

Past, Present, Future: The brokenness of a holy mission

In this session, we'll examine with humility the complex issues surrounding colonization and violence that has often accompanied the missions movement.

We will take a brief survey of religious colonialism, and discuss the pitfalls of assuming cooperation based on shared faith.

This session is intentionally designed to help participants apply critical thinking skills to evaluate conventional missions models in the West. The goal of this session is to offer considerations of praxis in post-colonial contexts that can be included in integrated missions models for the future.

Further Resource:

1. Recommended steps after MC2:

- Take the **Intercultural Development Inventory** to assess intercultural development and competency.
- Research and read BIPOC works by non-Western authors/theologians.
- Engage in CMDs (Critical Moment Dialogues), a self reflection tool that helps grow intercultural competence.

2. Recommended Book List:

Evangelical Postcolonial Conversations: Global Awakenings in Theology and Praxis — Smith, Lalitha, Hawk

Global Kingdom, Global People: Living Faithfully in a Multicultural World — Maggay

Postcolonial Politics and Theology: Unraveling Empire for a Global World — Kwok

The Next Evangelicalism: Freeing the Church from Western Cultural Captivity — Soong

Aliens in the Promise Land: Why Minority Leadership is Overlooked in White Christian Churches and Institutions — Bradley

Rescuing the Gospel from the Cowboys: A Native American Expression of the Jesus Way — Twiss

Bonhoeffer's Black Jesus: Harlem Renaissance Theology and an Ethic of Resistance — Williams

Indigenous Theology and the Western Worldview: A Decolonized Approach to Christian Doctrine — Woodley

Reconciling All Things: Reconciling All Things: A Christian Vision for Justice, Peace and Healing — Rice, Katongole

3. Recommended Podcasts:

[Professors in Rooms Getting Coffee](#)

[The Dip Chew Podcast](#)