



**EMS Annual Conference**  
**Friday & Saturday October 3-4, 2025**  
**Ecclesiology and Mission**

**Friday, October 3, 2025**

**9:00 AM - 11:30 AM CST Registration, coffee, browse exhibit tables in Campbell Entryway and Room #109**

**11:30 AM - 1:30PM CST Lunch (On Your Own)**

**1:30 PM - 2:20 PM CST Welcome & Worship in Lamb Auditorium**

| Click on the session name to join online. |            | Ecclesiology and Mission   |  |  |   |   |   |   |  |   |  |  |
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|   |            | Biblical-Theological Model of the Church   | Historical and Case Studies  | Methods  | Training, Sending, and Going  | Multiculturality and Immigration  | Additional presentations  | Anglican  | Orality  | ISFM  | Arts   | Missiology and the Black Experience  |
|   |            | Room #102  | Room #203  | Room #204  | Room #205   | Room #206   | LAMB  | Room #207   | Room #208  | Room #211   | Room #202  | Room #201  |
| 2:30 PM - 3:10 PM CST                     | Session #1 | Serving the Lord in Pastoral Care: Paul's Farewell Speech to the Ephesian Elders at Miletus (Acts 20: 18-35) (Robert Gallagher)        | Modality and Sodality Collaboration in Missions: A Biblical and Contemporary Case Study from Ephesus to the Netherlands (Daniel (Sung Ho Ahn) <i>virtual</i> ) | Reimagining Mission in a Digital Age: The Church's Role in Gaming Communities (Andrew Feng, Romans Ten)                    | An Intercultural Relational Model for Transformative Training in Mission (Estera Piroșcă Escobar) <i>virtual</i>  | Reading Isaiah Missiologically from Black and White Perspectives (Sean Christensen) <i>virtual</i>  | Responding to <i>God Draws Near</i> (Collin Cornell, Craig Ott, Ben Noonan, Chris Wright) | Looking Back to See the Future: How 19th Century Anglican Mission Agencies Evangelized the Globe (Brad Roderick) <i>virtual</i> |  | Culture and the Gathering of Disciples of Jesus in Frontier Mission Contexts (HL Richard)   | Restoring the Body: Arts and Trauma Healing as Missional Ecclesiology (Beth Argot) |  |
| 3:20 PM - 4:00 PM CST                     | Session #2 | The Anatomy Analogy (Sarah Lunsford)   | Missional Ecclesiology: Past, Present, and Future (Shawn Behan)  | Academia Proxenia: A Framework for Engaging the Academy for Mission (Timothy Nagy)   | Mission as Ecclesiastical Diffusion: The 'two-structures' in transition (Alan Totire) <i>virtual</i>              | Shared Altars: How experiences with ethnic diversity, multiculturality, oneness, intentionality and togetherness contribute to churches' cross-cultural postures (Kenneth Nehrbass and Eunice Hong) | Mission Trends of Global Chinese Diaspora Church Today (Jeanne Wu)                        | Missionary Bishops: Historical Models and Their Significance for Today (Ed Smither)   | Looking at Ourselves in the Mirror of God's Word: Relational Transformational Growth through Orality (Roberto Aguayo)    | Detoxifying Christianity Through Reimagining Ecclesiology: How Frontier Missiology Can Reform Harmful Practices and Cultivate a Healthier Global Church (Manuel Becker) | Poetry Is Our Program: Subversive Strategies for Kingdom Community (Kyle Lee)      |  |
| <b>4:00 PM - 4:20 PM CST Break</b>        |            |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |  |   |  |  |
| 4:20 PM - 5:00 PM CST                     | Session #3 | Theological and Biblical Bridging of Six Dichotomies on Church Mission, Cultures, and Generations in a Polarizing World (Narry Santos) | Using Henry Venn's "Three Selves" to Nurture the Mission of Rural & Small-Town Churches in Post-Christendom Canada (Peter Bush) <i>virtual</i>                 | Commonsense Christian Ecclesiology: The Church and Mission Working in Unity to Fulfill the Great Commission (C. Tim Chang) | Viewing Ralph Winter's Modality and Sodality through the Lens of John Flett's Trinitarian Theology (Robert Reese) | New Congregations in the Canadian Kaleidoscope: An autoethnographic analysis of thirty new congregations in the Waterloo region (James Watson) <i>virtual</i>                                       | Public and Political Discipleship: An innovative model in church planting (Chris Gankon)  | Developing the Diaconate in the Latin American Context (Tara Jernigan) <i>virtual</i>   | Expressions of Orality in the Diaspora Romanian Evangelical Church: A Case Study (Estera Piroșcă Escobar) <i>virtual</i> | Seeking Fellowship Without Alienating Family: Practitioner Reflections from the Hindu World at the 2025 Rethinking Forum (Scott Walker) <i>virtual</i>                  | Soul Care for Creatives in the Church (Jhonny Nieto Ossa) <i>virtual</i>           | My Friend, the Enemy: The Challenge of Mission in a Fractured Church Context (Jessica Janvier)             |
| 5:10 PM - 5:50 PM CST                     | Session #4 | Templum in Mundo: Liturgical Retrieval and the Maturing of Evangelical Missiology and Missions (Eric Burrows-Stone)                    | Evaluating 'Missions within Reach' Thirty Years Later (Sherman Lau)  | Deep Listening in Christian-Muslim Engagement: A Decolonial Vision for Mission (Jose Abraham)                              | Local or Global? Global Christianity, secularization and the bifurcation of mission (Tim Silberman)               | Qualitative Research on Bilingual Worship in the Churches of the Baptist Missionary Association of America (BMAA) (Ricky Williams)  | The Becoming Church: An Essential Mark for a Church on Mission (Ryan Gimple)              | Planting an Anglican Diocese (or two) in the Horn of Africa (1980s - 2025): Bridges and Barriers (Grant LaMarquand)             | Relational Oral Hermeneutics (Soo Min [James] Park)  | Mentoring from Everywhere (Perlita Tan) <i>virtual</i>  | The Enduring Resonance of Indigenous Hymnody in Brazilian Churches (Héber Negrão)  | Movement as Mission: Reclaiming African Diasporic Spiritual Practices in Ecclesial Spaces (Heather Denson) |

**6:00 PM - 7:15 PM CST Dinner in Lamb Auditorium**

7:30 PM - 8:55 PM CST Welcome & Plenary A in Lamb Auditorium  
Lifetime Service Award

Dr. Jean Johnson - "What A Coup Taught Me About Ecclesiology and Missions"; Respondent: Dr. Michael Cooper