

## **CHURCH LEADERS!**

**Send your teams and start**

### **"REACHING YOUR WORLD COMMUNITY"**

**Practical training to equip church leaders for cross-cultural ministry.**

**Sponsored by MissionPrep & Tyndale Intercultural Ministries Centre**

**Facilitators: Bob Morris & Robert Cousins and guest speakers**

**Friday and Saturday over two weekends**

**Begins: Friday Evening 29 Sept & Saturday Sept 30 , 2006**

**November 3-4, 2006**

**Time: Friday 6:30-9:30; Saturday 9:00-4:00pm**

**Location: Ossington Baptist Church**

**720 Ossington Ave (Corner of Bloor & Ossington)**

- Create an intercultural "think tank" for your church's community outreach by sending a team of 4-6 people.
- **Cost:** \$80 Per Person for both weekends (includes Tuition & Materials)

**For more information or to register contact:**

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***What past participants say about "Reaching Your World Community"***

**Pastor Mark Wollard** of Trinity Anglican Church: *"I'll be confident to refer you to any other churches. The seminar provided more scriptural foundation for reaching the nations around us."*

**Pastor Lance Dixon :** *"An opportunity to build a team for intercultural ministry and to hear from other churches practical strategies for outreach."*

**Pastor Kathy Park:** *"You have provided me with valuable principles and tools for working interculturally as well as for the counselling context."*

**Dr. Edwin Rix - Lay Leader:** *"The major thing I remember is mission exists because worship doesn't. This will be incorporated into our church mission statement."*

**Participant:** *"I can honestly say this experience with MissionPrep has been so amazing. I loved the interaction... Amazing leaders!"*

**Participant:** *"I'd love to encourage others from my church to come. I'd do anything to help with the next series of classes."*

**Participant:** *"Written materials were well prepared and thought provoking."*

## "REACHING YOUR WORLD COMMUNITY" SCHEDULE

### Weekend ONE

#### **Friday Night: Who is my neighbour? What in the world is God doing?**

- ❖ Four culture simulation
- ❖ Four levels of cultural competence
- ❖ The Samaria principle – geographically close, culturally distant
- ❖ How has Canada's ethnic landscape changed?
- ❖ Why has God brought the nations to our doorstep? Acts 17:26-27
- ❖ Theology of scattering
- ❖ God's vision for the new humanity in Christ
- ❖ Who are we to think we can change the world?

#### **Saturday: Why do they behave like that?**

- ❖ Experiencing Cross-cultural Differences
  - The influence of culture on our perceptions
  - Dealing with ethnocentrism, prejudice and stereotyping
- ❖ "Conversion of Peter" – Acts 10
- ❖ Two models of understanding culture
  - Connecting the visible to the invisible: behaviour and value using physical objects
- ❖ Simulation-role play in understanding value differences
  - Looking at value orientations
  - Individualism – collectivism
  - High context – low context
  - High power distance – low power distance
  - Time
  - Ascribed and achieved status
  - Implications for ministry in a multi-cultural church context
- ❖ Exploring other worldviews by listening and dialogue
  - Using a questionnaire on worldviews
  - Prayer evangelism
  - Presenting a clear Gospel message cross-culturally
- ❖ Learning to Listen
  - Negative and positive role-play – either video or actual person – debrief
  - Incarnational living – dethroning self
- ❖ Homework Assignments:
  - Ethnic lunch – take a church family from another culture out for lunch on Sunday (Indian, if possible) – practice **listening**
  - Mapping your neighbourhood
  - Explore MissionPrep website – to gain cultural knowledge for Little India/Chinatown

## Weekend TWO

### Friday Night : Let's enter their world

#### Little India –China Town Excursion

- ❖ 6:30 pm – Meet promptly
- ❖ Learning to develop skills in 'mapping' another culture  
Cognitive complexity – thumbs/dark glasses  
Four Steps – observe, make assumptions, validate, apply
- Introduction – discussion with "cultural insider"
- 7:30 – 8:30 pm – Cultural mapping of Chinatown/Little India
- ❖ 8:30 - 9:30 Debrief

### Saturday Morning: Incarnational Ministry

- ❖ Worship, discuss diagram, debrief
- ❖ Incarnational-intercultural communication principles 1 Cor: 9
- ❖ Gospel and culture – learning to discern the essentials of the Gospel
- ❖ Identifying barriers and bridges in communicating the Gospel

### Saturday Afternoon: Becoming a church that lives for others

- ❖ Worship, discuss diagram, debrief
- ❖ Being an irresistible influence on our neighbours
- ❖ Connectors: hospitality, students, immigrant services
  - Home: hospitality
  - Work: relationships
  - Ministry systems: church
  - The power of prayer: neighbourhood
- ❖ Video & discussion – best practices in bridge ministries
- ❖ What does it take to be a missional church?
  - Attractional vs. incarnational
  - Rejecting sacred vs. secular dualism
  - Changing structures and values – spirit based communities
- ❖ PANEL - How have other churches made the transition?
- ❖ Change game – Principle for adapting to change
- ❖ WORK PERIOD (1 hour)
  - Develop a personal strategy for your church to reach your world community
  - Prayer and commissioning