information about the Circle of Significance or to sign up to be a partner with Mission Asia 24 please email info@missionasia24.org