

# The Economy of Communion

## A People-Centered Approach for the Economy

A pragmatic presentation from the perspective of an innovation consulting firm

**WEDNESDAY**  
**AUGUST 23rd**

**7:30 - 9:00PM**  
Followed by supper and informal conversation

**Includes:** Presentation, Q&A Discussion, Supper

### VENUE

**Kathleen Syme Library and Community Centre**  
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### GUEST SPEAKER



#### Lawrence Chong CEO & Co-founder of Consulus

He leads a global team that help leaders redesign their businesses to meet the complex challenges of the 21st century. Many companies are at a crossroads: How to enable unity, innovation to achieve sustainable growth and social impact?

Lawrence is a featured speaker at global events such as World Marketing Summit and World Brand Congress. Since 2003, he has spoken to more than 8,000 people in over 30 countries on how companies can innovate through unity and shape the world.



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**THE ECONOMY OF COMMUNION (EoC)** was formed 25 years ago on the inspiration of Chiara Lubich, founder of the Focolare Movement, and now has some 800 businesses using this model, sharing profits with those in poverty, community groups and social inclusion projects. The Economy of Communion network involves business entrepreneurs, workers, students and researchers, and is attracting growing interest in academic circles.

Popes Benedict XVI and Francis have both encouraged the Economy of Communion as a means to link businesses and social needs more closely, especially by encouraging a culture of sharing and of giving to advance community development and the common good.  
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