

## Re-Entry Programs

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#### Returning Missionary Conference

**Audience:** Persons who have completed their overseas service and who have been in North America for a minimum of three months.

**Content:** A group process designed to utilize talents and personal experiences of participants along with presentations by staff and resource persons.

**Goal(s):** To provide a supportive ecumenical community environment in which individuals are able to reflect on their experiences of mission and re-entry; to provide an opportunity for theological reflection on and integration of one's mission experience; to discover opportunities to express solidarity with the culture and community left behind; to deepen understanding of the realities of the society and church of Canada and North America; to develop skills for effectively communicating about cross-cultural mission experiences; to provide opportunities for interaction with those in other stages of cross-cultural ministry; to discuss the challenges and opportunities that make up the transition process; to assess personal skills, needs and gifts emerging from the mission experience and to formulate future goals.

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#### Returned Missioners Ten-Day Workshops

**Audience:** Recently returned missioners who served in overseas or cross-cultural ministries (back 6 months to 3 years).

**Content:** A group process designed to provide an opportunity for sharing stories, integrating the mission experience, skills assessment and goal setting, and networking.

**Goal(s):** To help returned missioners in the process of re-entry and transition to their home culture.

#### Returned Missioners Weekend Workshops

**Audience:** Recently returned missioners (back 6 months to 3 years) who served in overseas or cross-cultural ministries and now have limited time available.

**Dates/Duration:** Thursday evening - Sunday midday.

**Content:** A group process designed to provide an opportunity for sharing stories and integrating the mission experience.

**Goal(s):** To help returned missioners in their re-entry and transition to their home culture.

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**Re-Entry and Transition Workshops:** To assist with the re-entry and transition process ICS provides a hospitable, nurturing and safe environment for those:

-Sharing their mission story

-Desiring an opportunity to debrief their mission experience

- Seeking time and guidance to recognize the giftedness of the experience
- Recognizing the trauma of having lived in violent and/or poverty areas
- Discerning the call to return or choose another mission
- Identifying transition skills for movement into a new ministry
- Integrating the experience into one's 'new self'
- Experiencing a type of 'reverse culture shock'

**Reflective Retreat Experiences:** These retreats are designed for:

- Ministers re-entering their home culture after living in another cultural setting
- Missioners who are on furlough and plan to return to the same setting
- Ministers discerning a new cultural environment and ministry.

A Reflective Retreat will offer the time, space, process and accompaniment to reflect on: your mission experience, how God was/is present in the other cultural setting, how you are being transformed by the experience

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### **Ecumenical Re-Entry Conferences**

**Audience:** Returned missioners

**Content:** In a supportive community composed of persons who are going through a similar transitional time in their lives, the conference offers participants an opportunity to integrate values, insights, and skills in ways that will enable them to continue their mission journey in another context.

**Sponsor:** Coordinated by Stony Point Center in cooperation with Presbyterian Church (USA).