

The Dallas Event

Strategic Christian Services hosted a special event in Dallas, Texas this September 22-25 addressing how we can have greater influence on the current political and economic crisis in the world. The theme for this year's event was, *Experiencing Transformation*. It was an invitationonly event which represented those already serving in leadership within our organization and the Christian community at large. These leaders are in strategic positions of being able to train up others. Participants included servant leaders from:

- 1. The Instructors of the Business Leadership School who volunteer their time and resources to train the Facilitators who lead and mentor BLS students through their process of growth in the school.
- 2. **The SCS Ambassadors** who give of their time, talent, and treasure to Strategic Christian Services.
- 3. Members of the Statesmen Group formed to equip men and women from various streams whose focus is on public policy

issues and strategic involvement in their local communities.

It was a new group connected in spirit by a common call in Christ to see transformation in their nations. There were participants from North America, Central America, Europe, and Asia.

As those of you who have received training from Strategic Christian Services know, our schools and courses are not just knowledgebased; our goal is always to increase understanding and ignite personal transformation for the purpose of real life application.

It is increasingly evident that the Body of Christ needs access to specific training in the principles of biblical government and social policies. Through the understanding and implementation of these principles, we are able to serve our nations by offering solutions to current problems. This is an area where Christianity can serve the public debate in a very tangible way.

Through teaching, discussions, prayer, and fellowship, many interrelated issues were connected and



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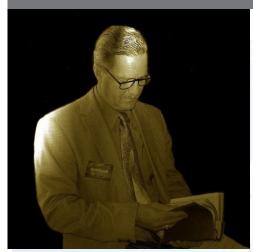
our understandings of them expanded. Topics included:

- The extensive dualism still prevalent in the Body of Christ as it has succumbed to the culture in which it swims.
- The disillusionment with the Left/Right political battle and the inability of that paradigm to resolve this crisis.
- Essential economic principles involved in the crisis.
- The need to build a covenant foundation in our churches as they strategically engage their local communities.
- An introductory view of Dennis Peacocke's new book (expected to be out this winter).

While there is a plethora of excellent analyses of the political and economic problems currently faced in the world, our purpose at the Dallas Event was to learn how to present *viable solutions* to these problems based on the fundamental principles our Heavenly Father has provided to us in His Word. (*)



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PRAYER&EVENTS

OCT. 19-21, 2011 KMI Leadership Conference *Victorville, CA*

OCT. 22, 2011 SCS Board Meeting Victorville, CA

OCT. 27, 2011

Doing Business God's Way Study Lead by Dennis Peacocke Santa Rosa, CA

NOV. 8-10, 2011 International Coalition of Apostles *Dallas, TX*

NOV. 11-12, 2011 Meetings in *France*

NOV. 13-22 Meetings & Business Seminar Switzerland

APRIL 19-21, 2012 The Transforum Event With SLT & BLS Intensive DoubleTree Hotel Cincinnati Airport

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Spirit to Spirit by Dennis Peacocke —An excerpt from my upcoming book, due out this Winter —

Economic principles keep you and me alive. They manage the system that supplies us with the material necessities of life. If we obey and practice them, we prosper and have provisions for our lives and we have discretionary time to enjoy life itself. If we or the system we live in ignore or break these principles, everybody suffers. Today millions are suffering because we have broken a number of them. This is a book about how to begin to fix these problems and thus greatly improve the entire system as well. This is a book about what is most needed in our world today in terms of economic policy: a strategy to produce sustainable prosperity for the greatest number of people.

We live in a world of intelligent design and a world built upon the principles behind that design. The world of economics is no exception. It has laws and principles that govern what economic systems can produce and how they are designed to operate at maximum efficiency and to bless all who align themselves with those principles. Like every other discipline, economics also carries with it the penalties for breaking these principles. Just like the law of gravity, economic alignment can hold societies and nations together in stability and prosperity, or if this alignment is broken, like the misuse of gravity, it can hurl us to earth at speeds that can harm or destroy us.

Wise economic policy is about seeking to discover these principles and apply them; foolish economic policy is to try and operate as if we can make up our own principles and force them upon the world. In an ultimate sense, economics is about alignment or "rebellious" independent misalignment, which is to say, economics is about choices and values. That really is the heart of the matter—economics is about the choices our leaders and we want to make to either align with or to reject principles and laws that we ourselves did not create. It is about obedience and humility, and as we will see, it is about love for truth and love for other people.

Growing Influence

The reality of how the application of a Christian worldview can bring blessing to a society is sorely needed in today's world. The coming year will have increased breadth of ministry, both geographically and jurisdictionally. In addition to the Western hemisphere opportunities we are currently considering, Dennis will be making his first trip to Asia where other members of the SCS team have already sown. Furthermore, he will be developing training for those called to public policy and strategic involvement in their communities.

But we cannot go everywhere, so we will be continuing our efforts for broader distribution of our educational materials and making our schools more accessible. We are currently in negotiations to get our products and our schools into several accredited universities and online learning programs. This will require initial investment to create custom tests and homework that meet the institutions' guidelines and requirements. We also need to create a promotional video for the Strategic Life Training course—in today's world, visual media is a necessity for effective recruiting.

Internationally, we are particularly excited about a project to get *Let's Talk* and *Living Life God's Way* videos subtitled for international distribution, particularly into Spanish and Mandarin. These are our foundational materials and are needed for outreach.

YOUR financial help is needed. Your own experience testifies to the value of these projects. Will you help us meet these goals?

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