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Dear Friends of Lausanne,

APPOINTMENT OF CO-REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR SOUTH EAST ASIA W.E.F. 1 JULY 2021

On behalf of the Lausanne Movement, we are pleased to inform you of the appointment of **Mrs. I'Ching Thomas** as the **Co-Regional Director** for the **South East Asia** region.

She will be serving together with **Philip Chang, Regional Director**, to promote and carry on the vision and work of Lausanne Movement in the region from Singapore where she is based. Currently, she is part of OM International, serving as their International Director of Leadership Development.

I'Ching holds a B.A. in Communications from Universiti Sains Malaysia and worked for many years in the corporate business world as a marketing and communications consultant before joining Operation Mobilization (OM) as a missionary in a Middle Eastern country in 1999. There, she served as the director of their short-term missions program.

In 2004, I'Ching received her M.A. in Christian Apologetics from Biola University California and subsequently joined an international apologetics ministry as an itinerant apologist and Director of Training for Asia Pacific. Her area of specialty is in the relevance of Christianity in the Eastern cultural context. Her other study interests include ethics as well as culturally contextualized spiritual formation. As an apologist, she has spoken at conferences throughout the world alongside thinkers and philosophers like JP Moreland, Os Guinness and the late Dallas Willard.

In 2015, I'Ching re-joined OM to lead its global leadership development efforts. Besides speaking, she also writes. Her book, ***Jesus: The Path to Human Flourishing*** (*Graceworks, 2018*), explores the commonalities between the Gospel and Confucius' ideal of human flourishing. In addition, she has also contributed to various best-selling books: ***Beyond Opinion*** (*Thomas Nelson, 2007*) and ***The Popular Handbook of World Religions*** (*Harvest House, 2021*).

I'Ching is married to Brian, who hails from Virginia, USA, and teaches New Testament and Apologetics at a bible college in Singapore, and they have a tweenage son.

In His Service,

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