

# INTERNATIONAL METHODIST YOUNG LEADERS SEMINAR

July 28 – 31, 2011 – Koinonia Conference Center

## DECLARATION TO THE WORLD METHODIST COUNCIL

We call on the World Methodist Council and all member communions to live out John Wesley's call for social holiness and "work on behalf of the worlds hurting ones" by:

- Actively engaging in dialogue, worship, and ministry with the goal of unity in the Church.
- Proactively addressing the decline of the Church in numbers and influence.
- Educating and re-educating our member communions about our Wesleyan heritage and calling upon us all to live into that heritage.
- Seeking to rebuild trust between the church and society
- Building positive interfaith relationships and healing broken ones
- Working on behalf those living in poverty, the unemployed and the under employed.
- Speaking out against unfair economic policies
- Intentionally working to break down the barriers of class distinction
- Working to instil a value system which is free from materialism
- Speaking out against the exploitation of Africans and their natural resources
- Acting as an instrument of justice in the face of corruption
- Holding accountable persons and societies that violate basic human rights
- Combating high mortality rates and the rapid spread of diseases in developing countries
- Being an instrument of grace for broken families
- Living up to our biblical mandate to care for creation and work for environmental justice

Healing is a holistic process. This belief is founded in the biblical witness of healing through the forgiveness of sins, physical healing of the body, spiritual healing of the soul and other acts of restoration in a process of healing the whole being. Our nations need healing and the Church seems to be silent in places where we need to speak up. The Church is called to a compassionate witness of prayer as we grow new generations of disciples and seek to live out our own call to discipleship.

The church must love; like Paul admonished: "*I summon you then, I the prisoner in the Lord, to live lives worthy of the calling to which you were called. With all humility and gentleness and long-suffering forbear with one another in love.*" (Ephesians: 4:1-2)