



PENTECOSTAL CONFERENCE

18-19 JULY 2023



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REGISTRATION

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Contribution: RM50

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REV. DR SIMON CHAN
MAIN SPEAKER

Simon Chan (Ph.D., Cambridge), until his retirement in 2018, was Earnest Lau Professor of Systematic Theology at Trinity Theological College, Singapore. Currently he serves as editor of Asia Journal of Theology and conducts regular spiritual retreats for laypersons at Trinity Theological College. Among his published works are *Spiritual Theology* (IVP) and *Pentecostal Theology and the Christian Spiritual Tradition* (Wipf and Stock). He is an ordained minister of the Assemblies of God of Singapore.

Program Schedule:

18 July - Day 1:

9.30 AM - 4.00 PM (9.00 AM Arrival)

19 July - Day 2:

10.00 AM - 4.00 PM

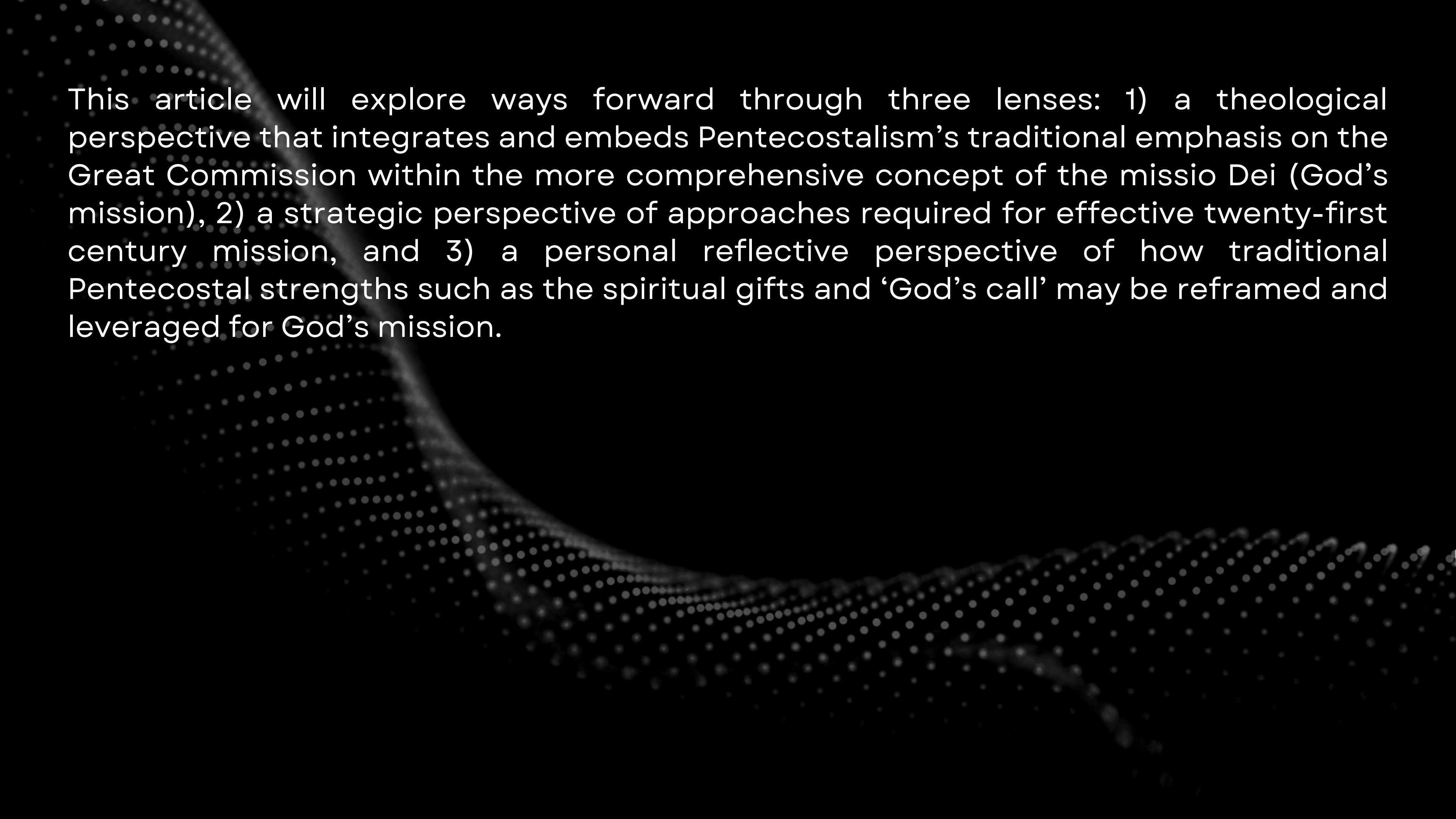
Paradoxes of the Spirit:

Towards a Holistic Pentecostal Spirituality

1. Pentecostal Spirituality as Institutional and Charismatic
2. Pentecostal Spirituality as Centrifugal and Centripetal
3. Pentecostal Spirituality as Kerygmatic and Sacramental

THE PENTECOSTAL SPIRIT AND GOD'S MISSION IN MALAYSIA AND A POST-PANDEMIC TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY WORLD

How may Pentecostalism effectively participate in God's mission in a changed twenty-first century world, especially in and from Malaysia? Pentecostalism has contributed significantly to church-planting, church growth and mission growth around the world. Pentecostalism's pairing of Holy Spirit empowering with its traditional emphasis on the Great Commission has sent Christians to evangelise, plant churches and meet the needs of the poor and marginalised. However, ground realities have changed. While vibrant Christian communities now exist in nearly every country, cross-border mission activities are increasingly restricted. Religious fundamentalism is rising alongside postmodern relativity. Increased urbanisation, human migrations and social inequalities all add to the sea of changes facilitated by advances in transport, information, and communication technology. These all bring with it both challenges and opportunities in God's mission.



This article will explore ways forward through three lenses: 1) a theological perspective that integrates and embeds Pentecostalism's traditional emphasis on the Great Commission within the more comprehensive concept of the missio Dei (God's mission), 2) a strategic perspective of approaches required for effective twenty-first century mission, and 3) a personal reflective perspective of how traditional Pentecostal strengths such as the spiritual gifts and 'God's call' may be reframed and leveraged for God's mission.



REV. DR. CHAN NAM-CHEN

Rev. Dr. Chan Nam-Chen is the executive director of AsiaCMS, a trans-denominational missions agency with activities currently focused on nations in South Asia and South-East Asia. AsiaCMS is part of the global Church Mission Society (CMS) network. He received Christ as a teenager in an Assemblies of God church and is ordained with the Assemblies of God of Malaysia. He has served in the past as a cross-cultural church planter, senior pastor, and national leader. He also serves as adjunct faculty for seminaries in Malaysia, Singapore and internationally. He holds a Ph.D. in Intercultural Studies from Fuller Theological Seminary, U.S.A. His research interests are on the intersections of God's mission, church, culture, intercultural leadership, and migration studies.

RENEWING THE PENTECOSTAL DISTINCTIVE OF THE SENDING IN WORSHIP

The Pentecostal movement is marked by its distinctive emphasis of the Holy Spirit. One of its core belief is the empowerment by the Holy Spirit for the ministry of the gospel to the world. The Pentecostal revival sparked a worship that have a heavy emphasis on missions, and it was reflected in the prolonged response time and services in which many committed their lives to the mission of God to the world. This made the movement one of the fastest growing in the world. Today we see the mainstream Pentecostal worship service shift away from a strong Sending portion of worship. The Sending of worship (the final part of the four-fold order of worship) is the portion of corporate worship in which the church receives the Spirit's invitation for empowerment and blessing for God's mission to the world and the church's response to be sent out. This article seeks to speak to the need for us to keep a strong emphasis and in some ways rediscover the importance of the Sending of worship as it would go far in bringing back the Pentecostal distinctive of being a missional movement empowered by the Holy Spirit.



DR. LEON LIM

Leon has been serving as part of the worship of the church for most of his life. Being blessed as a second-generation worshipper he felt the call to pursue the heart of worship at the age of 12. Since then, God has led him to serve as in various capacities as a youth minister, worship pastor and senior pastor in both Malaysia and Singapore. His love for worship and music led him to pursue a Bachelor in Theology from Acts College, Singapore, a Master of Music in Performance Studies (Jazz) with UCSI University, Malaysia and also to recently complete his Doctorate in Worship Studies with the Robert E. Webber Institute of Worship studies, USA. All these blessings have put a desire in him to be a blessing to worship in Asia and longs to see worship in Asia reflect its local heart sounds, heritage and cultures.

Hotel recommendation for participants from overseas:

- Centrestage Petaling Jaya
- Hotel PJ De Inn
- Crystal Crown Hotel Petaling Jaya
- Hotel Armada Petaling Jaya
- Hilton Petaling Jaya
- Sheraton Petaling Jaya Hotel

