Integral Alliance Announces their New Board Chair

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Integral Alliance is pleased to announce that Michael Nyenhuis, the President of MAP International, is the new Chair of the Integral Board.

Michael says: “I am excited to lead the Integral Board for the next two years. We have a growing, healthy alliance that is already doing great things and is poised to do even more. Our strong position has a lot to do with the great leadership Laurie Cook has provided to us over the past 10 years. I am humbled to follow him in this role.”

Laurie Cook, the President of World Relief Canada, has served as the Integral Board Chair since Integral started in 2004. He says: “It has been a great privilege to serve the Board of Integral for these last 9 years in the role of Chair. So much has been accomplished through building trust and relationships. For me personally, I have learned so much about poverty and injustice through the shared perspectives of incredible organisations and their leadership. But beyond that, I have also found a much deeper spiritual life through sharing journeys with leaders from around the world.”

Laurie continues: “I’d also like to offer my sincere thanks to Fiona Boshoff, the Integral International Director, and the rest of the Integral Secretariat team for providing the structure and organisation that delivers on all the above. As I reflected on what I was hearing at my final chairing session, I became so excited about where the Integral Alliance is, and where I believe it will go under Michael Nyenhuis’ leadership.”

The Integral Board is made up of the CEO’s and Presidents of its 17 Member organisations.

More Information about Integral:

Vision:

- Integral’s vision is a world without poverty.
- Our mission is to work in collaboration as national relief and development agencies committed to maximising the holistic impact of our Christian response to the poor worldwide. Integral’s main focus is on working together when disasters happen, and to find opportunities for our Members to collaborate and so maximise our resources and impact following a disaster.

On Integral Collaboration:

- Integral’s goal is for all its Members to become more effective and efficient in their work and to see greater impact and reach as a result of working collaboratively. This means making sure that Integral Members share
information and play complementary roles with the resources they have available when an emergency happens. The Integral Secretariat plays a co-ordinating role to facilitate better communication between all Members in disaster situations with the aim of increasing support and avoiding duplication.

- Integral is committed to working with the Micah Network and the World Evangelical Alliance to ensure that excellence is championed and collaboration encouraged within our wider constituencies.

Integral has 17 Members who work in 88 countries & currently fund more than 850 projects:

CEDAR Fund - Hong Kong
Christian Reformed World Relief Committee – Canada & USA
Food for the Hungry – USA
Integra - Slovakia
MAP International - USA
Mission East - Denmark
Norwegian Mission Alliance - Norway
SEL France - France
TEAR Australia - Australia
Tearfund - Belgium
Tear- Netherlands
TEAR Fund - New Zealand
Tear Fund - Switzerland
Tearfund - UK
World Concern – USA
World Relief - Canada
World Relief - USA

- In disaster situations Integral Members have previously collaborated in:
  
  - **2004:** Indonesia Tsunami, Sri Lanka Tsunami
  - **2006:** Indonesia Earthquake
  - **2007:** Bangladesh Floods, Zimbabwe Humanitarian Crisis
  - **2008:** Kenya Unrest, China Earthquake, Myanmar Cyclone, Democratic Republic of Congo, East Africa Food Crisis, India floods
  - **2009:** Sri Lanka (internally displaced people), Pakistan floods, Asian disasters
  - **2010:** Haiti earthquake, Sahel food crisis, Indonesia earthquake, Guatemala Hurricane, Pakistan floods
  - **2011:** Cote d’Ivoire, Libya, North Korea, South Sudan, Japan earthquake, Middle East, East Africa food crisis

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