

Making All Things New
The 11th International Conference of
The Lausanne Consultation on Jewish Evangelism (LCJE), held in Toronto, Canada

*“So that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him,
bearing fruit in every good work and growing in the knowledge of God.” (Col. 1:10)*

The 11th International Conference of the Lausanne Consultation on Jewish Evangelism (LCJE) met in the city of Toronto, Canada, from August 11-16, 2019, with over 200 participants representing 16 countries on six continents.

The LCJE is an international network of agencies, congregations, educational institutions and individuals engaged in mission to the Jewish people and is affiliated with the global Lausanne Movement. The LCJE began in 1980 at the Consultation on World Evangelization (COWE) in Thailand as a task force on reaching Jewish people with the Gospel and has grown to include eight regional chapters.

The conference celebrated what God is doing among His people around the world as He continues to call Jewish people of all ages and backgrounds not only back to the Land, but most importantly, back to a personal and meaningful relationship with Him through Jesus the Messiah. At the conclusion of the conference the delegates issued the following statement:

The Gospel to every Jewish person

We affirm our commitment to share the Good News of new life in Yeshua with our Jewish brothers and sisters, as well as with men and women of all nations, cultures, and people groups.

We affirm our belief that for a Jewish person to become a follower of Jesus through faith in Him, is the only possible step because He is the fulfillment of the hopes of the Jewish people as expressed in the Torah, Prophets, and Writings. Messianic Jews legitimately express their identity as Jews and as followers of the Messiah.

We affirm the need for innovative and relevant approaches to Jewish evangelism suitable to the various subgroups within the Jewish community. We rejoice in the openness seen among ultra-Orthodox, millennial, Russian and Amharic speaking Jews to the Gospel in Israel and around the world.

A Messianic congregation or church for every Jewish community

We affirm our commitment to partner with congregations, churches, mission agencies, and denominations to plant Messianic congregations and churches with a heart to reach Jewish people with the Gospel.

We affirm the teachings of the New Testament that followers of Yeshua from Israel and the nations have been reconciled into one unified body in Messiah. We are aware of the challenges this presents and we call upon the “natural” and “unnatural” branches of the olive tree (Romans 11:17-24) to promote and live out the unity to which our Messiah calls us.

We affirm that Jewish disciples of Jesus are called to participate fully in churches, congregations and fellowships where they can worship, grow and serve with other believers.

Godly leaders for every Messianic congregation

We see the need for Messianic leaders who have the right calling from God, passion to serve Him, and love for Jewish people, and appropriate training for Jewish ministry.

We welcome and encourage the involvement of the younger generation of leaders as well as the full participation of godly women and men to take up a renewed call to Jewish evangelism.

Having a Kingdom impact within the Jewish community

We affirm the need for followers of Yeshua to be intentional in engaging the Jewish community for Messiah.

We encourage Messianic believers to immerse themselves in the broader Jewish community by participating in Jewish events and celebrations, in advocacy activities supporting their people, and to live within the Jewish community when possible.

We commit ourselves to take the whole Gospel to the Jewish people for the redemption of the whole person in Jesus. This involves considering their spiritual, emotional, physical, social, and material needs as part of our Gospel witness.

We vehemently reject and oppose any form of antisemitism. We are deeply concerned about the recent increase of anti-Semitic attacks against innocent victims in North America, Europe, Asia, and around the world.

We call upon the Church to take a firm stand against this evil in all of its forms, by preaching the truth of the Word of God with regard to the place of Israel in the purposes of God.

We particularly call upon the Canadian government authorities to take a fair and just stand in support of its ally, the State of Israel, clearly affirming Israel's right to her historic land and her right to exist, prosper, live freely and defend herself from her enemies.

Finally, we call upon believers around the world to pray earnestly for the salvation of the Jewish people, as we look for the soon return of Jesus, our Saviour and Messiah!

Conference Statement Committee

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