



WORLD EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Pattaya, Thailand

October 25th to 30th, 2008



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Dear friend,

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. Participate in this excellent opportunity to be further trained and equipped for effective National Alliance leadership, to strengthen our connections within the WEA body and to 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.

In addition to gaining a greater understanding of global issues and evangelical responses to them, at the General Assembly you will dialogue with your peers in small groups settings. Plan to participate in six hours of training on the topic of your choice. WEA will also launch ongoing online training opportunities at the General Assembly. Expect to network and to develop strategic partnerships with WEA Commissions, Global Partners and Associate members to help further your own national work. 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 the country that your National Alliance serves. We look forward to seeing you in Thailand.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "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.worldevangelicals.org

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 and fasting 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.



REGISTRATION AND TRAVEL DETAILS:

Hotel and meeting venue

Meeting space and hotel accommodation will be provided by the Jomtien Palm Beach Hotel & Resort, Pattaya. Pattaya is considered one of Thailand's premier beach resorts and Jomtien Palm Beach Hotel the ideal location for business meetings. Check it out at www.jomtien-palmbeach.com

Registration

Register through the WEA website:
www.ga08.org .

Cost

The cost for participating in the conference includes 5 nights' accommodation, full board from dinner on October 25th to lunch on October 30th, 2008 and airport transfers.

Regular Rate	\$US900
Double occupancy	

Early Bird Rate	\$US750
Double occupancy	
Full payment by January 25 th , 2008.	

For a single room, the additional cost is	\$US225
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If you have a room-mate preference, please speak to him/her before registering. Room-mate preferences may be specified during the registration process.

A deposit of \$US150 must be paid upon registration, however if you choose to pay in full you may receive one of the free deluxe room upgrades which will be given on a first come, first served basis.

Travel information

Suvarnabhumi, Bangkok's international airport is approximately one hour from Pattaya. Transportation from/to the airport will be provided.

Visa

Information on the need for visas is available at <http://www.mfa.go.th/web/12.php> Letters of invitation will be provided upon request closer to the conference.

Sponsorship/ financial aid

WEA operating funds are limited. We ask that participants cover their own expenses through their organization or ministry or through personal finances. However, some sponsorship funds are available for *National Alliance representatives*. To request financial assistance please do so before registering at:
www.ga08.org/sponsorship .

Exhibition information

Exhibition space will be available for Commissions, Global Partners and Associates. Space will be assigned on a first come, first served basis. For further information including rates please e-mail: Exhibit@worldevangelicals.org.

Extend your stay in Thailand...

If you are interested in extending your stay in Thailand before or after the conference, WEA has arranged for PAK Tours to assist you with sightseeing options and/or additional hotel nights throughout Thailand at good rates! Please contact them at paktour@gmail.com or at sales@paktour.biz or visit their website at www.paktour.biz.

Inquiries

Inquiries may be directed to GA2008@worldevangelicals.org.

