

EMBARGO 1900 HOURS TUESDAY 23 JULY, 1974

Bishop Jack Dain, executive chairman of the International Congress on World Evangelization, tonight released the results of a questionnaire completed by 1,140 participants.

The results indicate a clear wish expressed by a vast majority for some form of continuation committee to implement the vision for evangelization of the congress.

The results computed as follows:

Is there a need for a post congress fellowship to assist in implementing the vision of the congress?

Great need	700	61.6%)	86%
Some need	277	24.4%)	
Doubtful	88	8%	
No need	71	6%	

(Each percentage is expressed in terms of answers to each question.)

If such a fellowship were created, should it be

Global	588	38.5%
Regional	457	31.5%
National	431	30%

Would you be interested in becoming involved in any post-congress development?

Definitely	664	60%)	89%
Possibly	321	29%)	
Doubtful	60	5%	
No	64	6%	

Do you think your local fellowship/organisation would be interested in participation?

Definitely	436	40%)	83%
Possibly	481	43%)	
Doubtful	100	9%	
No	74	5%	

Would your denomination be interested in becoming part of this fellowship?

Definitely	262	25.4%)
Possibly	438	42.6%)
Doubtful	204	20%
No	127	12%



Would you approve a representative group of 25 persons as a continuation committee which would plan a consultation to be held 4 to 6 months' time from now? Such a consultation group would have representatives of geographical areas, functional interests, church bodies and para church organisations.

Yes	863	79%
No	100	9.2%
Uncertain	128	11.8%

Bishop Jack Dain, on behalf of the congress planning committee, issued this statement to indicate how the express wishes of the participants will be met:

"The questionnaire regarding a post congress fellowship has revealed several clear and unmistakable trends. 86% of the 1140 participants who responded indicated a desire for some form of post congress fellowship to assist in implementing the vision of the congress.

"79% have indicated a firm approval to the final question suggesting the appointment of a representative group of 25 persons to act as a continuation committee.

"The objective of such a continuation committee would be to seek to carry out the goals and wishes of the congress, as brought to light by the reports of the strategy and theology groups and the final version of the Lausanne Covenant.

"The idea is to maintain and extend the mutual encouragement and fellowship that has been evident during the congress.

"While encouraging links on a regional basis, the continuation committee will not create an organisation with official representation.

"The Planning Committee, deeply concerned that the congress should share in the appointment of this continuation committee, is suggesting that 25 members be appointed on a geographical basis as follows:

East Asia	3
West Asia	3
North America	6
Africa	3
South America	3
Europe	5
Oceania	1
Middle East	1
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"This is how such representation will be achieved: on Wednesday morning at 11.30 a.m. (1130 hours), all participants will meet in regional groupings in rooms to be announced.

"The Planning Committee who will have appointed a chairman and secretary for each group, request that from each group nominations should be submitted equal to four times the quota for that group; that is, 12 names for East Asia for the three vacancies.

"The Planning Committee will then select from these names the 25 members of the continuation committee, ensuring a balance by geography, denomination, function, age and sex.

"The Planning Committee will also ask the congress for approval to add five coopted members, again for the purpose of achieving balance and filling obvious gaps.

"In this way I believe the wishes of the vast majority of participants at the congress for a continuing link will be adequately expressed."

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