



WORLD EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Pattaya, Thailand

October 25th to 30th, 2008



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Dear Associates,

Please plan to join us for the World Evangelical Alliance General Assembly in Pattaya, Thailand from October 25th to October 30th, 2008. As you know, WEA members are spread out all over the globe. The General Assembly that brings us together happens just once every six years. This will be an excellent opportunity to connect with representatives from 128 National and 7 Regional Alliances, representing over two thirds of the world's countries, WEA Commissions and Global Partners. Inform the WEA community about the work of your ministry. The General Assembly will strengthen our connections within the WEA body and build alignment of vision within our community.

As Christ calls us to, we will seek together the kingdom of God at the General Assembly as we focus on the theme "One Lord, One Body, One Voice". Our topics for each day were chosen after carefully listening to the concerns that we have heard you express. With a commitment to holistic transformation: the proclamation and the demonstration of the gospel as our foundation, our topics will be: churches as God's transforming instruments, addressing poverty in all its aspects, religious liberty and advocacy and evangelicals in the public square.

At the General Assembly, you will gain a greater understanding of global issues and evangelical responses to them. Expect to network and to develop strategic partnerships with National and Regional Alliances, WEA Commissions and Global Partners. Exhibition space is available as one means for you to inform participants about your ministry. Six hours of training on the topic of your choice is available. Your voice and input will help to shape the future of the World Evangelical Alliance.

We see prayer as being a critical foundation for the General Assembly. Therefore "Day One" is being launched one year prior our gathering in person. Through Day One all of us will be invited to pray as we are helped to understand what is happening in the nations throughout the world. How much richer it will be to meet together at the General Assembly having prayed for each other during the preceding year!

Your presence at the General Assembly is important to us. We want and need to hear firsthand what is happening in your ministry. We look forward to seeing you in Thailand.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Geoff Tunnicliffe". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Geoff Tunnicliffe
International Director

PROGRAM:

Participants:

500 leaders from the following groups* will participate in the General Assembly

- 7 Regional Alliances
- 128 National Alliances
- 6 Commissions
- 9 Global Partners
- 105 Associates (International Christian organizations)
- Thai churches and ministries
- WEA staff
- Special guests

* For further information about these groups, please see the WEA website:
www.worldevangelicalalliance.com

Schedule:

The General Assembly will begin on Saturday, October 25th with a welcoming reception at 2pm and will conclude on Thursday, October 30th, 2008 after lunch at 2pm.

Dinner and an opening plenary session led by International Director, Geoff Tunnicliffe will follow the welcoming reception on Saturday the 25th.

The first full day of the General Assembly, Sunday October 26th will be the culmination of the Day One prayer campaign with a program centered on concerts of prayer for global issues.

Mornings:

The next four days will focus on a different topic each morning (see Geoff's letter).

Each theme will be explored through a bible reading, a plenary session, a "living room" on stage consisting of a panel of experts that will discuss the issue and "world café" small groups in which everyone will participate.

Afternoons:

In the afternoons, you will attend training sessions or affinity groups and on October 29th, a WEA business meeting.

Training:

During the General Assembly you will have the opportunity to participate in six hours of excellent training in one of four areas:

- Leading dynamic Alliances and Associations.
- Achieving sustainable funding
- Effective public engagement
- Creating strong partnerships

Evenings:

Evenings will be spent in worship and studying God's Word together. One evening will be spent enjoying a special Thai dinner and multimedia cultural event.



