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## Alumni & Students Present at Yale-Edinburgh Group

## Fall Events



The Yale-Edinburgh Group held its 23rd meeting in New Haven, Connecticut, June 27-29, 2013. The theme, "Health, Healing, and Medicine in the History of Christian Missions and World Christianity," inspired diverse papers, ranging from an investigation of John Wesley's medical advice to the use of herbal medicine in Ghanaian Christianity. The number of participants was capped at 80, so having six people from Boston University demonstrated its prominence in the field of global Christianity. Alumnus Dr. Sung-Deuk Oak, Associate Professor at UCLA considered how medical missions in Korean (Continued on page 3)

September 30<sup>th</sup>  
**"The Adventist 2" Film Screening & Discussion**  
STH 325, 5:30-6:30 pm

October 7<sup>th</sup>  
**"Decent Care and Nursing" A lecture by Dr. Barbara M. Dossey**  
STH 115, 9:00 am-12:00 pm

October 15<sup>th</sup>  
**"US Health Care Reform: Fact or Fiction" Address by Dr. Joel Katz, Harvard Medical School**  
STH 115, 9:00 am-12:00 pm

October 18<sup>th</sup>  
**"Issues in World Christianity" World Christianity Forum open panel**  
9<sup>th</sup> Floor Photonics, 1:30-3:00 pm  
Reception to follow

October 25<sup>th</sup>  
**"The Church as Incubator / Oppressor - motive Magazine, Methodism in the Midst of Cultural Upheaval" A panel Discussion moderated by B.J. Stiles**  
TBA, 1:30-4:30 pm

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## Missionary-in-Residence Bishop Charles Wiggins Draws on his Experience in Africa to Guide Community on Missionary Vocation

The STH community was fortunate to have Bishop Charles Wiggins share his years of missionary practice in Africa during his missionary residency at the CGCM the first week of April. Bishop Wiggins is a BUSTH graduate, and he and his wife established a mission in Tanzania in 2005 where they care for over 200 orphans and have a special ministry to albino children, all supported by their Social Security checks and donations from former parishioners at churches where they served in the U.S. and friends. During his missionary residency, the bishop spent many hours lecturing, counseling students on their on missionary vocations, and conferring on contextual education possibilities with BUSTH faculty and administrators before heading to Arkansas to meet a new grandson!



-by Ada Focer

## Rev. Don Woolley Lectures on Missional Church Movements, a New Vision for Churches to Reach Out to Communities

We live in a creative time for rethinking how churches can engage in collective missionary vocation. Rev. Don Woolley, an Alabama pastor who works closely with Alan Hirsch and Forge America, lectured at STH on April 25 about one creative movement: to create missional churches. The missional church represents a complete reorientation of the church. Instead of reaching out to the community because you need them, based on a bunker or survival mentality, the church reaches out because the community needs Jesus. It is, Woolley reminded the group, the way Christians lived their lives before being embraced by Constantine.



There are important resources for church leaders and members to tap into to actualize this new vision. Forge America, for example, trains church people to work in this context. In the near future they also expect to begin training lay people to plant churches.

-by Ada Focer



# Music: a Transformative Mission

Christian mission can take many forms and expression. In her visit to Boston University School of Theology on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, Tracy Howe Wispelwey explained how she uses music as a medium to transform mission. A long-time singer and songwriter, Tracy shared her journey, her vision for art and music being a restorative force in the world, and some of her songs. Psalm 126 has been particularly important to her. "It is how transformation happens," she said. "You do this and I will be there (not it will happen)." She works closely with groups of people in local contexts, particularly in Latin America. You can listen, download, or share some of Tracey's music at [www.restorationvillagearts.org/](http://www.restorationvillagearts.org/)



## Leading Short Term Mission Trips

Short Term mission trips are increasingly common in churches across America. In March, Rev. Lisa Beth White, a doctoral student at BUSTH, gave a much anticipated talk addressing important missiological, theological, and practical considerations for anyone leading or even going on a short term mission trip. Many students responded positively, and the question and answer session generated a fruitful discussion, from sensitivity to host cultures, to what to wear when traveling. Fortunately, her talk is also available publicly on BUiverse website for those who still want to listen to Rev. White's sound advice.



-by Eva Pascal

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moved, "From the Plough of Evangelism to the Fruit of Christian Love," during the 1920s. Also looking at Asia, Daryl Ireland investigated a mission hospital in China and asked if medicine was "Christian, Secular, or yet Something Else?" Daewon Moon pointed to the "Ruanda Mission and its Contribution to the East African Revival," while Michele Sigg explained the prominent role women have played in "Carrying Living Water" during the fifohazana revival in Madagascar. In addition, Eva Pascal introduced a new movie on Seventh-Day Adventist medical work around the world. Gina Bellofatto, a student in the joint ThD program between BU and Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary also attended the conference.

-by Daryl Ireland

## CGCM to co-host the Landmark World Christianity Forum

The Center for Global Christianity and Mission in collaboration with the Center for the Study of Global Christianity (CSGS) at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, will be hosting an extraordinary event next month October 17-19<sup>th</sup>, 2013. It will bring together for the first time all of the heads of centers and institutes for World Christianity across North America and Great Britain. In addition to bringing together leaders of centers, important scholars of World Christianity and Mission will also join in the conversation. The event is called the World Christianity Forum, and it will address common obstacles and interests, and propose potential collaborative efforts for future engagements and meetings. There will also be a World Christian Forum Open Panel: **“Issues in World Christianity:”**

### World Christianity Forum Open Panel

Oct. 18, 1:30-3 pm

9th floor, Photonics Ctr.



“We Are All One in Jesus Christ”, by Soichi Watanabe (2009).  
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The Open Panel is not to be missed, and will feature three prominent scholars: Emma Wild-Wood, of the Henry Martyn Centre, University of Cambridge; Carlos F. Cardoza-Orlandi, Professor of Global Christianities and Mission, Perkins School of Theology; and, Jehu Hanciles, Associate Professor of World Christianity, Candler School of Theology. The event is generously co-sponsored by the CGCM, CSGC, Boston University School of Theology Alumni Office, and CURA Institute on Culture, Religion and World Affairs.

### Dr. Dana Robert Delivers Plenary Address at the ASM

The American Society of Missiology used its 40th annual meeting to consider the future of the discipline. Two hundred people attended, a 40% increase over any previous ASM gathering. Dana Robert led the first plenary session through “Forty Years of the American Society of Missiology: Retrospect and Prospect.” Subsequent discussions returned to her description of the past and questions moving ahead, especially as people thought through what collaboration and convergence might mean for the ASM now.

## Events cont.

November 1<sup>st</sup>

### Evangelicals and Contextualization

*ASM-Eastern Fellowship*

Maryknoll Mission Institute,

2:00 pm-November 2<sup>nd</sup> 1:00 pm

November 4<sup>th</sup>

### Exploration of Subsidiarity and Sustainability

*A Discussion with*

*Cathleen Crain*

STH 115, 9:00 am-12:00 pm

November 8<sup>th</sup>

### UMCOR Disaster Response

*Training Official United Methodist*

*disaster response training module*

TBA, 10:00 am-3:00 pm

November 11<sup>th</sup>

### “What is Human Flourishing?” A

*lecture by Dr. Jason Todd Ferguson*

STH 115, 9:00 am-12:00 pm

December 2<sup>nd</sup>

### “Is there a Place for Healing?” A

*Lecture by Dr. Larry Dossey*

STH 115, 9:00 am-12:00 pm

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