

# Mission Network's Board of Reference

These mission and church leaders and missionaries vouch for the **integrity** and **commitment to world evangelization** which undergird *Mission Network*.

## Mission Leaders



Ralph Winter served as a missionary for 10 years in Guatemala, then at Fuller Theological Seminary trained (and learned from) missionaries around the world for 10 years before founding the USCWM. His thinking has stimulated many new initiatives to advance the Great Commission. He is best known for introducing and championing the challenge of Unreached Peoples and “frontiers” in mission.

**Dr. Ralph Winter**  
Founder of the  
[U.S. Center  
for World Mission](#)

Luis Bush was born in Argentina but also grew up in Brazil and the U.K. As a pastor in Central America, he conceived and founded COMIBAM, a major impetus for sending out many Latin Americans as missionaries. Later he served as president of Partners International, where he created the well-known concept of the “10-40 Window.” He was CEO of the AD2000 and Beyond movement before launching the

[Transform World](#) initiative.



**Dr. Luis Bush**  
Leader of the  
[Transform World](#)  
initiative



**Don Parrott**  
President of [Paraclete](#)

Don served on the Pastoral staff of Highlands Community Church for 13 years and OC International for 15 years. At OCI Don was involved in training pastors and church leaders, and developing materials and workshops for the Latin missions movement.

Bob was a Presbyterian pastor before joining the [U.S. Center for World Mission](#) and working closely with Dr. Ralph Winter for four years. In 1991 he led a Frontiers team to Iraq. He is also Director of the Presbyterian Order for World Evangelization.



**Bob Blincoe**  
U.S. Director of [Frontiers](#)



Dr. Olson has had a life time of Christian service as a pastor, professor of Church History and Missions at [Bethel Theological Seminary](#), secretary of the [Board of World Missions of the Baptist General Conference](#), and president of [William Carey International University](#).

**Virgil Olson**  
former President of [WCIU](#)

Dan has served with [Campus Crusade for Christ](#), the [U.S. Center for World Mission](#) and the [AD2000 Movement](#). [Joshua Project](#) exists to highlight the people groups of the world that have the least Christian presence in their midst and to encourage pioneer church-planting movements among every ethnic people group.



**Dan Scribner**  
Director of the [Joshua Project](#)



Greg was part of the first extension class of the [Perspectives](#) course. He was one of four students from that class that formed a team in Libya operating under [Campus Crusade for Christ](#) and [Arab World Ministries](#). Greg was in Libya from 1980 to 1981. From 1982 to 2006 he was president of [Caleb Project](#).

**Greg Fritz**  
former President of [Caleb Project](#)

After a 24-year Navy career, Jim served on staff with the [Navigators](#) for 27 years in many capacities, including deputy president and chairman of the board of directors.



**Jim Downing**  
Retired Chairman of the  
Board of the [Navigators](#)



Greg Parsons  
General Director,  
[U.S. Center  
for World Mission](#)

Greg has served since 1980 with the [U.S. Center for World Mission](#). He has also served on the board of the two major associations of mission agencies, the [International Foreign Mission Association](#) (IFMA) and the [Evangelical Fellowship of Mission Agencies](#) (EFMA), as well as on the board of the [Adopt-A-People Clearinghouse](#).

Kent served as a pastor for 21 years before starting this ministry to provide equipment to Christian mission efforts as inexpensively as possible by networking with mission agencies, churches, Christian business people, and other equipping ministries.



**Kent Biller**  
Chief Spiritual Officer of  
[Missions Equipping  
Mobilization](#)



Bob has served the Southeast United States since 1988 and has seen over 8,000 take the [Perspectives on the World Christian Movement](#) classes. He is also a co-editor of the book, *African American Experience in World Mission: A Call Beyond Community*.

**Bob Stevens**

SE Regional Director for  
the [U.S. Center  
for World Mission](#)

Jay supervises a dozen mission reps in the south central and southeastern U.S., recruits new mission reps, and mentors people who have shown an interest in being a missionary. He is also an Area Rep for the [U.S. Center for World Mission](#), distributing mission literature and promoting the [Perspectives](#) course.



**Jay Anderson**

Regional Coordinator for the  
[Mission Society for  
United Methodists](#)



**David Hunt**

Founder of the Orlando  
[Christian Missions  
Resource Center](#)

David and Erma have been partners in Christian ministry since 1977. They formed New Life Counselors, Inc in 1978, and have led many House Church fellowships over the years. They then realized that God's plan to evangelize the whole world is a priority that most of the Church has greatly neglected, and the Lord called them to be missions mobilizers. They started the [Christian Missions Resource Center](#) with the hope that Christians in other cities will do the same.

Dave teaches in over 20 [Perspectives](#) classes each year to over 500 students. He now has responsibility for this program, which involves 5,000+ students each year in more than 120 classes, and for strengthening the network of regional coordinators. He appreciates being part of the missions community of the [U.S. Center for World Mission](#), where his worldview has been stretched and his understanding of God and His purpose enhanced.



**David Flynn**  
National Director for the  
[Perspectives Study Program](#)

### Not Pictured

**Dr. David Hesselgrave**  
Professor Emeritus of  
[Trinity Evangelical Divinity School](#)

Dr. Hesselgrave served in Japan from 1950 to 1962 with the [International Mission](#) of the [Evangelical Free Church of America](#). He then served as professor of mission at [Trinity Evangelical Divinity School](#) from 1965-1991. He is the author of more than 20 books, including the soon to be released “Ten Turning Points in World Mission: Biblical Missiology for the 21st Century.”

As Field Director for MCI Dr. Reddix leads a group of mental health professions who are committed to providing spiritual and psychological care to those who work among unreached peoples. MCI associates provide care on the field usually at no cost to the worker. Since leaving private practice as an MFCC in 1995 Dr. Reddix has provided on site clinical care, as well as teaching, coaching and debriefing for cross cultural workers. He is involved in candidate screening and training as well as teaching member care skills to pastors, counselors and psychologists.

**Jerry Reddix, Psy.D.**  
Field Director, **Missionary Care International**

## Church Leaders



**Richard Swenson, M.D.**  
physician, futurist, author,  
and educator

Dr. Swenson is the author of [Margin](#), [The Overload Syndrome](#), and [A Minute of Margin](#). Following five years of private practice, Dr. Swenson taught for 15 years in the **University of Wisconsin Medical School-Department of Family Medicine**. As a physician, his current focus is cultural medicine, researching the intersection of health and culture. As a futurist, his emphasis is fourfold: the future of the world, society, faith, and healthcare.

Lou has been a pastor since 1984, and has been interceding for revival for more than 20 years. On September 2, 2000, Lou spearheaded **The Call**, a massive gathering of youth on the Mall in Washington, DC. Lou serves on a team of pastors at [Harvest Rock Church](#) in Pasadena, California, where he founded a 24-hour **House of Prayer**. Lou is also a member of the Apostolic Team for [Harvest International Ministries](#). He is director of [Elijah Revolution](#). His most recent focus is [The Cause USA](#) and the **Justice House of Prayer**. Lou is married to Theres and has seven wonderful children.



**Rev. Lou Engle**  
Leader of  
[The Cause USA](#)



**Dr. Duane Christensen**  
President of  
[BIBAL Corporation](#)

Duane taught Old Testament for 15 years in the [Graduate Theological Union](#) and has served as a pastor in Massachusetts and California. He is the author of the **Word Biblical Commentary on Deuteronomy** and the curriculum of the **BIBAL Study Program**, which includes a program for learning the Hebrew language in distance education using the inductive method. He and his wife Martha coordinate **Prison Link Educational Ministries**.

In 1969 Rev. Vom Steeg became a missionary to Brazil under the [United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries](#). He has since served as Senior Pastor of St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Fresno, as President and on the Board of Directors for [The Mission Society for United Methodists](#), on the Board of Trustees of [Fresno Pacific College](#). He is also the author of "Freedom to Live: A guide to the free and abundant life as revealed through the Ten Commandments."



**Rev. Al Vom Steeg**  
Senior International  
Director  
**International  
Leadership Institute**



**Ron Boomsma**  
head Pastor of  
**Abundant Life  
Community Church**

Ron served for several years with the U.S. Center for World Mission before receiving his call to serve in his present pastoral role.

#### **Not Pictured**

**Brian Shimer**  
head Pastor of  
**Banks Community  
United Methodist  
Church**

Brian loves to see God's kingdom expand in the hearts of his flock, in the communities where he has served and internationally through missions involvement. He has served 3 congregations since 1987, and is husband to Karen and dad to Anna, Grace, Susanna and Gabrielle.

## Missionaries

### Not Pictured

**Vic/Ann Springer**  
**Japan, Korea, & Argentina**

Vic and Ann spent forty years as missionaries to Japan, followed by a year in Venezuela, all under [The Evangelical Alliance Mission](#) (TEAM). They spent three years of their first term ministry in scripture distribution and mass evangelism in Japan and Korea. Later years were spent in church planting (in Tokyo, Yokohama, and Yokosuka cities), and serving as field treasurer for 150 missionaries. Other ministries included TEAM representative for the southwest, and co-director of Providence Mission Homes, from which Vic retired in May of 2004.

Vince and Ferne served in Pakistan for 14 years in the training of Pakistanis, in administrative work, and in various building projects. They were then asked to join the Board of an organization working in Kabul, Afghanistan and then to move to Kabul as the Administrator for a project in the Central Mountains (Hazarajat). When this project was closed in 1974 they were asked to go to Bangladesh to head up a project in Kamalganj, Sylhet District for three years, 1976-78. Vince later earned a Master's degree in Church Growth under Peter Wagner at the **Fuller School of World Mission (now the [School of Intercultural Studies](#))**, and then worked for 10 years with Carl George at the Fuller Church Growth Institute before retiring in 1991.

**Vince/Ferne Rutherford**  
**Pakistan, Afghanistan, & Bangladesh**

## Professionals

### Not Pictured

**Larry Bentley**  
providing Technical Support for International Development

Larry helps with technical consulting for electrical and solar projects. He has done water drilling and hand pump repair with [Living Water International](#) teams, as well as computer technical support, training and repair. He also moderated a technical support conference for several years for [Brigada](#).