

## New Global Leadership Team is Formed

From March 11-13, a group of 17 national and regional leaders of the Disciple Nations Alliance met in Hong Kong to discuss the future of the global DNA movement. The meeting, hosted by Ben Wong and the Cell Church Missions Network (CCMN), was convened by Scott Allen, Darrow Miller and Bob Moffitt to address the question of global leadership in the wake of changes at the US office.

"Over the past ten years, the office in Phoenix has served as a kind of global coordination center for the DNA" said Scott. "However, now that DNA has grown into a global movement, its leadership needs to reflect both its diversity as well as leverage the talented leadership that God has raised up at the national and regional level."

Attending the meeting were Chris Ampadu, Dennis Tongoi, Hein VanWyk, Anna Ho, Eisuke Kanda, Raaj Mondol, David Sir, Paul Sohn and Ben Wong, Cleiton Oliveira, David Collins, Darrow Miller, Bob Moffitt, Jeffrey Houser and Scott Allen. Eisuke Kanda's new assistant Shun Jinnai also joined, as did Paul Sohn's new partner Joseph Min.

Dennis Tongoi, leader of Samaritan Strategy Africa, facilitated the meeting. The participants reviewed the first 10 years of DNA's history, then prayerfully explored the following questions: What do we believe God wants us to do going forward? Is there continued need for global leadership and coordination, and if so, in what form? What will happen with the Disciple Nations Alliance Forum? The overwhelming consensus was,



**New Leadership Team** - From Left to Right: Cleiton Oliveira (Brazil), Ben Wong (Hong Kong), Scott Allen (US), Darrow Miller (US), Dennis Tongoi (Kenya), Bob Moffitt (US), Hein VanWyk (South Africa)

in the words of one meeting participant, "the DNA is not the DNA unless it is together!" Those gathered agreed that a global leadership team was needed to carry out the following functions: Convening the DNA Forum, facilitating communication, gathering and disseminating information, and facilitating resource sharing. They further agreed that the new leadership team should be custodians of the vision, "but not policemen." It should be a coordination center, but not a control center or fundraising office. Further, it should not be (cont. on p. 3)

## Next DNA Forum to be May 13-16, 2009 in Hong Kong

During the March 11-13 DNA leadership meeting an important item of discussion was the future DNA Forum. Should it continue? If so, in what form and how often?

After prayer and discussion, it was agreed that the forum should continue, but be held every two years and hosted in different nations.

The new leadership team will now own the responsibility of convening and planning the forum.

The next forum will be hosted by Ben Wong and the Cell Church Missions Network (CCMN) in Hong Kong from May 13-16, 2009. It will continue to be by invitation only, with invitees representing national leaders, sector leaders and lead-

ership from key partner organizations. After the 2009 Hong Kong forum, the next forum will be held in 2011 in South Africa, hosted by Hein VanWyk.

*Mark your calendars now!*

## Who Are “We?”

From its inception, the DNA global movement has been somewhat difficult to define. A consistent question has been “who are we?”

This question was again addressed at the March DNA leaders meeting in Hong Kong. It was affirmed that the DNA is actually part of a much larger Holy-Spirit driven movement within the Church centered around a reawakening vision for the Kingdom of God, and a new, more wholistic understanding of the ministry of the Church and its role in society. Over the years, those that have affiliated with the DNA global movement have first

been impacted by this broader move of God. The DNA is one expression of this larger movement.

But still we are left with the question, “who are we?” What is the common denominator that unites those in the DNA movement? The answer is this: DNA affiliates share a common purpose, a common set of core beliefs and adhere to an agreed set of “operational principles” (see below). The DNA “school of thought” is comprised of books, resources, curricula and training programs that flesh-out and unpack the DNA core beliefs. Affiliates can include individu-

als, churches, or organizations that hold to these core, common elements. In addition.

Another question that is often asked is this: Is there a common core set of messages or curriculum? Historically, the Vision Conference, containing messages from co-founders Darrow Miller and Bob Moffitt have played this role, however increasingly these messages are being modified and contextualized around the world. Whether they will continue to serve this function will be an item of discussion for future leadership team meetings and the DNA Forum.

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### Core Beliefs

- Jesus is King (Matt. 28:18)
- His primary agenda is to advance the Kingdom of God (Matt. 6:9-10)...
- ...By making disciples of all nations (Matt. 28:19-20)
- The key agent in this task is the local church (Eph. 3:8-11)
- The ministry of the local church must be wholistic (Col. 1:19-20)
- The ministry of the local church must be incarnational (Jn. 17:15-19)
- The local church must operate intentionally from the biblical worldview (Col. 1:15-18).

### Operational Principles

- Principle #1: We seek neither power or glory!
- Principle #2: A “school of thought,” not an institution
- Principle #3: Following God’s lead
- Principle #4: Working collaboratively
- Principle #5: Getting ideas out as widely as possible
- Principle #6: Relating to each other in the love of Christ
- Principle #7: Optimizing local resources

For a full description of each principle, visit [www.disciplenations.org](http://www.disciplenations.org)

## Vision Conference DVD Series Now Available

The Disciple Nations Alliance U.S. office has just released the entire five-day Vision Conference in a five-disk DVD package. Shot live in San Juan, Puerto Rico in March 2007, the Vision Conference features the teaching of Darrow Miller and Bob Moffitt. Professionally

produced, the DVD series has helpful navigational tools that enable viewers to select between difference conference sessions. It is anticipated that this product will be particularly helpful for those who are preparing to train others in the Vision Conference messages.

The product is available for \$10.59 (U.S.) for DNA affiliates and \$12.99 retail. To order, visit [www.disciplenations.org](http://www.disciplenations.org) (go to the “store”) or contact Stephanie Shumate at [sshumate@disciplenations.org](mailto:sshumate@disciplenations.org)



## New Leadership Team (Cont.)

a geographic center (i.e. located in Japan, the U.S. etc.).

When the question arose as to who should be on the team, after much discussion, it was agreed that DNA co-founders Darrow Miller and Bob Moffitt should automatically be included. A vote was then conducted to elect five other members. Those selected were Ben Wong,

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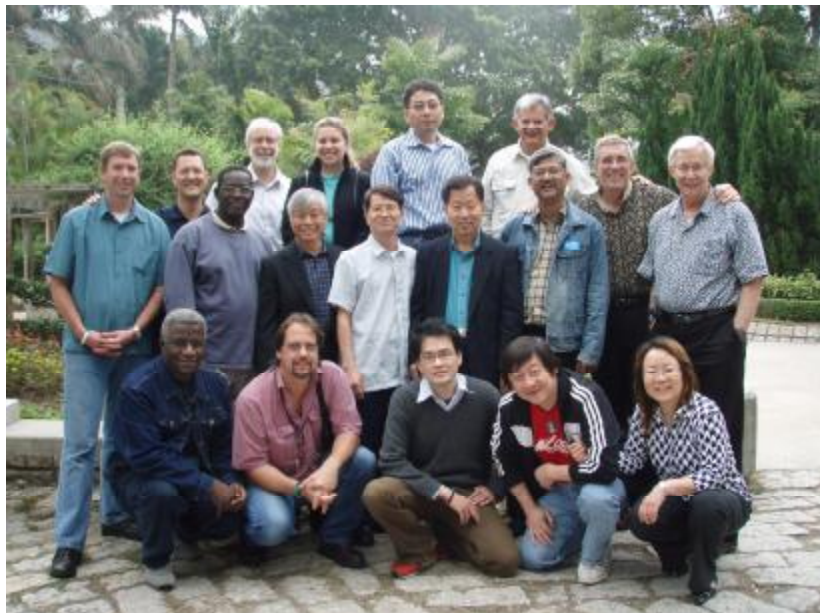
*The DNA exists to envision and equip the Church with a practical theology for distinctively biblical social and cultural transformation in order to see the reign of Christ increasingly realized on earth as it is in heaven*

Dennis Tongoi, Raaj Mondol, Scott Allen, and Hein VanWyk. Cleiton Oliveira, who received several votes, was also added to the team to represent Latin America. All those elected agreed to serve with the exception of Raaj, who, while honored to be selected, said he needed to give focused attention to his family and the launch of a new organization in India.

The leadership team met briefly before the conclusion of the gathering and nominated Hein VanWyk to serve as team leader. The team agreed to meet four times per year—twice by conference call and twice in person. The next face-to-face meeting will occur in Phoenix in November. The following priorities were identified by the leadership team for immediate attention: (1) The 2008 Forum,

(2) the need to quickly develop and launch a website for the global movement, and (3) the need to begin sending out news bulletins.

Those gathered all felt that the decisions reached were God-ordained and held significant implications for the future of the DNA. "It represents a major transition from the U.S. founders to a new group of leaders from around the world, thus cementing the DNA as a truly global movement" said Dennis Tongoi. The U.S. office in Phoenix, which is newly registered as an independent organization, will go by the name "Disciple Nations Alliance, U.S." and will serve as a co-equal support organization of the global movement.



DNA leaders attending March 11-13 Hong Kong Meeting. Top row, left to right: Scott Allen, Jeffrey Houser, David Collins, Anna Ho, David Sir, Cleiton Oliveira. Middle row, left to right: Chris Ampadu, Eisuke Kanda, Joseph Min, Paul Sohn, Raaj Mondol, Darrow Miller, Bob Moffitt. Bottom row, left to right: Dennis Tongoi, Hein VanWyk, Shun Jinnai, and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wong.