

PERSPECTIVES 'ELEVATES' ITS GAME

SO YOU CAN ELEVATE
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Under the theme of “Elevate: Climbing Higher, Pressing Further,” more than 300 church and mission leaders gathered in Timonium, Maryland (suburban Baltimore) July 13-16 for the Perspectives (USA) National Conference. The culmination of years of careful preparation, the conference was the occasion for National Director James Mason and his executive team to clarify the Perspectives USA vision, mission and values and to unveil a wide array of new resources to see “the Body of Christ

awakened to pursue the fulfillment of God’s global purpose within every people for His glory.”

If you weren’t there, how can you tap into all these new resources? The Perspectives national team has developed a conference portal where you can access the contents of plenary sessions, 28 breakout sessions and much more. Go to <http://conference.perspectives.org/> to discover how you and your church or agency can “elevate” your game.



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GENERAL DIRECTORS LEAD ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION September 14

On September 14 the three General Directors of Frontier Ventures led a low-profile celebration in Pasadena of the first 40 years of ministry of the U.S. Center for World Mission/Frontier Ventures. The audience of approximately 100 members, employees and local friends listened attentively to morning remarks by directors Bruce Graham, Dave Datema and Chong Kim, then enjoyed a catered brunch of pastries and coffee.

In his remarks, Bruce Graham recounted the events behind the founding of the USCWM in 1976 and then the succession of USCWM achievements in the 1980s, 1990s and beyond. Dave Datema presented an overview of 40 years of progress and regress in the worldwide Church's initiatives toward unreached peoples. Chong Kim anticipated the further development of Frontier Ventures as an "order" or committed community, pointing to the vital connections between the work of God within us and the work of God outside us. 

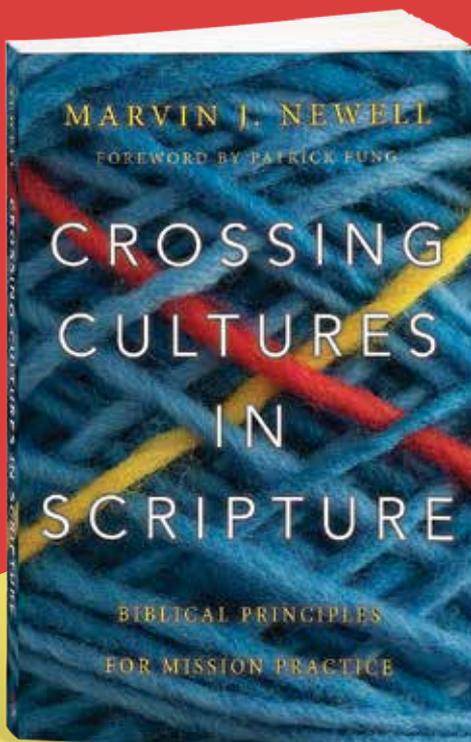


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Biblical Stories of Crosscultural Mission



"This book helps us to both decode the Bible stories from the biblical cultures and encode the Bible stories for different cultures today so that God's message always remains relevant and universal."

From the foreword by **Patrick Fung**, general director, OMF International

Senior vice president of Missio Nexus **Marvin Newell** provides a biblical theology of culture and mission, mining the depths of Scripture to tease out missiological insights and crosscultural perspectives. Organized canonically from Genesis to Revelation, this text reveals how the whole of Scripture speaks to contemporary mission realities.