

# YWAM International Consultation on Frontier, Mercy and Urban Missions

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## Statement

Together we have been challenged to take on a Biblical world view. This will impact all areas of our lives and ministries. We acknowledge that our lives do not always reflect a Biblical worldview. We are challenged to examine these issues and to act on our conclusions. We acknowledge that we need to embrace the revelation especially where it requires us to be conformed to the image of God and so change our lifestyle.

We have recognized that FM/MM/UM have begun to integrate their ministries in certain areas of the world. In the consultation tracks and in our corporate times together we have recognized this process and want to affirm and encourage continuing integration of our ministries. We celebrate the distinctive strengths of each ministry area as each has a unique contribution to make to the extension of Kingdom Of God.

We have been particularly challenged by gender injustice throughout the world and specifically as it exists within our mission. We recognise that the image of God is carried by both men and women; both are required at all levels of the mission in order that YWAM more completely reflect that image. We also believe that we cannot properly address gender injustice in the world without first addressing the issues that exists within our mission. We see the need for reconciliation between genders and for redemptive action by YWAMers. We see a model for this redemptive behaviour in the story of Mordecai and Esther and pray for a release of these types of role models throughout YWAM.

In order to facilitate this the following recommendations are made:

- That these issues be reviewed at all leadership levels including the forthcoming GLT / GLC consultation
- Generation of indicators of progress.
- Noting of our individual responsibility
- Reaffirmation of the Mordecai's in each culture
- For more men and women to teach on women in ministry and women in leadership.
- Re evaluation of leadership styles
- Re evaluation of leadership structures
- Creation of e-forums for further discussion
- Commitment to pray to see these injustices addressed
- The two position papers concerning Gender and Justice and the four statements of Best Practice concerning member care which were generated by the Mercy Ministries track be actively considered, edited and ratified by the forthcoming GLT and GLC.