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WORLDWIDE EVANGELISM EMPHASIS BIBLE STUDY LAUNCHED

An exciting new worldwide Bible study based on chapters 14, 15, 16 and 17 of the Gospel of John is now available in English and Portuguese and will soon be available in virtually all of the languages used by Methodists around the globe. Written by the renowned Methodist New Testament scholar, Bishop Paulo Lockmann of Brazil, this study focuses on the important final message of Jesus to his disciples during their Last Supper together.

The Wesleyan/Methodist community is growing at the rate of more than one million persons per year. Because of the growth which is happening in the Global South, World Methodist Evangelism leaders believe it is important that their newest worldwide Bible study was written by someone at the heart of this growth. Bishop Lockmann is not only a New Testament scholar and the World Methodist Evangelism Regional Secretary for South America, he is leading a major evangelism emphasis in the Rio Conference that is producing remarkable growth in the Methodist Church of Brazil.



The worldwide Bible study student books, leader's guides (in both print and CD rom formats) can be ordered on-line at www.WorldMethodist.org or by toll-free telephone at 866-400-8573.

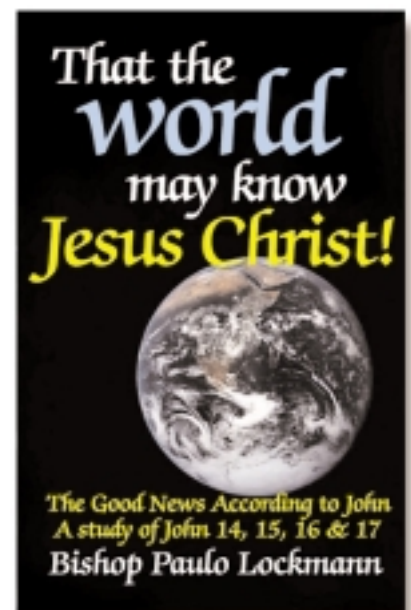
**ORDER TODAY IN TIME
FOR LENT OR EASTERTIDE!**

The new Bible study, *That The World May Know Jesus Christ!*, features an introductory chapter on the themes of John's Gospel followed by a single chapter on each of the four chapters that make up Jesus' final message to his followers. With the help of the extensive Leader's Guide, the study can be done by a group or class in five or more sessions and is perfect for either Lent or the period leading up to Pentecost.

A WORLDWIDE STUDY

"An exciting part of participation in this Bible study," said World Evangelism Director Eddie Fox, "Is that each person will know that they are studying simultaneously with hundreds of thousands of Methodists around the world."

The emphases of the study are outlined in the themes of the five chapters: (1) Introduction: The Good News According to John, (2) Jesus, the Way to the Father, (3) Faithful Witnessing in an Unbelieving World, (4) The Work and Witness of the Holy Spirit,



and (5) Jesus, Our Intercessor.

Dra. Maimunah Natasha, World Evangelism Regional Secretary for Southeast Asia, said, "As this amazing Bible study by Bishop Lockmann is used, it will undoubtedly bring about a new wave of evangelistic outreach in Methodist churches around the world."

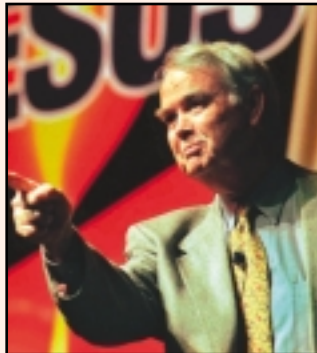
That The World May Know Jesus Christ! is a key ingredient in the **World Methodist Evangelism Emphasis**, a collection of activities and events aimed specifically at further empowering members of the Wesleyan/Methodist denominations around the world to reach out and share the love of Jesus Christ. **Every local church is urged to be a part of this worldwide Bible study!**

THE WORLD METHODIST EVANGELISM EMPHASIS...

“That the world may know Jesus Christ!”

At the end of the summer, 2004, the World Evangelism Regional Secretaries from all corners of the globe met in London to finalize plans for the World Methodist Evangelism Emphasis and to prepare an important statement on *Wesleyan/Methodist Witness in Christian and Islamic Cultures*.

The Regional Secretaries began work on these two important emphases a year earlier at St. Simons Island, Georgia. In between these two meetings, the Evangelism Emphasis plans and the Islam document were given further refinement by staff and other evangelism leaders.



NEW WORLDWIDE BIBLE STUDY!

One of the most important facets of the **World Methodist Evangelism Emphasis** is the new worldwide Bible study, *That The World May Know Jesus Christ!* by Bishop Paulo Lockmann of Brazil. It is being translated into many languages so that Methodists around the world can join together in this vital study of Jesus' final message on the empowerment of the Holy Spirit and the mandate to share his Gospel with the world.

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE

Another key ingredient of the **World Methodist Evangelism Emphasis** is the *Eighth International Christian Youth Conference on Evangelism* scheduled for July 19-26, 2005 in Teresopolis, Brazil. It is focused on the Evangelism Emphasis theme, “That the world may know Jesus Christ!” and youth and young adults, ages 17-30, from around the world are invited to this exciting conference.

The time has never been more urgent for the work of evangelism! Join, today, with other Methodists worldwide as we pray, fast, work and walk together in the coming months so “*That the world may know Jesus Christ!*”

H. Eddie Fox, World Director

WORLD EVANGELISM PUBLISHING DIVISION ESTABLISHED: A ONE-STOP SOURCE FOR EVANGELISM RESOURCES

As part of the World Methodist Evangelism Emphasis, World Evangelism has launched WME Press to provide evangelism resources to the Wesleyan/Methodist family around the world.



World Methodist Evangelism Publishing

WME Press is publishing some totally new resources such as the new worldwide Bible study, *That The World May Know Jesus Christ!* by Bishop Paulo Lockmann and the revised edition of *The Mystery and Meaning of Christian Conversion* by George Morris. It is also the primary distribution facility for all of the *Faith-Sharing Resources*, the new *Cornerstone Celebrations* and the *Ten Days of Faith* materials, as well as important books by World Methodist Evangelism leaders such as *Let the Redeemed of the Lord Say So!* by Fox and Morris, *This Is Christianity* by Maxie Dunnam, and *Words of Fire, Spirit of Grace* by Grace Imathiu.

In addition to these, WME Press features a variety of specially selected evangelism resources from other publishers, all of which have been carefully reviewed and recommended by World Evangelism leaders for the Wesleyan/Methodist family. These include powerful new texts such as *The Celtic Way of Evangelism* by George G. Hunter, III and *The Church Confident* by Leander Keck as well as evangelism classics such as *Evangelism and Theology in the Wesleyan Spirit* by Albert Outler and *Standing Up to Preach* by Alan Walker.

All WME Press resources are available on-line at

www.WorldMethodist.org

Or order by toll-free telephone at **1-866-400-8573**, by fax at 1-541-332-1167, or by mail at WME Press, P.O. Box 1346, Port Orford, Oregon 97365.

Eighth International Christian Youth Conference on Evangelism

During the week of July 19-26, 2005, young people, ages 17-30, from around the world will gather at the Methodist Mission Camp in Teresopolis, Brazil for the Eighth International Christian Youth Conference on Evangelism.

Over the last two decades, thousands of young people from sixty nations have participated in previous ICYC evangelism events in England, The Bahamas, Australia, Mexico, Germany, the United States and Northern Ireland. They have returned to their home countries committed to Jesus Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit, and dedicated to doing the work of evangelists.

This youth conference is focused on the theme of the **World Methodist Evangelism Emphasis**, *“That the world may know Jesus Christ!”* and the youth will be involved in:

- **Fellowship** with other youth from around the world
- **Bible study** with international leaders
- **Discover Sessions** (Seminars) on Christian witnessing and Christian faith in today’s world
- **Outstanding** music and singing
- **Exciting** Brazilian worship and cultural celebrations

- **Experiencing** a great mission adventure so *“That the world may know Jesus Christ!”*

Participating youth will experience the mission adventure of a lifetime in the mountains near Dedo de Deus (Finger of God) National Park, 100 miles north of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (nearest International Airport). The Methodist Mission Camp, located in a beautiful valley near Teresopolis, Brazil, is a special retreat center for Christian spiritual renewal and Christian mission.

The Eighth International Christian Youth Conference on Evangelism, for youth and young adults in the Wesleyan/Methodist tradition, ages 17-30, is organized and sponsored by World Evangelism of the World Methodist Council and is being hosted by the Rio Conference of the Methodist Church in Brazil.

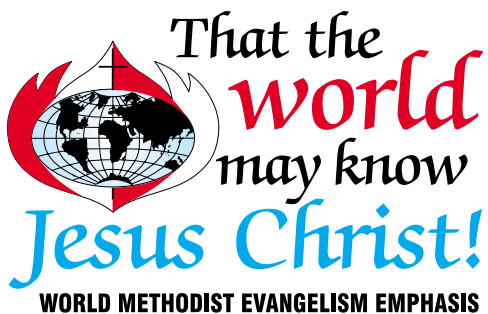
The registration for the conference is \$350 per person, which includes lodging, meals, registration and program. Transportation to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil will be individually arranged by participants from each part of the world.

For more information, brochures or registration forms, interested persons should go to www.WorldMethodist.org or call World Methodist Evangelism at 1-615-340-7541.



EIGHTH INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN YOUTH CONFERENCE ON EVANGELISM

At left, the Methodist Mission Camp. At right, conference planners meet at front gate of camp.



To receive updates on how you can be involved in the **World Methodist Evangelism Emphasis**

send an e-mail to:

EvangelismEmphasis@WorldMethodist.org

or go to www.WorldMethodist.org

and register to receive regular information about events, activities and resources!

World Methodist Evangelism Produces Important Document on Methodism and Islam

The Regional Secretaries, staff and officers of World Methodist Evangelism spent eighteen months developing and perfecting an important statement on the relationship between the Wesleyan/Methodist family and Islam around the world.

Entitled, *Wesleyan/Methodist Witness in Christian and Islamic Cultures*, the document was finalized at the meeting of the World Methodist Evangelism Regional Secretaries in

August, refined and adopted by the Division on Evangelism of the World Methodist Council in September and then adopted by the Executive Committee of the World Methodist Council.

The statement recognizes both the similarities and differences between the two religions, calls for an end to current violence by both extremists and governments, affirms a call for tolerance and acceptance, and lifts up the

Wesleyan/Methodist mandate to share Jesus Christ with all persons.

The full text of the document can be read and/or downloaded for printing at www.WorldMethodist.org.

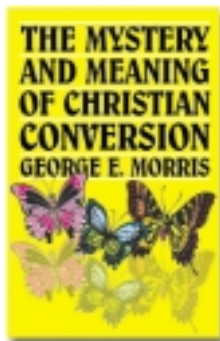
The Mystery and Meaning of Christian Conversion Published by WME Press

One of the great evangelism texts, *The Mystery and Meaning of Christian Conversion* by George Morris has been completely rewritten and updated to reflect cultural changes since its first publication.

Dr. Morris is the Hankey Senior Professor of World Evangelism of the World Methodist Council and one of the globe's most respected scholars on Evangelism. His works on the theology and practice of evangelism have become standards in seminaries around the world as well as favorites of adult

Church School Classes in many local churches.

Grace Imathiu says of Dr. Morris' book, "This most readable book is a breath of fresh air! It is fearless in making the transforming experience of Christian conversion accessible to both the person seeking faith and to the curious observer."



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