



Lausanne Movement
Research and Strategic
Information



Research and Strategic Information Issue Network

2025

Growth Reflection

Based on the Lausanne Issue Network Health Framework



Why Health Matters

The health of a network determines its ability to bear fruit that lasts.

The Issue Network Health Assessment exists to help catalysts and your teams reflect prayerfully on the state of your network and discern what the Spirit may be inviting you to nurture next.

This process is not evaluative but formative – an opportunity to pause, celebrate, and re-root in God’s calling.

As the Research and Strategic Information Issue Network participates in this growth reflection, the focus is on deepening vitality, strengthening connections, and extending impact.

Health, in this context, is not static but dynamic: a continuous process of tending the soil, pruning where needed, and rejoicing in new growth.



Understanding the Report

Each assessment question was rated on a 1–5 scale, producing average scores for each area of health. These scores correspond to stages of health that are relevant to Research and Strategic Information's size and growth stage, and are:



(Your top 3 scores)

Flourishing and healthy



(Your middle 6 scores)

Active growth, but with room for strengthening



(Your bottom 3 scores)

Fragile or underdeveloped, requiring renewed focus



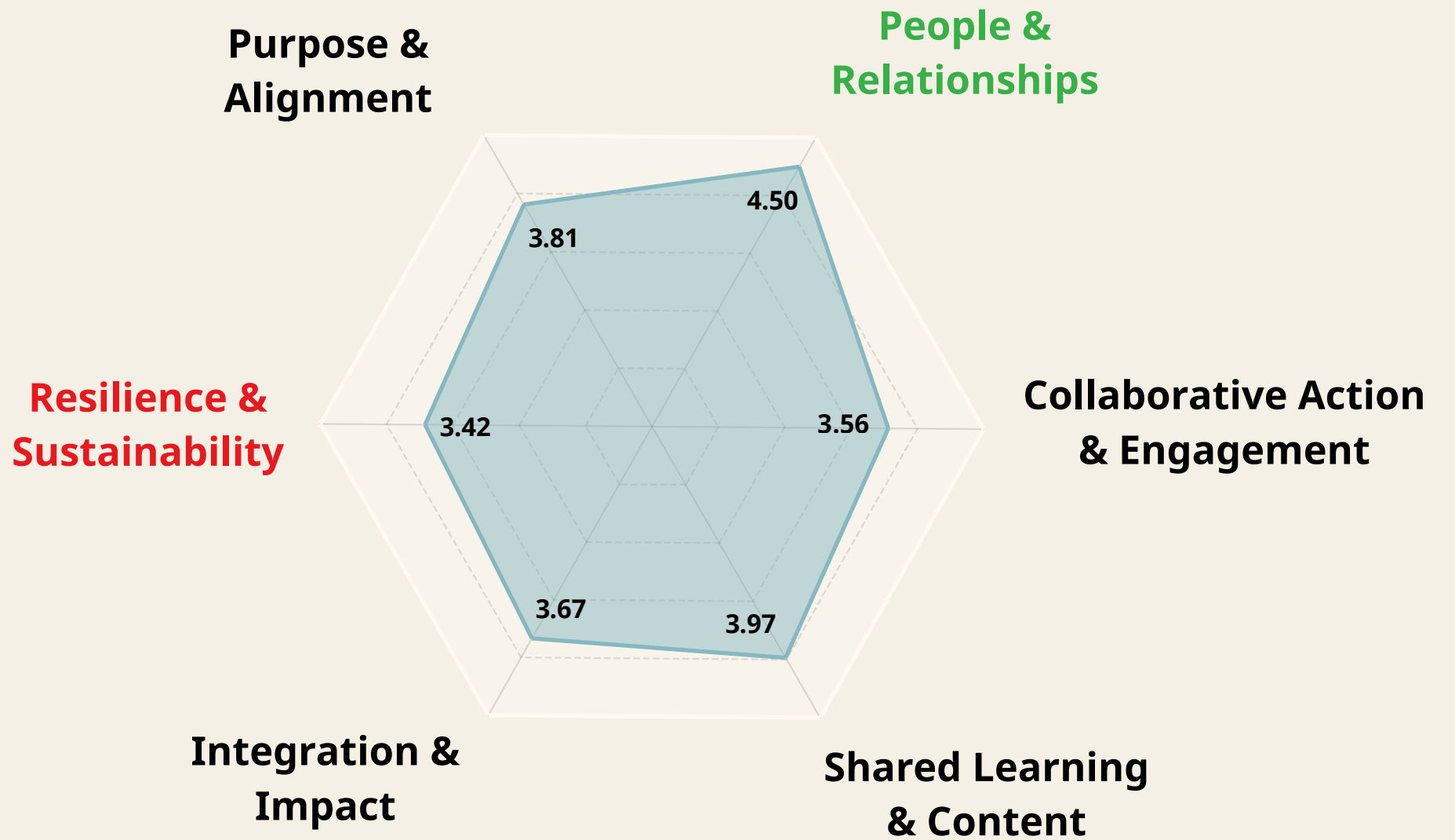
Assessment Summary

Overall Network Health Status



GROWING

The Research and Strategic Information issue network demonstrates steady growth, grounded in spiritual depth and collaborative integrity. Continued progress will depend on strengthening clarity of vision, deepening evaluation and storytelling, and building sustainable systems to translate its commitment into lasting missional influence.



These numbers reflect the combined scores of the 2 areas of assessment under each dimension of health.





Purpose & Alignment

Spiritual vitality and strategic clarity rooted in God's purposes





Spiritual Vitality

How rooted the network is in prayer, biblical truth, and dependence on the Holy Spirit as the foundation for all vision and collaboration.

STATUS



Thriving

Average Score

4.54

Range

4.5–5.0

Variance

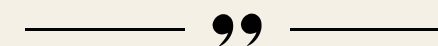
Low

Reflection

The network demonstrates deep spiritual maturity and clear dependence on God’s leading. Prayer and Scripture guide decisions and actions, shaping Spirit-empowered unity. Establishing more consistent times for shared worship and discernment would further strengthen communal connection and collective sensitivity to the Spirit’s voice.

Encouragement

Your Spirit-led foundation is strong. Your next step is to deepen this through regular spiritual reflection.



When prayer and dependence on the Spirit anchor your work, every strategy becomes an act of worship and obedience.





Vision & Objectives

The degree to which the network operates with clearly defined, Spirit-aligned purpose and measurable, obtainable objectives that directly contribute to Lausanne's fourfold vision.

STATUS



Thirsty

Average Score

3.08

Range

1.5-4.3

Variance

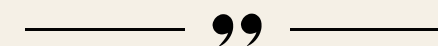
Moderate-High

Reflection

The network's vision is valued, but objectives and plans lack the clarity and measurability needed to drive focused progress. Strengthening accountability structures and developing Spirit-led, actionable goals will help translate shared aspiration into tangible impact.

Encouragement

Your vision holds great potential. The next step is focus—clarify goals and strengthen accountability so shared conviction becomes coordinated action.



Clarity of purpose gives direction; when your vision is Spirit-led and shared, the network grows with unity and confidence.



Additional Reflections



Spiritual Atmosphere

Described by words like **expectant**, **anticipating**, and **intentional**, revealing hope, purpose, and a readiness to follow the Spirit's leading together.



Vision Metaphors

Images used to describe the vision were a map and a lighthouse. 🌍🔦

This suggests clear direction and guidance, yet other feedback suggests these symbols are what is hoped for rather than the current reality.





People & Relationships

Christlike leadership and inclusive, polycentric community with shared values





Leadership & Governance

The effectiveness, integrity, and structure of the network's leadership – how leaders model Christlikeness, provide direction, share decision-making, and uphold good governance.

STATUS



Thriving

Average Score

4.46

Range

4.2-4.7

Variance

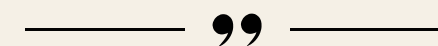
Low

Reflection

Leadership is marked by humility, integrity, and relational warmth, shaping a spiritually healthy culture. While the example set by leaders inspires trust and unity, governance systems would benefit from clearer accountability and greater inclusivity to sustain growth and strengthen collaboration.

Encouragement

You are cultivating humble, Christlike leadership. The next step is intentionality – strengthening clarity, care, and responsiveness within your leadership team.



Servant-hearted leadership nurtures trust and credibility – where humility guides, integrity protects, and shared decision-making brings peace.





Diversity & Inclusivity

The breadth of the network's representation (across cultures, ethnicities, genders, denominational traditions, and generations) and how intentionally it includes and values all voices in unity.

STATUS



Thriving

Average Score

4.54

Range

4.4-4.8

Variance

Low

Reflection

The network beautifully reflects the richness of God's kingdom through its cultural, regional, and generational diversity. Underrepresented voices are valued and included, though intentional effort to engage untapped groups will further strengthen belonging and mutual understanding across the global body.

Encouragement

You are nurturing a beautifully diverse community. The next step is to deepen understanding of where underrepresented voices still feel unheard.

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When every culture, generation, and voice is valued, the network reflects the fullness of Christ's body in mission.



Additional Reflections



Conflict Resolution

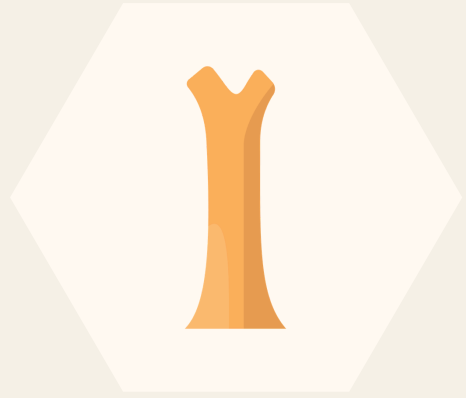
If a disagreement arose, most envision **healthy dialogue**, though **stalling** is also anticipated – indicating strong relational trust but a tendency to delay difficult conversations rather than address them directly and decisively.



Network Diversity

Diversity in the network is mostly **professional background**, although representation of **geographic, cultural/ethnic** and **gender** diversity is also recognised. There is a need to have more **generational** inclusivity and to diversify across **theological** lines.





Collaborative Action & Engagement

Trusting partnerships and clear
communication, upholding unity





Collaborative Engagement

The degree to which the network fosters participation, trusting partnerships marked by shared initiatives, mutual support, and unified pursuit of its mission.

STATUS



Living

Average Score

3.29

Range

2.3-4.2

Variance

Moderate

Reflection

Collaboration across the network is grounded in trust, prayer, and shared purpose, producing fruitful partnerships. Yet, participation in planning and strategic collaboration remains uneven. Strengthening inclusive processes and intentional partnerships will enhance unity and ownership.

Encouragement

You are building collaboration rooted in genuine relationships. Deepen this strength by widening participation that moves from connection to tangible action.



True collaboration is born from trust; when members serve one another, and shared mission flourishes beyond individual strength.





Communication

The effectiveness of communication within the network (between members and leadership) and to external stakeholders (to the broader Lausanne Movement, church, and public).

STATUS



Living

Average Score

3.82

Range

3.3–4.6

Variance

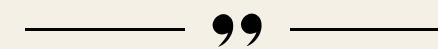
Low–Moderate

Reflection

Communication across the network carries warmth and spiritual authenticity, supported by inclusive tools and platforms. However, messaging about vision and goals lacks consistent clarity and reach beyond the network. Strengthening feedback loops and refining how vision is communicated will foster deeper engagement.

Encouragement

Your communication reflects inclusivity. The next step is clarity – sharing your vision more widely to inspire deeper understanding and participation beyond the network.



Healthy networks speak with clarity and grace – amplifying vision, inviting participation, and ensuring every member is heard.



Additional Reflections



Collaborative Relationships

There is a strong sense of collaborative potential within the network. Everyone could name 3 people they could collaborate with on a shared initiative.



Communication Channels

Information flows mainly through Email, with some use of Zoom – reflecting accessible communication.





Shared Learning & Content

Thoughtful theological reflection,
missional leadership, motivating and
equipping the outworking of the vision





Content & Training

Does the network equip others through quality, theologically grounded resources and training that meet real missional needs in diverse contexts?

STATUS



Living

Average Score

3.72

Range

2.5-4.5

Variance

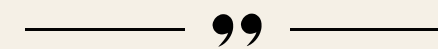
Moderate

Reflection

Your content meaningfully addresses real-world mission needs and fosters continual learning. However, cultural relevance and accessibility vary across regions. Revising materials to better reflect local contexts and broadening distribution will ensure better resourcing across diverse settings.

Encouragement

You are fostering meaningful learning shaped by mission needs. The next step is to strengthen cultural relevance and accessibility applicable to different contexts.



Networks that equip others through biblically grounded learning multiply wisdom and strengthen the church for global witness.





Thought Leadership

The extent of the network's contribution to biblically faithful, Spirit-led insight that shapes global mission thinking and guides others in their practice.

STATUS



Living

Average Score

4.21

Range

3.5–4.7

Variance

Low–Moderate

Reflection

Your network contributes thoughtful theological and missional insight to global conversations, led by recognised and emerging voices. However, wider engagement remains limited. Expanding invitations and increasing resource reach would amplify your influence.

Encouragement

Your voice carries insight and credibility. The next step is broadening engagement – sharing your learning more widely, and inviting others to join the conversations.

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Spirit-led thought leadership inspires the church to think deeply, act courageously, and pursue mission with prophetic clarity.



Additional Reflections



Most Shared Content

<https://www.globalcmiw.org/cmiwbulletin>

<https://lausanne.org/statement/polycentric-missions-collaborate-gap-summary>



The Network's Voice

Most judge Research and Strategic Information's voice as **clear and respected**, while others see it as **emerging but growing**, or only **mostly internal**.





Integration & Impact

Shared initiatives marked by innovation and relevance, achieving tangible global impact





Missional Impact

The degree to which the network makes a meaningful spiritual and strategic difference in fulfilling its mission.

STATUS



Thirsty

Average Score

3.21

Range

1.5–4.3

Variance

Moderate–High

Reflection

Research and Strategic Information demonstrates evidence of advancing gospel impact, yet evaluation and storytelling remain limited. Regular reflection, clearer alignment with Lausanne’s vision, and consistent documentation of outcomes would strengthen accountability, celebrate progress, and deepen understanding of the network’s transformative reach.

Encouragement

You are seeing gospel impact. The next step is reflection – strengthening how stories and data reveal God’s work.



Healthy networks bear visible fruit – lives changed, communities renewed, and the gospel taking root where it was once absent.





Adaptability & Innovation

The ability to adjust and innovate in response to changing circumstances or challenges, maintaining effectiveness and mission faithfulness over time.

STATUS



Living

Average Score

4.13

Range

3.7-4.7

Variance

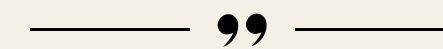
Low

Reflection

The network demonstrates openness to the Spirit's leading and a readiness to adapt to changing realities. Creative ideas emerge readily, yet processes for implementation and scaling lag behind. Strengthening systems that support timely innovation will enhance responsiveness and sustained missional relevance.

Encouragement

You are cultivating Spirit-led creativity and flexibility. The next step is timely action, turning fresh ideas into lasting impact.



Spirit-led innovation keeps the network fresh – ready to respond with courage, creativity, and faith to changing mission needs.



Additional Reflections



Network Impact

The most prevalent impact is **missional awareness**, although there were mixed views as to R&SI forming **new partnerships**, and the impact on **communities** is seen as low.

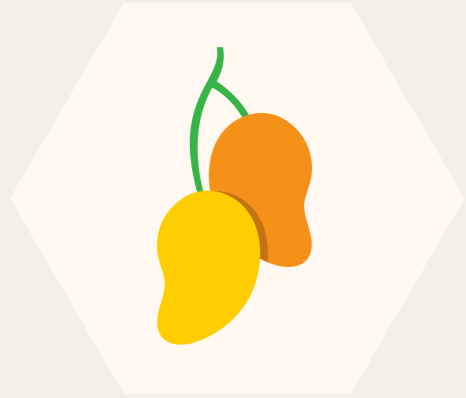


Innovation Culture

Most common responses:

- 🚲 Bicycle – Slow but steady, powered by a few
 - 🚗 SUV – Reliable and adaptable, but lacks speed
- Steady and dependable, yet driven by a small core and limited in pace and innovation.





Resilience & Sustainability

Resources and generational continuity, ensuring longevity and multiplication beyond the network





Resources

The ability of the network to steward finances, people, and knowledge with transparency and interdependence, ensuring sustainability for its calling.

STATUS



Thirsty

Average Score

3.08

Range

2.2–3.7

Variance

Low–Moderate

Reflection

Your generosity in sharing knowledge and tools is commendable, yet financial and human resources remain stretched. Limited funding and unstructured investment in emerging leaders hinder sustainability. Strengthening mentorship, and long-term planning will build capacity for continued faith-filled growth and impact.

Encouragement

You are generous in your work. The next step is strategy – building sustainable systems and investing intentionally in people to power the network.

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Stewardship done in unity – sharing time, gifts, and finances – builds interdependence that sustains mission beyond any one generation.





Multiplication

The extent to which the network cultivates leaders, initiatives, and contextual expressions that carry the vision forward with generational continuity and global reach.

STATUS



Living

Average Score

3.75

Range

3.3–4.0

Variance

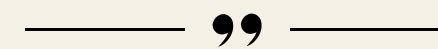
Low

Reflection

Your network demonstrates a commitment to discipleship and leadership development, with regional growth and new initiatives emerging. However, replication remains uneven, and coordination between regions could improve. Broadening local ownership and clearer support structures will help sustain and multiply these encouraging signs of health.

Encouragement

You are cultivating discipleship. The next step is to coordinate and empower regional leaders to carry the vision forward.



When leaders reproduce leaders and vision gives birth to new expressions, the network ensures lasting fruitfulness for God's glory.



Additional Reflections



Resources

Most feel confident that the network can be sustained over the next year, yet the greatest present needs are:




Volunteers or leaders

Financial support



Multiplication and Growth

Most common responses:

-  Trickling Stream – Small beginnings
-  Blocked stream – something is blocking the desire
-  Flowing river – consistent multiplication

There is growth with some barriers. The potential for multiplication needs clearer direction and support.



Visual Dashboard Summary



THRIVING AREAS
3



LIVING AREAS
6



THIRSTY AREAS
3



Suggested Next Steps



Share Transformation Stories

Gather and share stories of gospel transformation resulting from your network's efforts.

Annual Vision Alignment

Annually reflect on how your work advances Lausanne's vision and your network's purpose.

Track Strategic Outcomes

Define and track both spiritual and strategic outcomes for your initiatives.



Audit Vision Alignment

Assess whether all current activities align with your network's stated vision and goals

Refine Shared Objectives

Facilitate a session for members to collaboratively refine shared objectives and outcomes.

Set Measurable Goals

Ensure every objective is measurable and tied to a specific missional gap.



Assess Resource Needs

Develop a rhythm for regularly identifying and addressing resource needs.

Create Resourcing Plan

Create a plan for resourcing that reflects faith, sustainability, and generosity.

Invest in Emerging Leaders

Prioritise investment in the growth and development of younger leaders.



In closing...

The Research and Strategic Information Issue Network reflects thoughtful, Spirit-led growth shaped by prayer, inclusivity, and a commitment to truth. Your pursuit of insight for mission impact is evident. May the Lord deepen your wisdom, strengthen your unity, and multiply your influence for His glory.

“...that they may be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendour.”

- Isaiah 61:3b

