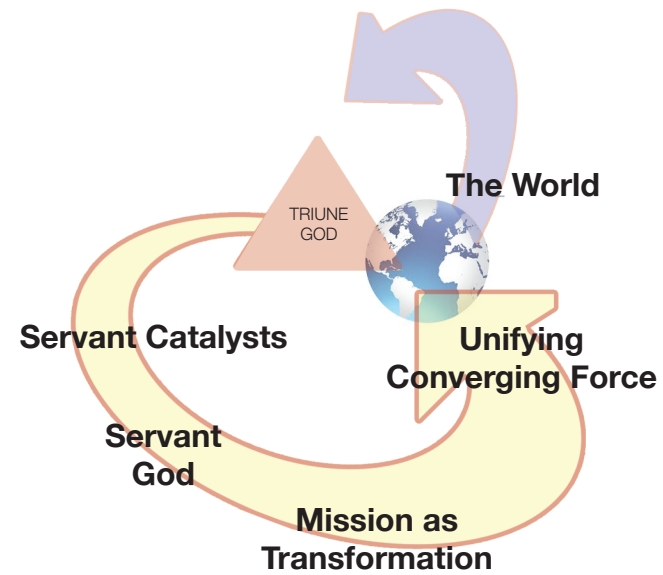


WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE

The word transformation and its cognates have emerged as an expression of mission throughout the Christian world today. Different transformational streams, each with its own approach, are flowing into a river of transformation. As the river of transformation moves across the earth, individuals, churches, communities, cities and nations are being transformed by the power of God through the people of God for the glory of God. Christians are engaged in a transformational mission at the beginning of the twenty-first century as servant catalysts. A cyclical pattern is emerging from among those getting involved. It begins with a fresh awareness of the holiness of God which leads to greater humility. The humility of the servants of God makes way for a spirit of unity. Greater unity leads to the cultivation of a transformed and transformational community sensitized to discover, embrace and become servant catalysts on His mission of transformation.



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RIISING SPIRIT Christians raise their hands high as they sing songs during a gathering called the National Prayer at Bung Karno Stadium in Senayan, Central Jakarta. Tens of thousands of Christians packed the stadium on Thursday to attend the event held to commemorate the Ascension Day of Jesus Christ.

The Beginnings of the Transform World Movement

The term transform world was chosen by Iman Santoso and Djohan Handoyo for the first global transform world event called Transform World Indonesia 2005. On May 5, 2005 the launch of the Transform World Connections took place at the main stadium in Jakarta at a prayer rally with simultaneous link to 54 satellite locations hosting prayer for transformation events throughout Indonesia. The term Transform World Connections (TWC) was used to describe the mission of connecting people and nations who shared the vision of mission as transformation as well as describe the TWC office which has functioned ever since then in Singapore; Djohan Handoyo serves as chairman and Harun Lie as General Secretary of TWC. Board members are from Singapore and Indonesia.

A seven year initiative in response to seven global challenges called Transform World 2020 launches at the Transform World Global Summit (TW GS 2012), November 6 to 10, 2012 in Bali, Indonesia.

Transform World was born out of a prayer movement and in pursuit of the question: "What is God saying to His servants around the world?" Iman Santoso was leading a movement of prayer in Indonesia which began toward the end of the decade of the 1990's.

The World Inquiry was a "venture in the listening mode" to hear God's voice through His servants—especially those who are now emerging onto their local, regional and national scenes in the Majority World. The Inquiry became a movement, engaging many local national servants of God around the globe from more than 700 cities.

A Starfish Structure

Global Context regarding Structures of Mission and TWC Movements are going to rise and fall with increased rapidity in the world in which we live. That is because the context around us is changing so rapidly. Organizational structures can't hope to keep up with these rapid changes. As a documentation of past effectiveness, most organizational structure looks back, not forward.

Structures are usually built to protect a "brand," exercise quality control, enhance communication, secure property, or perpetuate and replicate processes. One needs a "brand" if the organization is raising capital from a broader public. Our natural default position when something good happens is "programme or package it" so that it can be scaled up.

Structure and leadership consume a greater amount of resources. Tim Keller has said: "An organization is more top-down, structured and controlling. Movements are more grass roots, dynamic and collaborative. Movements are dynamic, self-propagating, and encouraging to others to start similar efforts, without owning them."

We have decided that we are not going to try to protect our "brand" of transformation. TWC does not seem to have any of those functional needs except to possibly enhance communication.



Committed Core

The base of a movement in today's world is a committed core of people, who trust and respect one another and apply their gifts and creativity to God's common existential calling on their lives. There will always be movement of people into and out of the motivational and empowering circle because of very permeable, shifting, and porous boundaries.

Diversity of gifts, experience, and background within the core provide a necessary flexibility to keep renewal going. This diversity must be protected and nurtured as the natural tendency of the core is to homogenize.