

*It was considered prudent that the country to ultimately host “**The Gabriel Call**”, should be one whose operatives were conducive to the overall spirit of the project and able to demonstrate the presence of as many of the following ideals as possible:*

- *Political stability*
- *International neutrality*
- *A predominant Christian populous*
- *No public debt*
- *Gold backed currency*
- *A Just Judicial System*
- *Free Market Economy*
- *An understanding of Common Law*
- *Competent practise of Trust Law*
- *An absence of any statute that would fetter benevolent giving*

*To this end, The Principality of Liechtenstein was chosen to host “**The Gabriel Call**” as it satisfies all of the above ideals.*

POLITICAL STABALITY

- Liechtenstein has a wealth of Heritage.
- It is the forth-smallest country in the world. (The smallest being The Vatican, followed by Monaco, Andorra, and then Liechtenstein)
- With a population of 33,000 (predominantly rural) and a total land area of 160 square kilometres, Liechtenstein has a distinct advantage when it comes to the governance of its peoples.

- As a Constitutional Monarchy, its 11 independent communes operate within the laws of the Principality, which are determined by their Parliament (often via popular referendum) and then submitted to the Prince for signed concurrence. (The Royal Family live in the Capital Vaduz) The reigning Monarch, Prince Alois, (appointed on 15th August 2004) has right of veto.
- The Royal Family's unique heritage of understanding in politics and business, (The Royal Family have their own bank. (www.lgt.com)),
- ensure practical and prudent guidance to the Principality.
- The long duration of Political stability afforded this Governance model is envied by many nations.
- With nearly three centuries of existence (1719AD) as a Principality, the value of political stability can best be measured by the fact that the army of Liechtenstein was abolished in 1868 and even today the Principality has chosen not to replace it.

INTERNATIONAL NEUTRALITY

- The Principality of Liechtenstein which dates back to 1719 is somewhat “old fashioned” in its values, and proud of it. (The creation of the Earldom of Vaduz dates back to 1342).
- An obvious absence from participation in wars of the last century (including World War 2) has earned Liechtenstein the enviable recognition of international neutrality. This is partly explained by the “Union” that exists between Liechtenstein and Switzerland.
- Switzerland is well known for its “safe haven status” dating back to the refuge the Church in Geneva Switzerland granted the Protestant Reformers (Myles Coverdale, John Foxe, Thomas Sampson, William Wittingham, John Calvin, John Knox) in the 1550's. This neutral refuge made possible the continued printing

of the Word of God into the English language (Latin dominated) from which many English speaking peoples of the world even today owe a profound gratitude.

- It is not surprising then to find Liechtenstein, (which has been described as “a state within a state”) standing neutral.
- This becomes a valuable consideration with a project of such widespread global need as *The Gabriel Call*.
- It would appear that Churches from all seven continents of the world, with a diversity of culture and multiplicity of denomination may well see the need for their people to be a part of this program.
- For this reason alone it is vital that any preconceived bias, (real or imagined) whether political, military, or philosophical, be removed as a potential “stumbling block” to their willingness to be a part of the Call.

PREDOMANT CHRISTIAN POPULACE

- The Liechtenstein national survey reports that the population of its 33,000 residents is 82% Christian (includes both Catholic and Protestant persuasions).
- Many of today’s nations embrace religious philosophies that curtail the practical application of the Christian lifestyle. Although these countries are mainly founded upon Middle Eastern or Asian origins, western countries are experiencing a growing opposition to the demonstrative presence of the Christian ethic. (E.g. Removal of 10 Commandments from Court rooms in the USA, outlawing of Christian preaching against homosexuality in Sweden, religious “Vilification” laws that silence Christian discussion of non-Christian religions in Australia, the increase in the west of State funded “shedding of innocent blood in the womb” via abortions etc.,.)

- It was considered prudent to domicile *The Gabriel Call* in a jurisdiction that saw the Christian ethic as a virtue to be welcomed in the Community, and protected by Law.
- Liechtenstein (being 82% Christian) would at the very least be sympathetic to, and protect a cause, that's goal was to bless the Christian family and the local Church.

NO PUBLIC DEBT

- Liechtenstein is one of the world's richest countries with a well-diversified market economy. It remains the envy of many nations with a better than balanced budget, a trade surplus, and no public debt.
- With a project such as *The Gabriel Call*, which aims to train and educate its students to take their business to the next level and beyond, the Biblical principle of being debt free is critical. We welcome the opportunity to be part of a nation that practices this Biblically based debt free philosophy and trust as *The Gabriel Call* undertakes International Business Trade Symposiums into host nations, it is successful at spreading its philosophy of "Debt free living" as a lifestyle to both individual and nation alike.

GOLD BACKED CURRENCY

- The only gold backed currency in the world today is the Swiss Franc (CHF).
- This backing is guaranteed under Article 99 (3) of the Constitution of the Swiss Federation.
- Due to the "Union" that exists between Liechtenstein and Switzerland, Liechtenstein has since 26th May 1924 used the Swiss Franc exclusively as their official currency.

- It is unfortunate that Fiat currencies dominate the planet.
- Fiat currencies, that is currencies “*by decree*”, lack the all-important necessity of backing the currency with substance, rather than merely voicing a promise of governments who are all too often broke.
- Without such a backing, there is no check on a government’s volume of issuance of its legal tender, which history has shown ultimately leads to the emergence of a “valueless paper currency” and the collapse of its economy.
- As history repeats itself on this issue of Fiat Currencies, the only long-term survivor will be a currency backed by substance. (e.g. gold).

A JUST JUDICIAL SYSTEM

- The Courts of Liechtenstein are located in the capital Vaduz. Here both Civil and Criminal cases are determined within the three-tiered system allowing two courts of appeal.
- The Administrative Court deals with public law cases. (Constitution)
- The Principality is a peaceful and orderly community, which is reflected by its small police force of 62.
- The Bible speaks clearly of the critical importance of just Judges, and the detriment to society of unjust Judges. This can be clearly seen in the example of The Hebrew Republic, which existed for four centuries with no other governance model other than a Judiciary.
- Whenever just Judges sat...all was well and the nation flourished. When unjust Judges sat, national calamity reigned.

- The multi tiered Court system in place in Liechtenstein, with its courts of appeal and the capability for a range of presiding Judges (1-5) should prove to be of benefit to the determination of any dispute should it arise.

FREE MARKET ECONOMY

- Even though Liechtenstein is small in land mass and population, her well diversified market economy is such that it provides much employment opportunity not only for its own citizens but neighbouring countries. Each day 1,500 Swiss and 4,000 Austrians cross their respective borders to work in Liechtenstein, and then return home each night.
- The central geographical location of Liechtenstein in the midst of EU countries, running on Central European Time (GMT+1) affords flexible and convenient communication hours with its markets in the 400 million population of the EU
- With industries such as Hilti power tools, the famous Getrag gearbox plant, a world class dental technology industry, one of the worlds largest food processing operations, a thriving service industry sector and to a lesser extent a diverse agricultural industry, (Liechtenstein produces a surplus of dairy products), including horticulture and forestry, Liechtenstein covers many facets of a balanced market economy.
- It can be clearly seen that Liechtenstein embraces a liberal economic policy with little State intervention in the business process.
- It is not a member of the European Monetary Union, has low unemployment, low inflation (0.8%), and low personal income taxes (3.24% - 17.01%).

- The combination of these Free Market Economy ingredients goes part way to explaining why Liechtenstein enjoys one of the few credit rich economies in the world.
- The Biblical formula for a Market Economy is a profound study in itself. Suffice to say, evidence of the presence of all five elements to a Biblically based Market Economy can be found in operation within Liechtenstein. The “free-er” those elements are permitted to operate within the Principality, the more productive and prosperous the people will become.

AN UNDERSTANDING OF COMMON LAW

- Historically the presence of Common Law has brought prosperity and peaceful co-existence to the societies that embrace it. By contrast much of Europe’s heritage has been lived under Roman law, but uniquely, Liechtenstein has within its statutes a presence and understanding of both. This places them at a distinct advantage in accommodating trade with both its neighbours and distant markets.
- Common Law is basically the collection of laws (often not written) that operated and were “common among men under God”.
- These generally can be found in Old Testament Law and Principles.
- The bastion of the propagation of these laws has traditionally been England, and the Affirmations and Coronation Oaths, of their reigning Monarchs, protect its continuance.
- (*ARCHBISHOP: ” Will you to the utmost of your power maintain the Laws of God and the true profession of the Gospel? ”*)
- (*MONARCH: ” All this I promise to do ”.*)
- This Common Law element is of great comfort as it is considered beneficial to the application of laws under which ***The Gabriel Call*** will be governed.

COMPETENT PRACTICE OF TRUST LAW

- The benefit of Trust Law, in both the area of a Charitable Trust (a trust for purposes), and a non-Charitable Trust (a trust for persons) is a valuable tool to the efficient and flexible management of assets.
- The concept of splitting legal ownership and equitable ownership is not well understood by jurisdictions that exclusively utilize Roman law. It therefore follows that the virtues of such trust structures remain out of reach to most mainland European countries. Liechtenstein is the exception as its Trust Law follows much of the Common Law model.
- As one examines the Biblical “endorsement” of “entities” under which to operate a project or business, there exists only two.
- A Sole Trader (man under God), or a Trust (obligation under God).
- The classic example of an Old Testament Trust can be seen in the management of the “ARK OF THE COVENANT”
- The *Trust Asset* (the Ark) was held by the *Trustees* (the Priests & Levites who accepted the obligation), for the benefit of the *Beneficiaries* (the children of Israel).
- All “*Three Certainties of Trust*” necessary today under law, in order to establish a trust have been preserved from the time of Moses.
- *The Gabriel Call* is a project of COVENANT TRUST. (a Liechtenstein Trust).
- The Trust Law in Liechtenstein offers *The Gabriel Call* project the added flexibility that should at any time there be a more suitable jurisdiction to operate *The Gabriel Call*, then the Trust can “walk” to that location with minimal interruption to *The Gabriel Call* project.

ABSENCE OF STATUTE THAT WOULD FETTER BENEVOLENT GIVING

- The Laws of many nations today can make charitable giving less than a simple and private dealing.
- Many recipients of charity funding find they need to register with “the state” in order to compete for the charity dollar, as donors are often channelled into state registered charities by the inducement of tax deductibility granted only for gifts to a state registered charity.
- As some of the community’s needy often cannot gain these necessary “qualifications”, the existence of such regulations often ignore the existence of genuine needs outside of state administration.
- Further the efficiency of a bequest internationally can also have its statutory challenges.
- For example, a gift to a needy recipient in a foreign country under the domestic laws of some jurisdictions attracts a “withholding tax” on the gifted amount. This encumbrance can amount to a substantial reduction in the benefit the recipient receives. (E.g. an Australian origin gift to an over seas recipient requires a 29% “withholding” under the Rates Act. Further a 19%-48% “withholding” of a Trust distribution is payable by an Australian Trustee on distribution to non resident beneficiary under Section 98(4) ITA Act 1936)
- The principle found in the above example is not uncommon in many jurisdictions, but no such fetter to benevolent giving exists under Liechtenstein Law.
- The vital importance to unfettered giving in respect to *The Gabriel Call* may only be truly realised and appreciated as we look back in years to come and see the thousands that have been

blessed, and introduced to a personal relationship with the living God, via the direct and indirect application of *The Gabriel Call*.

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