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# GLOBAL NETWORK UPDATE

Quarterly newsletter from ECFA encouraging the faithful administration of God's work among all nations



Just outside Malaga, Spain on 20-21 January 2016, Dr. Sas Conradie of the Global Generosity Network organized the 2016 European Generosity and Transparency Consultation in advance of the Compass Conference with ECFA International Liaison, Dr. Gary Hoag. The consultation attendees (most are pictured above) gathered from across Europe (Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Slovakia, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, UK, Ukraine) and the USA and Canada to explore ways to work together in unity toward a vision for greater Christian generosity and financial transparency in Europe.

## The Outcome of the 2016 European Generosity and Transparency Consultation

By Dr. Sas Conradie



Thank you for your prayers for a productive 2016 European Generosity and Transparency Consultation. With enthusiasm, I would like to share the vision statement for a movement in Europe that was collectively approved by the participants in attendance.

**Reclaiming generosity as a key part of our identity as transparent disciples of Christ so that through the Church we can be fruitful in sharing grace joyfully.**

This statement summarizes the fruitfulness of this consultation. It came after presentations and discussions that I facilitated with 48 participants from 10 nations. Global Generosity Network organized the consultation in collaboration with the ECFA, Compass, and other organizations to ignite a vision for generosity and transparency in Europe.

One of the central themes of the consultation was facilitating greater generosity through better transparency. Dr. Gary Hoag, ECFA International Liaison, gave clarity to this theme with a

plenary address entitled, *Financial Transparency and Christian Generosity: New Testament Insights for Modern Application*. He exhorted attendees to teach principles of Christian generosity by: (1) studying the teachings of Jesus, (2) modeling simplicity and service, and (3) providing practical tips for people. Coupled with that, so that people have confidence to give,

Dr. Hoag urged ministry leaders and finance professionals to set standards for financial transparency by (1) appointing approved administrators, (2) establishing procedures for handling ministry funds, and (3) preparing to give an account before God and man. The theme was then further discussed during an elective workshop on peer accountability standards in various nations and a possible European accountability initiative.

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## Online Resources

Visit [www.ECFA.org/GlobalNetwork](http://www.ECFA.org/GlobalNetwork) to download PDF copies of the following: "Accountability: God Cares More About It Than We Do!" by Dan Busby and "Rules to Give By: A Global Philanthropy Legal Environment Index" sent in by Dr. Sas Conradie. ECFA just released the *Enhancing Trust—The ECFA Story* history book. If you would like a complimentary copy, please email Susan Briggs at [susan@ecfa.org](mailto:susan@ecfa.org).

## Updates from the Nations for Prayer, Praise, and Collaboration

**Africa** - Linked to awareness and advocacy, we at AfCAA are giving thanks to God for the anti-corruption and accountability meetings facilitated by the US State Department (introduced to us by ECFA) in Kenya and Nigeria, and for the opportunity to participate in the Consultative Continental Movement of National Initiatives meeting in Ethiopia. AfCAA rejoices that God provided assessors for our first two accreditations in April 2016. Please pray for open doors for accreditation.

**Australia** - Mr. Stephen Kerr is pleased, excited, and ever so slightly terrified to serve as the inaugural Executive Director of the CMA Standards Council in Australia! Praise God that all is going smoothly so far with the support of Gary Williams at the CMA head office. We are working hard on our standards, setting up an office and website, and starting to share the benefits of accreditation of accountability and transparency for Christian organisations in Australia. Please pray for receptive ground (Mark 4:8).

**Guatemala** - The first quarter of 2016 has been very intense. Our people now demand transparency and accountability from leaders. The former president and vice president of Guatemala have been facing justice in court for their involvement in corruption scandals, and our new president has taken office. Edgar and Gladys Güitz have shared about accountability and transparency with influential ministry and community leaders, and hope to welcome Mr. John Van Drunen and Dr. Gary Hoag for an official ECFA visit in October 2016 to facilitate conversations for establishing standards for peer accountability in Guatemala. Pray these meetings come to fruition, as we hope God will deliver us from a season of suffering (Isaiah 61:8).

**Hong Kong / UK** - Drs. Sas Conradie (Global Generosity Network) and Gary Hoag (ECFA) are hosting three events on financial transparency and Christian generosity with Mr. Chi-Chung Keung in Hong Kong on 18-19 April 2016. Dr. Ho Chan Hwang (CCFK) and Mr. Anjji Gabriel (CCTA) will serve as special speakers to share about God's work linked to transparency in South Korea and the Philippines respectively. Please pray for good attendance and meaningful discussions at these events, and join us in asking God to raise up leaders to champion transparency to encourage greater generosity in Hong Kong.

**Philippines** - In January 2016, the CCTA board officially named Mr. Anjji Gabriel as CCTA president. Also at that time, the CCTA board appointed Mr. Josaias dela Cruz (National Director of World Vision Development Foundation, Inc.) as CCTA board chair. Other board members include: Ms. Ruth Callanta (Center for Community Transformation), Ms. Zenet Maramara (Asian Theological Seminary), Ms. Nora Lucero (Philippines Bible Society), and Mr. David Dakanay (Christian Stewardship Association). On 25 April 2016, CCTA will host a seminar on "The Faithful Administration of God's Work" (based on material from ECFA Press book, *The Choice*), facilitated by Zenet Maramara and Anjji Gabriel. Pray for the hiring of an administrative assistant for CCTA, for God's resources to support the cost of local printing of resources for

local distribution, and for God to raise up CPA and legal advisors to volunteer their time and talent to CCTA.

**South Korea** - Continue to pray for churches and ministries to become members of CCFK. Also pray for preparations for a CCFK symposium at which Dr. Hwang, CCFK founding director, will speak along with Drs. Wes Willmer and Gary Hoag (ECFA) in Seoul, South Korea, in June 2016 (details forthcoming). Dr. Sung Wook Chung (ECFA Korean-American Advisor) will assist with this official visit. On a personal note, let us rejoice with Dr. Ho Chan and Young Hee Hwang as their daughter recently got married.

**Ukraine** - Dr. Gearl Spicer just returned from the Ukraine and reports that the devastating effect of a forgotten war has stymied much of the efforts to move accountability structures forward while the faithfulness of God has blessed the hearts and lives of people there through recent ministry efforts. Dr. Gary Hoag adds that he met Mr. Anatoliy Musiyenko of Kiev, Ukraine (a Christian leader who translates Compass and other stewardship materials into Ukrainian and Russian) at the European Generosity and Transparency Consultation in Malaga, Spain in January 2016, and Anatoliy expressed a desire to help facilitate generosity education and transparency efforts in Ukraine. Keep praying for this country.

**USA** - Mr. Dan Busby, Mr. John Van Drunen, and Mr. Michael Martin co-authored and recently released another ECFA Press book, *The Guide to Charitable Giving for Churches and Ministries*, as a resource to help church and ministry administrators handle funds in a manner that is right before God and man with regard to legal, tax, and other integrity issues. Pray for God to continue grow the membership of ECFA and for strength and wisdom for new staff that have joined our team. Also, in an effort to assist churches, ECFA just released a free eBook, *5 Building Blocks of Church Financial Integrity*. [Click to download](#) it today

## God Is at Work Around the World

*All the nations you have made will come and worship before you, Lord; they will bring glory to your name.*  
(Psalm 86:0)



Day and night I receive emails from around the world. God's people are diligently working somewhere all the time. This work is worship as each person serves to advance the faithful administration of God's work among the nations. What I love about this global network is that each member, that is, each person receiving this email, recognizes our need to collaborate with one another. We are all a part of something bigger. It's a global movement and God is leading it!

— Rev. Dr. Gary G. Hoag, ECFA International Liaison

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