



Celebrating and Integrating Our Mission Perspectives

Short Term, Long Term, On Whose Terms?

USCMA ANNUAL MISSION CONFERENCE

October 1-3, 2006
University of Notre Dame
South Bend, Indiana

THE USCMA 25TH ANNIVERSARY ANNUAL MISSION CONFERENCE INVITES YOU TO:

Celebrate Our Passion for God's Mission

Integrate and Deepen Our Diverse Mission Perspectives

Dialogue Our Stories of Mission

Renew Our Commitment to God's Mission

"That, throughout the Church, there may grow that shared missionary awareness which favors the collaboration and exchange of those who work in the missions."

March 2006 Mission Prayer Intention
Pope Benedict XVI

Short-term mission is currently receiving a good deal of attention among Catholics, Protestants and Evangelical groups. The number of those engaged in short term mission has grown tremendously in the past few years. We see campuses, dioceses, parishes, and religious communities exploring creatively this phenomenon.

Areas of mission which fall into this category are: Immersion Experience, Service Learning, Medical missions, and exchange visits with partners through twinning projects.

"CELEBRATING AND INTEGRATING OUR MISSION PERSPECTIVES: *Short Term, Long Term, On Whose Terms?*" invites every missionary, whether on short-term or long-term, to engage in dialogue that will deepen, inspire and renew our commitment to God's mission. We have a lot to learn from each other's rich stories of mission and from the many perspectives that our experiences allow us to see. Let us celebrate our passion for God's mission!

Keynotes

Rev. Robert Schreiter, C.PP.S., will give us the context for the conference by situating the role of short term mission in the whole dynamics of mission sending and mission receiving. Towards the end of this conference, he will also lay out for us some projections and challenges.

Bishop Edmond Carmody, DD, will reflect from the perspectives of mission-receiving communities. His presentation will focus on "The Acceptance of Missionaries from Other Cultures Being Enculturated in the US."

Panelists

The Panelists represent a broad section of groups that are actually doing short term mission. They are asked to reflect from the perspectives of mission-sending.

Teresita Gonzalez de la Maza (Diocese)
Sr. Mary Medved (Religious Community)

Rachel Tomas Morgan (Campus)
Rosanne Fischer (Parish/Diocesan Twinning)

Dialogue Sessions

To integrate and deepen our mission perspectives, participants may select two (2) of the following:

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| 1. Parish Twinning and Global Faith Partnerships | Teresita Gonzalez de la Maza & Rosanne Fischer |
| 2. Where Learning Becomes Service to Justice: Campus and Short Term Mission | Rachel Tomas Morgan, site partner & a student |
| 3. Cross-cultural Issues in Short Term Mission | Sr. Caroljean Willie, SC & Janice England |
| 4. Interfaith & Ecumenical Dialogue in Short Term Mission | Drs. Edmund Chia & Gemma Cruz |
| 5. Reconciliation and Short Term Mission | Rev. Robert Schreiter, C.PP.S. |
| 6. Do's and Don'ts in Bringing in Foreign Ministers | Rev. Bill Morell, OMI & Bishop Edmond Carmody |
| 7. Short Term Mission within the US | Rev. Will Steinbacher & Liz Dudas |
| 8. The Challenges of Mission Education | Sr. Demetria Smith, MSOLA |
| 9. Justice and Peace in Short Term Mission | Russell Testa |
| 10. Sustainable Health Care and Short Term Mission | Sr. Betty Scanlon, RSM |

PROGRAM

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

The Most Rev. Edmond Carmody, DD, was ordained to the priesthood in 1957 for the Archdiocese of San Antonio, Texas. In 1983, he went with the St. James Society as a missionary to Guayaquil, Ecuador where he worked for five years. Then he was called back to San Antonio and appointed Auxiliary Bishop of San Antonio. In 1992, he was installed as Bishop of Tyler, Texas, and in February 2000, Bishop Carmody was named as the seventh Bishop of Corpus Christi, Texas.

Robert Schreier, C.P.P.S., is Vatican Council II Professor of theology at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. Long active in mission circles, he has published, among other books "The New Catholicity: Theology between the Global and the Local" (1997) and "Mission in the Third Millennium" (2001). He is the General Editor of the Faith and Culture Series for Orbis Books.

PANEL SPEAKERS

Rosanne Fischer is the Director of the St. Cloud Diocese Mission Office. She is also a part time graduate student of Systematic Theology at St. John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota and the mother of 3 teenage children. Her undergraduate degree is from the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul, where she double majored in Spanish and History. Rosanne first experienced global partnership during the 12 years she was a coordinator, in Nicaragua, and later in Minnesota, with sister-state organization, Project Minnesota/Leon, in the 1980s and 90s. Over the past 7 years, she has helped develop and coordinate the global faith partnerships St. Cloud shares with the Diocese of Homa Bay, Kenya and the Diocese of Maracay, Venezuela as well as the regional ecumenical partnership with Tenancingo, El Salvador.

Teresita Gonzalez de la Maza is a Cuban born in exile in 1971. She lives in Miami, Florida with her husband and 2 children. Teresita received a Bachelors Degree in Liberal Arts and later a Masters degree in Social Work from Barry University in Miami Shores. Her interest in mission and cross-cultural ministry began in 1989 after a short term mission experience with Amor en Accion, a missionary community of the Archdiocese of Miami. As a member for the last 15 years, Teresita has been involved in short term mission travels and has been committed to long term mission projects. Ms. Gonzalez worked for 8 years in healthcare social work. She now serves in the full-time position of Executive Director for Amor en Accion, providing mission education activities for schools/parishes in the Archdiocese, mission formation and re-entry for short term mission groups, fundraising for mission projects, and other related activities. Her current interests are in the area of theology of reconciliation, in relation to communities throughout the world as well as the profound implications for her own cultural context.

Sr. Mary Medved, SNJM, is the executive director of Jesuit Volunteers International. She is also the current board president of the Catholic Network of Volunteer Service, an ecumenical network of 200 volunteer and mission programs offering domestic and international service opportunities. Previously, she was the executive director of the Intercommunity Ministry Volunteer Program, a collaborative program of nine communities of women religious offering short term (a year or less) service opportunities in the U.S. and in three international locations. She also served for three years as a Jesuit Volunteer after college in the Pacific Northwest and was later executive director of the Jesuit Volunteer Corps, Northwest program.

Rachel Tomas Morgan is Director of International Service Learning and Justice Education at the Center for Social Concerns of the University of Notre Dame. She designed, implemented, and directs the International Summer Service Learning Program and oversees the Center's justice education programming. She also runs several domestic and international short term experiential education seminars and consults on various internationally related service learning initiatives at the Center and across the University. Rachel received her masters degree in systematic theology from the University of Notre Dame and her bachelors degree in religious studies and psychology from Saint Mary's College (Notre Dame, IN). Prior to joining the Center staff in 1998, she had previously worked in development and relief aid in the Philippines, taught theology on the high school level, and directed social outreach programs for a Methodist church in Chicago.

Other Speakers for the Dialogue Sessions

Dr. Edmund Chia, a Malaysian of Chinese descent, author and professor at Catholic Theological Union. Former Executive Secretary of the Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Dialogue Office of the Federation of Asian Bishops' Conference in Thailand.

Dr. Gemma Cruz, a theologian from the Philippines with an expertise on feminist liberation ethics.

Elizabeth Dudas, Ministry Consultant for Glenmary Home Missioners' Department of Pastoral Services.

Janice England, Executive Director of Lay Mission-Helpers.

Rev. Bill Morell, OMI, Vicar Provincial and Director of Mission and Ministry for the Oblates of Mary Immaculate.

Sr. Betty Scanton, Program Director for Medicines for Humanity.

Sr. Demetria Smith, MSOLA, Mission Educator of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

Rev. Wilfred Steinbacher, Associate Director of Glenmary Research Center.

Russell Testa, Founding Director of the Center for Ministry and Public Life at Washington Theological Union and Director of the Office of Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation of the Holy Name Province of the Orders of Friars Minor on the East Coast.

Dr. Rudy Vela, a Marianist priest with a doctoral degree on Cross-culture at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago and Assistant Professor of Theology at St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas.

Sr. Caroljean Willie, a Sister of Charity of Cincinnati with a PhD in multi-cultural communication, consultant and speaker for Harcourt Religion Publishers and as an independent cultural diversity education consultant and retreat director throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2006

1:00 pm Registration

3:30 pm Welcome Ceremony

Opening Prayer Ritual

4:30 pm *Keynote: "Short Term, Long Term, Or Whose Terms?"*

Robert Schreier

5:20 pm Interaction with the Speaker

6:00 pm BREAK

6:30 pm Dinner (Included)

7:45 pm *Home Communities*

9:00 pm Night Prayer

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2006

8:45 am Morning Prayer

9:15 am *Panel Speakers :*

Teresita Gonzalez de la Maza

Rachel Tomas-Morgan

Sr. Mary Medved

Rosanne Fischer

BREAK

10:15 am Dialogue Session I

10:30 am Dialogue Session I

11:30 am Dialogue Session II

12:30 pm Lunch (Included)

2:00 pm *Keynote: "Honoring the Community's Stories in Accepting Missionaries"*

Bishop Edmond Carmody, DD

Diocese of Corpus Christi

3:00 pm Interaction with the Speaker

3:15 pm BREAK

3:45 pm *Home Communities*

5:00 pm Eucharistic Celebration

6:30 pm Dinner Banquet (Included)

Celebration

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2006

9:00 am Morning Prayer

9:30 am USCMA

10:30 am *Hopes and Promises : Facilitators*

Projections & Challenges for Mission Today : Robert Schreier

10:45 am Closing Liturgy

11:30 am