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2022 Highlight

Numbers

53,000+

STAFF MEMBERS OF MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

We represent over 53,000 staff members of organizations, churches, and businesses engaged in the Great Commission.

683

IN-PERSON EVENT PARTICIPANTS

8

EVENTS HOSTED

Over six hundred people attended the eight in-person events hosted by Missio Nexus in 2022, including meetups, Peer-2-Peer events, and conferences (learn more on page 35).

70+

CONTRIBUTED WEB ARTICLES

Our members contributed over sixty articles on a variety of topics discussed and shared in the Great Commission community.

+25

NEW GROUP MEMBERSHIPS

Twenty-five new organizations and churches joined in 2022 to help us fulfill our mission of catalyzing relationships, ideas, and collaboration within the Great Commission community.

2,740

VIRTUAL AND ONLINE EVENT PARTICIPANTS

10

EVENTS HOSTED

Missio Nexus hosted ten virtual events in 2022. Many of these would not be possible without the contributions of our many ministry partners (learn more on page 13).

President's Message

DEAR GREAT COMMISSION PARTNER,

In 2022, the Missio Nexus community focused on the topic of *Counting the Cost*. After a few years of heightened global conversation about safety due to COVID-19, it seemed that we needed a refresher on the risks associated with the Great Commission. Highlights of this time included On Mission, with a raft of short, succinct talks and the annual Mission Leaders Conference in the fall.

This year also was the first year for a new effort focused on church missions leaders. The role of the missions pastor or primary missions leader in a church has grown in its importance. While we continue to emphasize the importance of structures designed solely for the global Great Commission, we also see the need to connect and integrate local churches into the community. This first meeting was like many firsts, a small step but one which we hope will pay dividends for years to come.

As we look forward, our theme in 2023 is *Shift, Rapid Social Transformation and the Gospel*. The world is undergoing a tidal wave of massive, overwhelming change. Some believe we are standing at the end of the road for globalization. In its place may be regionalized power centers, less access to the global supply chain, an aging demographic, and challenges to our understanding of human identity. Some believe that COVID-19 may have instigated this change, but it might be that global shifts were already underway to change the world as we have known it. How should mission leaders plan and respond to this sort of worldwide upheaval? What shifts need to be made?

I hope you enjoy looking through this edition of *Anthology*. As you can see, our team has been quite productive over the past year.

Sincerely,

J. Ted Esler, PhD
President
Missio Nexus

MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS, CHURCHES, AND KINGDOM BUSINESSES

5-14, Inc. 7-Stages Discipleship Above & Beyond Missions ABWE Accessible Hope International ACM International Advance Global Coaching Advent Christian General Conference Africa Inland Mission Africa Services International Agencia Nexus Internacional Aldersgate Free Methodist Church All Nations All Nations International Alliance for the Unreached Alliance for Vulnerable Mission Ambassadors Fellowship Grace Spring Church Appleton Alliance Church Arrow Leadership Artists in Christian Testimony Intl Asbury United Methodist Church AsiaLink Asian Access Assemblies of God World Missions Association of Evangelical Missions Germany Autumn Ridge Church Avant Ministries Azmera Barnabas International BCM International Inc Be One Together BEE World Bent Tree Bible Fellowship Bethany Gateways Bethel Evangelical Covenant Church Bethel Gospel Assembly NYC BEYOND Bible League Canada BibleMesh Bibles For The World Bijoy International Black Rock Church BMWL National Boaz Research Brethren In Christ U.S. World Missions Briarwood Presbyterian Church BridgeChurch Briscoe Consulting Brotherhood Mutual Insurance Company - Faith Ventures C&MA Cafe 1040 Calvary Church Calvary Murrieta Calvary Murrieta Camp Spofford Campus Outreach SERVE, Inc. 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OMF One Another Ministries One Challenge ONE COLLECTIVE One Mission Society Onesimus Global Foundation Open Bible Churches Open Eyes Operation Mobilization USA Outreach Canada Outreach to Asia Nationals TACO Mission Resource Network Paraclete Mission Group Park Cities Presbyterian Church Park Street Church Partners Partners Patterson Park Church Fellowship International Mission People Prosper International Pinelake Church Pioneers Pioneers Canada Easy Medicare Planning Quest Community Church Randy J. Noblitt LMFT Reach a Village Reach Beyond ReachAcross ReachGlobal Reciprocal Ministries International Reconciliation Ministries Network, Inc. Redeemer Church Redeemer Dubai Reliant Mission Resonate Global Mission Resource Global Rethink Creative Retired Missionaries Ron RP Global Missions Sanctuary Inn SAT-7 South America Mission SEALINK Seed Company SEED International SEND International Send International of Canada Serge Cahoots, Inc. 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Who We Are

OUR MISSION:
Catalyzing relationships, ideas, and collaboration within the Great Commission community.

OUR CONTRIBUTION

We are an association of Great Commission churches and organizations in North America that focuses on the global Great Commission. As a member of Missio Nexus, we desire that each member meets peers, colleagues and mentors who are working toward similar goals.

Each member of Missio Nexus has something to offer to others. Together, we know much more than we do alone. Missio Nexus is a catalyst for broadly and generously sharing ideas about the Great Commission.

Through Missio Nexus you will be exposed to new ideas, out-of-the-box thought leaders, and unique solutions faced by others pursuing the Great Commission.

The gathering of mission focused churches and organizations gives Missio Nexus a body of subject matter experts who can advocate within the North American Church for a proper emphasis on the Great Commission. Together we can do more in emphasizing God's love for all peoples.

Unlike industry trade associations, Missio Nexus members are cooperative, not competitive. Missio Nexus creates opportunities for launching joint solutions to problems faced by our members who are often facing the same set of issues.

Membership Figures

367
Organizations
+20 New

15
Kingdom
Businesses

128
Churches
+5 New

3
Libraries/
Institutions

106
Individuals

53K+
Staff Members
Represented

Staff and Contributors

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Striving to produce increased effectiveness in the Great Commission community.

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Their financial partnership helps Missio Nexus effectively serve members while fulfilling our mission objectives.

Cooperation

SIXTEEN:FIFTEEN

Missions Coaching, Events, & Podcast

Sixteen:Fifteen and Missio Nexus have joined forces in order to strengthen and expand the ways we serve the Great Commission community. Together we produce The Mission Matters podcast and host events for church mission leaders.

BIBLE MESH

Bible Certificate Program

Missio Nexus has partnered with Bible Mesh to create a new certificate program designed to meet the requirements for theological preparation. These courses will give you a strong biblical foundation for continued ministry effectiveness.

THE MISSION APP

Missions Candidate Placement

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MOVE YOU MEDIA

Storytelling Courses and Workshops

Our new partnership with Move You Media is an exciting opportunity to help global workers tell their stories by using the smartphone in their pocket. Our members get a discounted rate on specialized, live and interactive workshops to learn how to efficiently craft videos.

GLOBAL GATES

Diaspora Missiographic Series

We partnered with Global Gates and Global Gates Canada to develop a series of North American diaspora-focused missiographics that highlight the need of gospel transformation among the world's most unevangelized people groups who have come to global gateway cities.

RIGHTNOW MEDIA

Faith-Based Video Library

RightNow Media is a tool to equip you to live out your faith at home, at work, and in your neighborhood. This member benefit for organizations has videos for everyone – kids, youth, parents, married couples, students, single adults – all aimed at helping you grow.

Listen wherever you get your podcasts.
Learn more at MissioNexus.org/podcasts.

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Learning Programs

Interactive learning opportunities for personal and professional development

PUBLICATIONS

Missio Nexus members have access to resources from workers in the field, on the home office staff, and organizational leadership. The various platforms, publications, and programs provide insight into issues currently facing workers in global missions.

DIGITAL MEDIA

Through our digital media content we provide interactive and recorded sessions to increase your knowledge and connect you with others around a similar topic in the Great Commission community. From in-depth workshops to personal dialogues with authors of the most current published works, these programs are a powerful way to utilize your membership.

ONLINE PROGRAMS

Missio Nexus provides a virtual forum for learning from subject matter experts on timely missions topics: including stories shared by our members and discussion groups focused on a role or topic.

Member Benefits

LEADER'S EDGE

Book Summaries and Interviews

Our in-depth book summaries and candid author interviews help thought leaders gain a better understanding of topics related to leadership, spirituality, and missions/ministry. In 2022 we published the following:

- 36 book summaries
- 11 author interviews

THE MISSION MATTERS

Podcast Series

A place to talk about the importance of our mission as Christians, The Mission Matters podcast is published monthly as a partnership of Missio Nexus and Sixteen:Fifteen. Listen wherever you get your podcasts.

Learn more at **MissioNexus.org/podcasts**.

WEBINARS

Interactive Learning Platform

Throughout 2022 Missio Nexus produced **28 webinars**, attended by nearly **1,000 people**. These online presentations provide a way for the Great Commission community to interact on many timely missions topics.

Find a transcript from our most-engaged-with webinar on **page 20**.

EMQ

Missions Journal

Under the management of Heather Pubols, *Evangelical Missions Quarterly* covered a diversity of topics with 85 contributors. The magazine also got a fresh new design.

- January: General Topics
- April: Member Care
- July: Bible Translation
- October: Gen Z

PUBLISH

Stories from Our Members

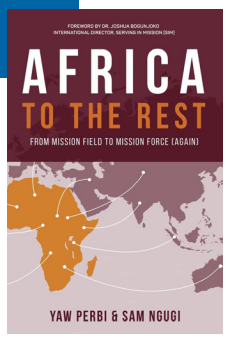
This year, over **73 articles and stories** were shared through our publishing option for Missio Nexus members. This benefit showcases the unique voice of our member churches and organizations. The platform allows their stories to be told and highlights how missions is being carried out around the world in readable and intriguing ways.

MISSIOGRAPHICS

Missions-Focused Infographics

This year we concluded our series of diaspora-focused missiographics in partnership with Global Gates and Global Gates Canada with **2 missiographics** on the gateway cities of Vancouver and Detroit. Accompanying the theme of the July issue of *EMQ* we partnered with Progress.Bible to release a Status of Bible Translation missiographic.

The African Mission Force



This is an excerpt from a discussion with Yaw Perbi and Sam Ngugi about their book Africa to the Rest

SUMMARY

This book catalogs the contributions, potential, and challenges of Africa in relation to global mission. It explores how Africa, including the African diaspora and people of African descent, can steward its "unprecedented God-given moment in global mission history well" (page 28).

NARRY SANTOS. Can you share with us why you and Sam wrote this new book?

YAW PERBI. So three main reasons. Number one, in 2018, Africa became the continent with the most Christians in the world. And that is a significant historic event. One hundred years ago we were written off as the heathen. People thought Islam will overrun the continent because there were four Muslims to one Christian. There were just 9 million Christians in sub Saharan Africa. There were over 400 million in Europe. And see what the Lord has done in 100 years. Come on, let's write a book to document this and to celebrate this.

Secondly, we wrote this book because although there are so many Christians in Africa (over 630,000,000) we realize that quality and quantity are not synonymous. We wrote this to challenge a deeper discipleship – a missional discipleship that contributes to the *Missio Dei*, the mission of God.

And finally, we read some statistics that showed that although Africa is the most Christian continent numerically, and that by 2050 there'll be more Christians in Africa than the next two continents combined, yet by that same 2050 the projected number of missionaries from Africa was supposed to be about 10%. I said what? That doesn't make sense. So we said, let's explore that and see what the persistent problems are. What are the mission mobilization things we can do to change that narrative?

NARRY SANTOS. What's your major takeaway you want the readers to get from your book?

SAM NGUGI. So there are many ways people characterize African Christianity, but we are saying, hey, let's center *mission* as the core of who we are and what we do. Whether you're a Christian professional, you're a youth worker, you're a pastor. Be a missional pastor. Be a missional professional out there. Raise your family as a Christian with the mission of God in mind. Let the mission of God permeate and shape and form the identity of African Christianity. I think that is really the thrust. The mission of God is who we ought to be as a movement of Christians. ■

Listen to the complete interview: MissioNexus.org/ai-africa

Leader's Edge

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In-Depth Book Summaries

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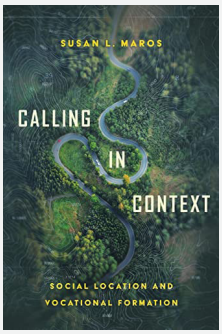
Author Interviews

BOOK SUMMARIES AND INTERVIEWS

In-depth book summaries and candid interviews with the authors examine recent published works in three categories: Leadership, Missions & Ministry, and Spiritual Formation.

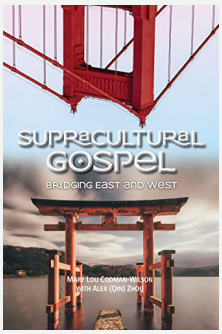
Read the Leader's Edge book summaries and listen to interviews at: MissioNexus.org/leaders-edge



BEST TAKE AWAY

"What if, instead of viewing an occupation as a goal, we saw it as a context for living out our God-given purpose? The sense of purpose is the internal compass; an occupation or role is the particular path a person walks in a given season of life."

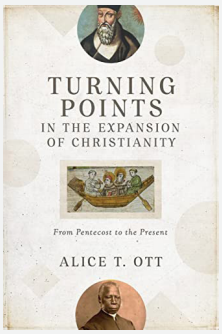
–Susan L. Maros, *Calling in Context*



BEST QUOTE

"Christians in Japan often face the pressure of denying their Christian identity… In the society which emphasizes authority and conformity, the temptation to discard Christian identity is huge."

–Mary Lou Codman-Wilson, *Supracultural Gospel*



BEST IDEA

"The expansion of Christianity occurred through the combined efforts of Western and non-Western missionaries and through the valiant witness of local Christians."

–Alice T. Ott, *Turning Points in the Expansion of Christianity*

Webinar

Organization Initiatives for Sexual Wholeness

An excerpt from our most-engaged with webinar of 2022, featuring Carl Kishbaugh and Dennis Martin

OVERVIEW

Fear and shame are barriers to those struggling with sexual brokenness. Could you transform your organization to break the silence and start the conversation?

What we want to do is give you an example of what an organization initiative addressing sexual wholeness might be like. We know as we work in ministry, whether it's mission organizations, local churches, other nonprofits, that we in ministry can struggle with sexual brokenness like anyone else. Because we're in ministry, fear and shame often make it doubly hard for us to ask for help, and we end up being silent and we walk alone. So, most of our organizations wonder, how in the world could we break this silence and potentially start a conversation?

Here are two components we at One Challenge are doing to address sexual wholeness:

CREATE AN ORGANIZATIONAL CULTURE OF GRACE

Can we as an organization say to one another, and to our members, that we have a desire for restoration in our sexual brokenness – whether it be pornography, LGBTQ dynamics, gender identity confusion, or even sexual harm (past or at present)? Can we have a conversation about this?

Rather than addressing the area of sexuality – as has often been done in our past Christian ministry culture – as an area of sin that we're going to have to part ways over, can we as an organization work towards restoration? Can we create an organizational culture of grace that focuses on restoration, not on condemnation?

COMBAT A CULTURE OF SHAME

Fear and shame often keep people in ministry silent about their struggles and they walk alone. At One Challenge we have a goal as an organization for our 250–300 US-sent missionaries. Our goal is that no member in our organization would walk alone.

HOW IT BEGAN

We started talking about this back in 2015. It began over coffee one day when someone who works with the Navigators began talking about SHAW (Sexual Health and Wholeness), an initiative that they had been doing for 10 years. As we listened to them, I said, "That sounds amazing! Tell us more." Long story short, we formed a temporary team. One Challenge is headquartered in Colorado Springs, as is the Navigators. We got together with them in person, we learned from what they did, and we said, "OK, let's work on presenting this: SWI stands for sexual wholeness initiative. Let's work on presenting this idea to the executive leadership of our mission."

FORMATION OF A LONG-TERM TEAM

Our executive leadership said, "My goodness, we need to do this and let's kick it off and start the conversation on a mission-wide level for all of our members." So we did that in February 2018.

And now our job was how do we present this to the entire organization with the blessing and the encouragement of our executive leadership. So we got together some more. We have three men and three women on our volunteer SWI team. All six of us are full-time employees of the mission with other responsibilities, but we donate our time with supervisor approval to this initiative. So we got together and we chose a webinar as a way to kick off the conversation. Just to give you an idea of the history of this and the time that has gone into it.

Can we as an organization work towards restoration? Can we create an organizational culture of grace that focuses on restoration, not on condemnation?

Webinar

CREATE AN ORGANIZATIONAL CULTURE OF GRACE RESTORATION, NOT CONDEMNATION

To focus on this, we have a document called "Guidelines for Coming Alongside Staff." This is an annex to our Standard of Conduct Policy. Through relational contact, through conversations with supervisors, through perhaps reaching out to member care, someone says, "I'm struggling in this area and would like to work towards healing and restoration." This is an annex to our standard of conduct policy as to how we might proceed.

With each component we had documents to go along with them and rollout videos. The first person that speaks in the video is Dean Carlson, president of One Challenge. Having our president take the lead as our spokesman and as our champion of this in our organization has been key. Following is an excerpt of his comments:

> We see the enemy at work in the area of sexuality in unprecedented and destructive ways that have impacted our culture and our One Challenge family. Therefore, we acknowledge the need to give proactive attention to this issue. There is hope and help for everyone who is teachable and repentant. We must be a place where pain resulting from sexual experience or abuse, personal sin, and the temptation that can lead to sin, can all come into the light and find the support and help needed to gain victory and healing. We want to be a safe and redemptive place for any victims of sexual misconduct. And for those who have acted out with sexual misconduct, we will aim at being restorative, not punitive – within legal limitations.

Having our president take the lead as our spokesman and as our champion of this in our organization has been key.

That just gives you a flavor of the approach in beginning the conversation and changing our organizational culture.

With our second component – combat a culture of shame – we have a goal that no member would walk alone. The tool that we used for this is called "Allies: A Guide for Fellow Colleagues." It's a fresh expression of what makes accountability relationships both effective and healthy. Here is an excerpt from a video introducing "Allies":

> As women, we often think that either we don't need support in the area of sexual wholeness, or if we know we need it, we're terrified to look for it out of fear and shame. I remember the first time I realized I needed support in this area and felt God prompting me to share with a friend. I was petrified, literally shaking as we had lunch and I knew what I was going to ask. But you know what? She didn't end our friendship and she didn't even think I was weird. Instead, she shared some of her own journey of sexual brokenness. And through that, we began to encourage each other, and it was one of the most freeing experiences of my life.

That is what we hope to see happen through these organization initiatives: where we can learn how to walk alongside one another and be stronger for it.

JOIN THE CONVERSATION

Here's how everyone in each of those categories can contribute and hopefully also benefit from networking together. At **MissioNexus.org/groups** you will find our group called Organization Initiatives for Sexual Wholeness. We would love to join together in this group so we can learn from one another. Participation in this group is free. Whether you are a Missio Nexus member or not, you can access this group. ■

Watch or listen to the complete webinar online: MissioNexus.org/SWI

Webinars

INTERACTIVE LEARNING PLATFORM

From member care and educational support, to leadership principles and marketing, we provided learning opportunities on a broad range of topics to the Great Commission community.

929
People Attended

28
Webinars Hosted

MOST POPULAR WEBINAR
Based on attendance

40 YEARS OF MEGA-CHANGE IN MISSIONS
Attended by 120 people, this webinar took a look at ten of the most impacting mission shifts and trends over the past four decades. Dr. Marvin J. Newell explored these major changes and mega shifts, highlighting their influence on the way missions is being played out today. This is an insightful overview of where missions once was, compared to where it is today.

Watch online at MissioNexus.org/mega-change

BEST CONTENT
Based on engagement

ORGANIZATION INITIATIVES FOR SEXUAL WHOLENESS
Presented by Carl Kishbaugh and Dennis Martin, this timely webinar received the most audience engagement this year. They addressed combatting a culture of shame among ministry workers by breaking the silence and starting the conversation and provided context for creating an organizational culture of grace that pursues restoration rather than condemnation.

Watch online at MissioNexus.org/SWI

A Faith "at Home" in Any Culture

By Michel Kenmogne

A keen look at the Church as it grows in the global South and East reveals important issues that should lead practitioners to rethink the practice of Bible translation in today's world. The Francophone Initiative provides an example of an ongoing effort to address the issues at stake.

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AN ATTEMPT TO ADDRESS THE ISSUES: THE FRANCOPHONE AFRICA EXAMPLE

Around 2005, Bible agencies in Francophone Africa noted that the reported growth of the Church in that region had little to do with the advent of translated Scriptures. Though many translations had been accomplished, the scope of their use by individuals and churches was parochial or limited. Many sat on the shelves, unopened. In response, the leadership of SIL and Wycliffe in Africa, in collaboration with UBS and the Regional Fellowship of Evangelical Students, initiated a conversation with the administrative and thought leadership of the Church in the region, including prominent Francophone theologians and educators. Over the years, the group has unveiled key issues that plague the impact of Bible translation in the region, triggering the start of an indigenous response.

THE STATE OF VERNACULAR USE

Though Bible translation and vernacular use had been the catalyst of the sustainable growth of the Church throughout its entire history, Bible translation was not part of the curriculum of seminaries and theological institutions in Africa. To address this, African theological educators invited Bible agencies to collaborate with them to create an introductory course on Bible translation and vernacular use. To date, about 54 theological institutions and Bible schools across Francophone Africa have incorporated this course into their curriculum; the course textbook is in its third reprint.

THE IMPACT OF THEOLOGY ON FAITH

The group noted that academic theology – a mere copy of Western theology – and grassroots theology operate in parallel, without any interaction between them. Thus ordinary believers are more often informed by African traditional religions than by Scriptural insights. Many evangelical believers revert to pre-Christian religious solutions when confronted with life-threatening issues. The group concluded that the availability and effective use of Scriptures in the native languages is a non-negotiable prerequisite to foster an appropriate engagement of the Bible with African cultural realities.

CHRISTIANITY AND CULTURAL REALITIES

In light of the preceding observance, the group considered the delicate issue of contextualization. They acknowledged that both a denial of pre-Christian heritage and a blind adherence to it equally hinders the ability of the Christian faith to be at home in a context. Concerned about this, theologians, church leaders, and Bible translators created a framework with methods and examples of contextualization that would allow everyone to navigate this sensitive issue.

SOURCE

This is an excerpt from Kenmogne's article that originally appeared in the July issue of EMQ, Volume 58, Issue 2, with the title "Bible Translation is the Key to a Christian Faith 'at Home' in Any Culture."

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EMQ Article

AN EXAMPLE OF THE IMPACT OF THE FRANCOPHONE INITIATIVE

Cossi Augustin Ahoga is an Old Testament and cultural anthropology scholar. Years ago, Ahoga was stunned by the fragmentation of the various expressions of the Church in his ethnic group (Maxi) in Benin. The absence of dialogue and unity among them weakened their witness in a community where they were ill-equipped to engage adherents of the traditional voodoo religion. After careful study, Ahoga concluded that Western methods and frameworks for inter-religious dialogue were unsuitable for engaging the challenge of his own community.

Ahoga participated in the Francophone Initiative from its inception. Strengthened in his convictions about the use of mother tongue and translated Scripture in ministry, he took a full year to regain his confidence in his own use of Maxi. Additionally, he challenged the denomination to which he belongs to adopt the vernacular for ministry among ethnic groups.

To address the plight of the fragmented Church in his ethnic group, he began to promote dialogue based on language and identity. Testing this approach within the community, he discovered that these realities provided a common foundation for the divided expressions of the Church and reduced the barriers that had kept them separate. Moreover, language and identity provided church denominations with a common ground upon which they could engage voodoo adherents with the gospel.

Beyond his own community, Ahoga has applied his approach in other contexts and has observed its problem-solving efficiency and ability to further a relevant Church witness in each context. Reflecting on his experience, Ahoga notes that Jews who have acknowledged and followed Jesus Christ do not dispose of their religious and cultural background. Rather, they call themselves Messianic Jews. In the same way, he works for a day when self-identifying African Christians will retain and use their relevant cultural values to live out their faith in Jesus Christ.

The Francophone Initiative has sought to further local agencies whereby people engage their own cultural realities to discern, chastise, confront, or affirm them as appropriate in order to truly appropriate the gospel in their context. Overall, the initiative has allowed Bible translation to move from a place of isolation to become one of the main concerns of the evangelical Church in that region. The result is that Christianity gradually finds its home in this socio-cultural context.

Read the full article and find the complete issue online: MissioNexus.org/EMQ

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EMQ

EVANGELICAL MISSIONS QUARTERLY

This quarterly missions journal is offered as an annual subscription and provided as a free benefit for Missio Nexus members

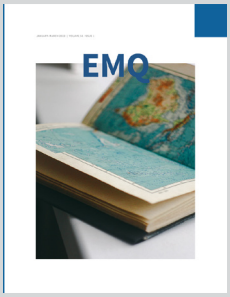
OVERVIEW

Geared toward missionary practitioners, *EMQ* provides a forum for the exchange of concepts, strategies, and ideas within the Great Commissions community.

81
Contributing Authors

65
Articles Published

49
Book Reviews



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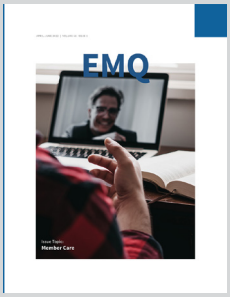

Apr.–Jun.
Member Care

Jul.–Sept.
Bible Translation

Oct.–Dec.
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Learn more about this Missio Nexus member benefit at MissioNexus.org/emq.

Panta ta ethne or #mybestlife?

By Don Allsman and Pastor Rickie Bradshaw

OVERVIEW

Our Publish platform is a way for Missio Nexus members to share their stories with the Great Commission community. This article is submitted by Don Allsman of Completion Global.

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A VARIETY OF MESSAGES ARE FLOWING FROM PULPITS that, while cloaked in Biblical language, do not represent a Kingdom perspective. If we are not careful, we can fall into a quagmire that is inconsistent with the hopes, dreams, and strategies of Jesus.

Jesus came to declare the good news of His Kingdom, inviting people to live under His life-giving rule. By His incarnation, teaching, miracles, death, resurrection, and ascension, He defeated the devil, securing His Kingdom authority. Now we have authority to continue His progressive victory, culminating in making disciples of all ethnic groups (*panta ta ethne*). When we live under this Kingdom rule, we experience confidence, faith, and rest in the midst of trials.

But counterfeit pronouncements have masqueraded as truth, using verses from the Bible to distract the saints from Kingdom living. One version could be called "#mybestlife," a pursuit of personal happiness that results in anxiety and broken relationships. We can discern truth from deception by reviewing our aspirations, strategies, frustrations, and sources.

As citizens of His Kingdom our aspirations should align with Jesus. His passion to gather a family from every tribe, people, tongue and nation (Revelation 7:9) is so strong that the course of history will continue until His objective is fulfilled (Matthew 24:14). The end does not come with geopolitical events, but when the work of His Great Commission is completed: disciples of *panta ta ethne* (Matthew 28:19). By contrast, the aspirations of #mybestlife are health, money, prestige, and fun. When these become a consuming passion, they sap our strength and dominate our thinking.

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Another way to discern truth is by our frustrations, the challenges that oppose our aspirations. The frustrations to #mybestlife can come from anywhere: work, family, economy, or politics, causing us to grind our teeth when we do not get what we want in life. But when *panta ta ethne* is our aspiration, we are grieved by divisions that tarnish Jesus' reputation around the world, and wish Christian giving represented more than 0.1% investment in reaching the remaining ethnic groups. We are frustrated when more energy goes into protecting our way of life or ministry brand than making Jesus known to tribes who have never heard His name. Finally, we need to consider the source. The Kingdom message comes from the story of Jesus (John 5:39), solidified in the historic creeds, and the testimony of the saints through the ages. It is a truth that is outside of me and my little world. However, the source of #mybestlife comes from personal experience, an individual truth from within. All relationships start with "my truth" and extend to family, friends, country, and world, while Jesus teaches us to look at all relationships from His perspective, His aspirations, His strategies.

We escape #mybestlife by seeking a Kingdom that cannot be shaken, applying energy to His *panta ta ethne* aspirations, and using His strategies. As you do, you will experience the refreshment of His yoke, which is easy and light (Matthew 11:28–29). ■

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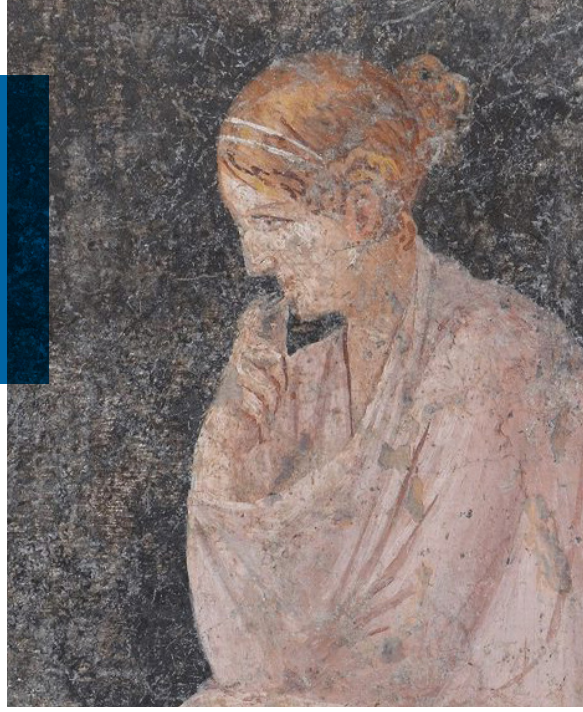


Time for an Update

An excerpt from an ongoing series of historical research by Dr. Sandra Glahn: New Lights on Timeless Texts

SERIES OVERVIEW

Dr. Sandra Glahn shares her research of first-century biblical culture and sheds new light on the timeless text of Scripture. Her insight gives us a better understanding of biblical culture and time that frames God's revelation for all cultures and times.

OUR UNDERSTANDING about a lot of Bible backgrounds relating to passages about women is outdated. Now, sometimes when I say historians have great new info, people get suspicious. They worry that evangelical women are now rewriting history about ourselves. But history has already been rewritten about us, and our historians are helping us recover what actually happened.

Developments in archaeology have been providing better background information for a couple of centuries. For example, in Pompeii – rediscovered in 1748 – the excavation of brothels with paintings and price lists has revealed that, contrary to what has been taught, prostitutes did not actually shave their heads. That information is taking a long time to make it into commentaries, but it certainly alters how we read 1 Corinthians 11:4–6.

There's just so much more information, new information about the contexts into which the earliest believers received sacred texts.

The influx of women into history departments has expanded the subject matter. The men before us tended to focus on political history and empires and troop movements, but women have steered some discussions more toward social-history questions like the average life expectancy, diet, apparel, and how long it took to walk from Galatia to Rome. And, as it turns out, the most amazing collection of first-century documents from everyday people, a veritable gold mine of social history info, is the New Testament.

In addition to more women researching social history is the reality that women are living longer. So, even if we stay home with kids, many of us can raise them, launch them, and still have decades-long careers. All of these factors point to the need to revisit the data. The primary documents reveal that the phenomenon of women standing side-by-side with our brothers, partnering to train and care for the church, has been happening for 2,000 years. And our understanding of backgrounds has exploded, affecting how we interpret texts, including some texts about women.

The texts of Scripture are timeless. But our data for interpreting them has expanded exponentially. **Time for an update!** ■

Read the full article and find the complete series online: MissioNexus.org/womens-history

Women in Leadership

6
In-Person Events

3
Online Events / Coaching Groups

WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT TRACK

Wendy Wilson leads this initiative to serve as a collaborative platform for the development of Great Commission women.

EVENTS

In 2022, we held six in-person Women's Development Weeks: including Leadership Pathways Parts 1 and 2 (both full!); General Ministry Growth, which brought new missionary women into our peer-learning weeks; and a new multi-day workshop to explore the interpretive issues in key passages that lead us to different conclusions that affect both men and women. We finished our first 8-month online exploration of ministry and marriage (and started a second); we started a monthly peer-mentoring discussion on executive leadership; and launched monthly online peer-coaching circles for those who participated in Leadership Pathways.

ONLINE ARTICLES

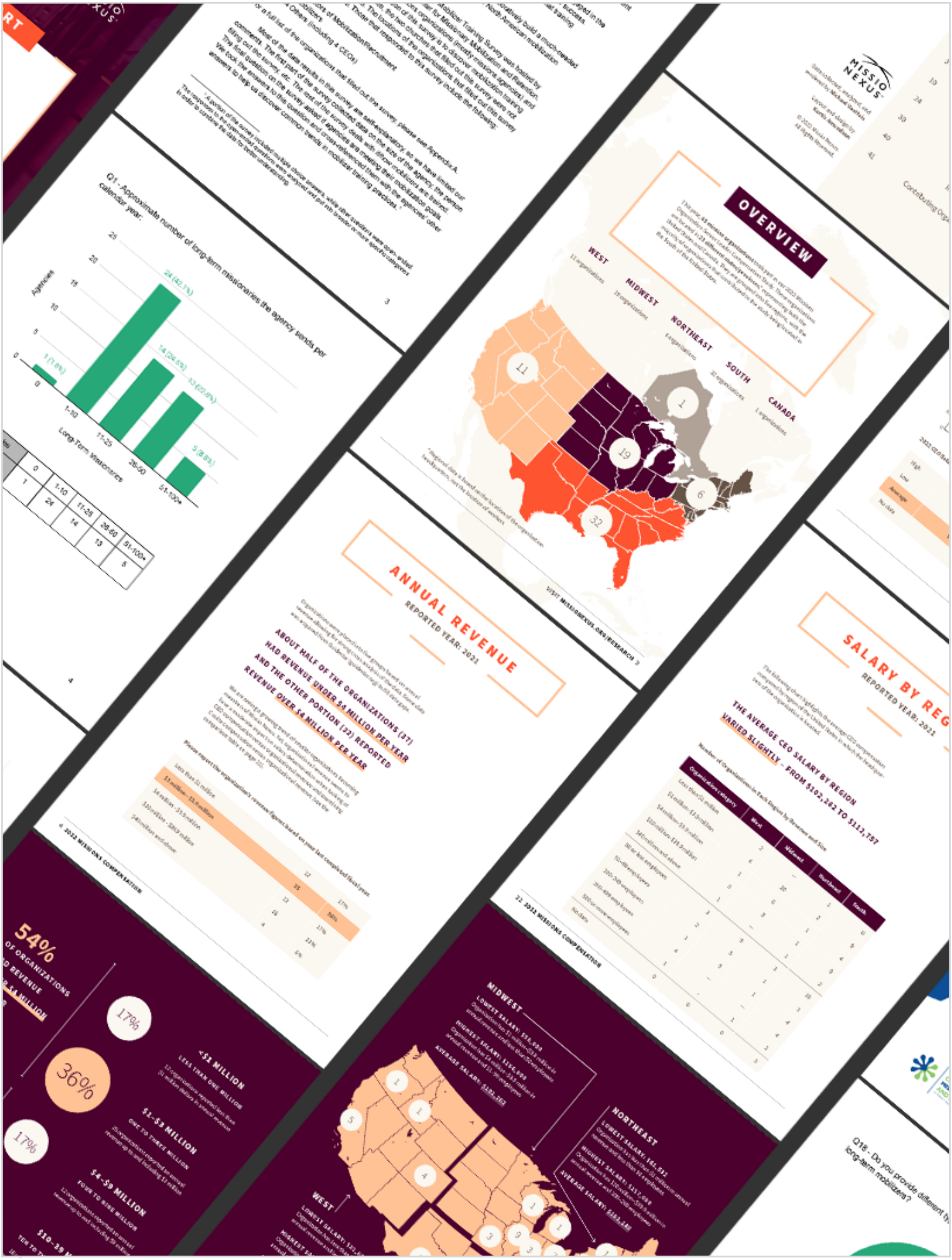
Our series, "Pursuing Partnership," keeps important conversations moving forward, highlighting issues that help us embrace robust ministry partnerships as men and women serving together in the Great Commission.

- **Winter/Spring:** New Light on Timeless Texts, highlighted the research and writing of Dr Sandra Glahn regarding women in public ministry.
- **Fall:** Women Missing in the Historical Record, showcased the research/writing of Dr Leanne Dzubinski and Dr Anneke Stasson in their new book *Women in the Mission of the Church.*

MENTORING AND CONSULTING

Wendy engages a variety of Missio Nexus members in her role to promote the development of women, particularly women leaders in their path to greater participation as well as their advocates in the agencies in which they serve.

Lean more about the Women's Development Track: MissioNexus.org/women


OVERVIEW
WEST
MIDWEST
NORTHEAST
SOUTH
CANADA
ANNUAL REVENUE
REPORTED YEAR: 2021
ABOUT HALF OF THE ORGANIZATIONS (37) HAD REVENUE UNDER $4 MILLION PER YEAR AND THE OTHER PORTION (32) REPORTED REVENUE OVER $4 MILLION PER YEAR
SALARY BY REG
REPORTED YEAR: 2021
THE AVERAGE CEO SALARY BY REGION VARIED SLIGHTLY - FROM $102,262 TO $112,757
54%
36%
17%
17%
<$1 MILLION
$1-$3 MILLION
$4-$9 MILLION
MIDWEST
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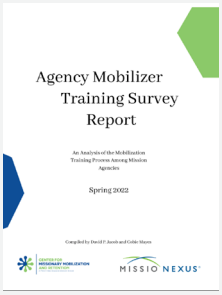
Reports

2
Published Reports

RESEARCH SURVEYS AND REPORTS

We seek to drive collaboration and learning for the sake of a united, stronger and more effective engagement in missions.



AGENCY MOBILIZER TRAINING SURVEY REPORT

Missio Nexus and the Center for Missionary Mobilization and Retention at Trinity Bible College & Graduate School (ND) partnered together to better understand the current state of training for mission mobilizers. The data gleaned from this survey will help to collaboratively build a much-needed set of best practices and resources for training of fruitful mobilizers in the broader North American mobilization community.

MissioNexus.org/agency-mobilizer

2022 MISSIONS COMPENSATION REPORT

This report examines the revenue, salaries, and compensation of senior leaders in missions organizations and compares it to regional and national data from non-profits. Inside you will find forty pages highlighting data from 69 mission organizations from across the United States and Canada. Included are data tables, charts, graphs, and key information on salaries, based on organization size, revenue, and region of the country.

MissioNexus.org/2022-compensation

ONGOING RESEARCH: MISSIONS DIVERSITY PROJECT

Missio Nexus launched a survey to gain deeper insights and clearer understanding of the opportunities and hinderances of Black, Asian, and Hispanic young people related to global missions. We believe that the insights provided will help mission agencies and churches better understand unique perspectives of this group of people and help to remove barriers that exist for potential new missionaries. Report to be published early 2023.

MissioNexus.org/new-missions-diversity

Critical Skills
FOR EMERGING
LEADERS
4-Day Leadership Training Course |
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Events Overview

EVENTS AND MEETUPS

This year, Missio Nexus provided a diverse range of opportunities to meet and engage with other thought leaders. From intimate leadership summits to global virtual forums, these events helped catalyze relationships, ideas, and collaboration within the Great Commission community.

18
Events Hosted

133
Speakers and Presenters

3,423
Total Participants

8
In-Person Gatherings

10
Virtual Meetups

4
Prayer Gatherings

Role-focused Events

IN PERSON MEETUPS

To better equip leaders in the position they serve, we hosted several networking events focused on development staff, mobilization teams, and denominational leadership.

3
In Person Role-focused Events

96
Total Participants

Event Name
MISSION AGENCY DEVELOPMENT EVENT AT MUSEUM OF THE BIBLE IN WASHINGTON, DC

Special Guests
GARY G. HOAG, GLOBAL TRUST PARTNERS
CORWIN MACKLIN, CTM
MICHAEL MITCHELL, CAFO

Date
MARCH 2, 2022

Attendees
55

Event Name
BUILDING AND LEADING DIVERSE AND EFFECTIVE MOBILIZATION TEAMS IN DALLAS, TEXAS

Special Guests
RON & STAR NELSON, SOWING SEEDS OF JOY
MARK STEBBINS, NAVIGATORS

Date
NOVEMBER 14, 2022

Attendees
30

Event Name
DENOMINATIONAL ROUNDTABLE HOSTED BY IM INC. IN ANTIOCH, TENNESSEE

Special Guest
DAVE GUILES, ENCOMPASS WORLD PARTNERS

Date
NOVEMBER 30–DECEMBER 1, 2022

Attendees
11

Senior Leadership

CEO EVENTS AND BRIEFINGS

Our strategic leadership events and topic briefings for CEOs and ministry leaders equip them to lead their organizations well.

4
Senior Leadership Events

237
Total Participants

Event Name
CEO PEER-2-PEER RETREAT IN SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA

Special Guest
TOD BOLSING, CO-OWNER AND PRINCIPAL OF AE SLOAN LEADERSHIP, INC.

Date
MAY 3, 2022

Attendees
42

Event Name
CEO THOUGHT LEADER BRIEFING: THE LAUSANNE UPDATE

Special Guest
DR MICHAEL YOUNG-SUK OH, GLOBAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR / CEO OF THE LAUSANNE MOVEMENT

Date
JANUARY 26, 2022

Attendees
84

Event Name
CEO THOUGHT LEADER BRIEFING: THE END AND FUTURE OF THE CHURCH/ PARACHURCH RELATIONSHIP

Special Guest
DR. AMY L. SHERMAN, DIRECTOR AT THE SAGAMORE INSTITUTE

Date
MARCH 23, 2022

Attendees
69

Event Name
CEO THOUGHT LEADER BRIEFING: WOKE DRIVING CONDITIONS: NAVIGATING THE NEW POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT

Special Guest
DAVID SIDEBOTHAM, FOUNDING MEMBER OF TELIOS TEACHES

Date
MAY 18, 2022

Attendees
42

Church Mission Leaders

PEER-2-PEER VIRTUAL EVENTS

In partnership with Sixteen:Fifteen we tailored specific events for the unique needs of mission pastors and church missions staff.

5
Church Mission Leader Events

645
Total Participants

Event Name
SHOWING THE HEART OF THE SOJOURNER TO AFGHAN REFUGEES

Special Guest
MATTHEW SOERENS, US DIRECTOR OF CHURCH MOBILIZATION FOR WORLD RELIEF

Date
FEBRUARY 2, 2022

Attendees
111

Events

Event Name
CARING FOR MISSIONARIES FROM THE LOCAL CHURCH

Special Guest
LAURA BESS, GOER CARE MANAGER AT THE AUSTIN STONE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Date
MAY 11, 2022

Attendees
195

Event Name
POCKET GUIDE TO BEING A MISSIONS PASTOR: 5 THINGS EVERY MISSIONS PASTOR NEEDS TO KNOW

Special Guest
JUSTIN MACK, GLOBAL PROJECT PASTER AT RIVER VALLEY CHURCH

Date
JUNE 1, 2022

Attendees
121

Event Name
FROM HARLEM TO THE WORLD: LOCAL CHURCH MOBILIZED FOR GLOBAL MISSIONS

Special Guest
PASTOR MIMSIE ROBINSON, BETHEL GOSPEL ASSEMBLY

Date
AUGUST 3, 2022

Attendees
58

Event Name
PREPARING MISSIONARIES TO GO TO HARD PLACES

Special Guest
JEFF LEWIS, LIFELONG MOBILIZER FOR TRIAD EARTH

Date
OCTOBER 5, 2022

Attendees
160

Equipping Leaders

LEADERSHIP TRAINING AND MEETUPS

These meetups provided special opportunities for leadership to network and partner with other organizations.

3
Equipping Leaders Events

75
Total Participants

Event Name
CRITICAL SKILLS FOR EMERGING LEADERS TRAINING COURSE IN WINTER PARK, FLORIDA

Special Guest
MICHAEL VANHUIS, VICE PRESIDENT OF MISSIO NEXUS

Date
FEBRUARY 15, 2022

Attendees
30

Event Name
INNOVATION LEADERS DISCUSSION IN ORLANDO, FLORIDA

Special Guests
ROB WASSEL AND JACOB HANCOCK OF SEEDS GLOBAL INNOVATION LAB AND TED ESLER OF MISSIO NEXUS

Date
AUGUST 9, 2022

Attendees
26

Event Name
SECOND-IN-COMMAND MEETUP IN ORLANDO, FLORIDA

Special Guest
MICHAEL VANHUIS, VICE PRESIDENT OF MISSIO NEXUS

Date
NOVEMBER 29, 2022

Attendees
19

On Mission 2022

FREE VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

This annual event is broadcast worldwide! For churches, organizations, and workers, this free virtual conference brought together international workers to share their global perspectives on current issues in the missions community.

13
Unique Video Presentations

1,400
Total Participants

14
Speakers and Panelists

84
Countries Represented

2022 Theme
RISK IN MISSIONS

Engaging in missions involves risk – for churches, organizations, and workers. With a world in turmoil, it is more important than ever to understand risk and how to serve in dangerous locations.

Date
APRIL 6, 2022

In spite of the price to pay, our people have stayed because of the promise that through them all the families of the earth will be blessed. In missions, the purpose, the promise, and the price are the "trinity" of the Great Commission.
– MARY HO

Overview
3-HOUR LIVE EVENT BROADCAST

Featuring 12 speakers from around the world and 2 panel discussions, this free 3-hour virtual event highlighted theological perspectives on risk and practical advice from workers around the globe. Over 1,400 men and women who serve around the world joined this global gathering of Great Commission leaders.

Speakers
PRESENTERS AND PANELISTS

Luke Herrin
K. Scott
Nik Ripkin
Dr. J. Wu
Robert Adair
Derek Gard
Kyle Johnson
Aida Makram
Tom Doyle
Dr. Aweis Ali
Dr. Anna E. Hampton
Dr. Mary Ho
Kent Parks
Avi Snyder

When did it become okay to die for one's country but it is no longer okay to die for one's Christ – for Jesus himself?
– NIK RIPKIN

Counting the Cost

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Through our premiere event, participants connect and engage with other mission focused churches and organizations.

THEME FOR 2022: COUNTING THE COST

"For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it?" –Luke 14:2

The cross and the kingdom cannot be separated. Jesus calls us to share in this suffering as we take the gospel to all peoples. In 2022, Missio Nexus highlighted suffering, loss, bold witness, and sacrifice as we share the love of Christ with others.

470
In-Person Attendees

4
Plenary Speakers

68
Workshops in 12 Tracks

500+
Virtual Attendees

75+
Workshop Presenters

39
Exhibitors and 12 Sponsors

OVERVIEW

This year we hosted the Mission Leaders Conference alongside the National Church Mission Leaders Conference which is focused on the needs of church missions leadership. In spite of Hurricane Ian, over 460 people attended in-person. These two conferences provided enhanced opportunities to serve church and agency leaders together.

EXCELERATE AWARD

The Language Technology Development team of SIL International received the 2022 Excelerate Award from Missio Nexus for their contribution of tools toward the goal of the Great Commission. This award celebrates excellence, innovation, and partnership in the fulfillment of the Great Commission.

LIFETIME OF SERVICE AWARD

Bernie May received the 2022 Lifetime of Service Award. This award affirms the value of finishing well. In presenting this award, the staff and board of Missio Nexus celebrate the faithfulness of God as evidenced in a life of service to the cause of global mission.

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