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## Past, Present & Future of United Methodist Missions



### DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO CAMPUS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

*From the Northwest:* Take I-65 south through Indianapolis to Exit 107 (Keystone Avenue). Turn right. Go to the third stoplight (Hanna Avenue); turn right. Once you pass the second stoplight (State Street), you have reached the campus.

*From the North:* Take U.S. 31 south to I-465. Take I-465 east all the way around Indianapolis to Exit 53A (I-65 North). Now see "Exit 53A" below.

*From the Northeast:* Take I-69 south to I-465. Take I-465 south around the city to Exit 53A (I-65 North). Now see "Exit 53A" below.

*From the East:* Take I-70 or U.S. 40 west to I-465. Take I-465 south around Indianapolis to Exit 53A (I-65 North). Now see "Exit 53A" below.

*From the Southeast:* Take I-74 northwest to I-465. Take I-465 south around Indianapolis to Exit 53A (I-65 North). Now see "Exit 53A" below.

*From the South:* Take I-65 north to Exit 107 (Keystone Avenue); turn left. Go to the third stoplight (Hanna Avenue). Turn right. Once you've passed the second stoplight (State Street), you have reached the UIndy campus.

*From the Southwest:* Take Ind. 67 or Ind. 37 northeast to I-465. Take I-465 east to Exit 2A. Now see "Exit 2A" below.

*From the West:* Take I-70 or I-74 east to I-465. Take I-465 south around Indianapolis to Exit 2A. Now see "Exit 2A" below.

*Exit 2A:* Go to the second stoplight (Hanna Avenue); turn right. Go to the third stoplight (Otterbein Avenue). Campus is on the left.

*Exit 53A:* Take I-65 north one exit to Exit 107 (Keystone Avenue); turn left. Go to the third stoplight (Hanna Avenue); turn right. Once you pass the second stoplight (State Street), you have reached the campus.

## 2008 Showers Symposium

*"Christian Mission in the United Methodist  
 Church: Past, Present & Future"*

**Thursday March 27, 2008,  
 8:45 a.m.—4:15 p.m.**

Ruth Lilly Performance Hall  
 Christel DeHaan Fine Arts Center  
 University of Indianapolis

*"Understanding our past helps us to prepare  
 for our future. The Showers Symposium will give  
 participants an excellent opportunity to do both.  
 The presentations and responses will provoke thought,  
 and the fellowship will allow further discernment about  
 our heritage and our destiny as United Methodists."*

—Bishop Michael Coyner

## MORNING SESSION

*The Past and Present of the United Methodist Heritage of Christian Mission*

8:45–9 a.m.  
*Welcome & Orientation*



9–9:45 a.m.  
*"Mission and the Quest for a Homeland: The Legacy of the Evangelical United Brethren"*

Dr. J. Steven O'Malley '64, Seamands chair of Methodist Holiness History, Asbury Theological Seminary, ordained elder, Kentucky Annual Conference



9:45–10 a.m.  
Response by Mr. Radcliffe Ganda, United Methodist Youth Leader Scholar, UIndy Class of 2010

Mr. Ganda is from Freetown, Sierra Leone, West Africa.

10 to 10:15 a.m.  
Coffee Break



10:15–11 a.m.  
*"Evangelism Without Apology: E. Stanley Jones and the Totalitarian Kingdom of God"*

Dr. Steven Graham, Professor of History and Political Science at the University of Indianapolis, layperson, South Indiana Conference



11–11:15 a.m.  
Response by Dr. Michael G. Cartwright, Dean of Ecumenical & Interfaith Programs, ordained elder in South Indiana Conference

11:20 a.m.  
Recognition of United Methodist Women School of Christian Mission at UIndy.

## MISSION FAIR

11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.  
*Indiana United Methodist Missions Fair (displays and representatives) in the Schwitzer Student Center concourse.*

## LUNCHTIME CONVERSATIONS

11:40 a.m.–12:50 p.m.  
*A buffet lunch will be provided in the lower level of Schwitzer Student Center for those who register in advance (see registration form) to participate in one of the following conversations.*

### MISSION & EVANGELISM

*What does it mean to be "ambassadors for Christ" (2 Cor. 5:17) in the world? Is the primary reason we "do missions" to convert people to Christianity? When United Methodists offer the Gospel to others through our missions, should we simply "trust God to change hearts," or do we have a responsibility to teach about the faith in ways that help clarify what it means to be Christian?*

### MISSION & SERVICE

*What does it mean to be a servant of Christ when involved in the lives of others? Does being a missionary mean something in addition to being a servant of Christ? Can United Methodists avoid being condescending in our missions to those in need? What does "Christian mission" look like if it is not "Christian service?"*

### MISSION & INTERFAITH DIALOGUE

*Can United Methodists "offer Christ" while respecting differing faith traditions? Are United Methodists mission efforts compatible with non-Christian humanitarian efforts? What does it mean to "be in mission" if our efforts are not always and everywhere to "convert the other" from another perspective or tradition?*

### MISSION & JUSTICE

*Should missionaries be involved in political areas such as justice issues? Do United Methodist mission efforts empower people to work against systemic injustices? Should our mission goals have this concern in view? What does it mean to be "in solidarity" with those whom we engage in mission in countries and cultures where the preconditions for justice do not exist?*

Those who do not sign up for one of the lunchtime conversations are encouraged to go to a nearby restaurant or purchase a meal at the UIndy dining hall (\$5.50).

## AFTERNOON SESSION

*The Present & Future of Christian Mission in the United Methodist Church*



1–1:45 p.m.  
*"Affection Without Attachment: A Theology of Mission for the 21st Century"*

Dr. Thomas Thangaraj, Brooks Assoc. Professor of Christian Mission at Candler School of Theology (Emory University), ordained minister in the Church of South India.



1:45–2 p.m.  
Response by Dr. Greg Clapper, Professor of Philosophy & Religion, University of Indianapolis, ordained elder in the Iowa Conference.

2 to 2:15 p.m.  
Coffee Break



2:15–3 p.m.  
*"Not Bootstraps Theology: Grace and Holiness in Mission"*

Dr. Beth Felker Jones, Assistant Professor of Christian Theology, Huntington University. Dr. Felker Jones is also a United Methodist layperson in the North Indiana Conference.



3–3:15 p.m.  
Response by Dr. Scott Kisker, Logan Chair in Evangelism and Wesley Studies, Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, ordained elder in the Iowa Conference.

## PANEL DISCUSSION

3:15 to 4:15 p.m.  
*Closing Panel & Audience Questions*

Panel discussion with the four principal speakers and opportunities for the guest presenters to respond to one another.



*"Speak, Lord,  
for your servant is listening."*

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to reserve a space for one of the lunchtime conversations? (Includes a buffet lunch. Seats are limited to 20 seats per conversation).  Yes  No

Lunchtime conversation preference (please number 1 through 4, 1 being your first preference):

\_\_\_\_\_ *Mission & Evangelism*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Mission & Service*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Mission & Interfaith Dialogue*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Mission & Justice*

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