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## Time Talent Treasure

By taking time to show and share the love of Jesus in our individual communities, we embrace the command of Jesus. By using our talents to support the ongoing work of spreading God's kingdom on this earth, we focus our hearts on the eternal treasure of heaven.



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The Holy Spirit is moving across our planet in ways both large and small, visible and invisible, and we are blessed at WME to have a front row seat for the Spirit's amazing work.

## Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ!

As I write this, the COVID-19 virus is steadily making its deadly way across the planet. Though it has always been so, it is clear that our world needs the saving, healing, life-giving grace of God now more than ever.

Impacting the world for Christ requires dedication and commitment – of time, talent, and treasure. WME has worked hard to harness those three for the glory of God. You can read more about the impact of our specific ministries, but several things stand out as I think about our work in 2019.

- WME channels the time, talent, and treasure of individuals and churches in order to shape young leaders.
  - Gifted leaders freely give of their time and their talent to provide teaching and preaching at our Order of the FLAME gatherings each year. Because of that commitment, we are able to instill the DNA of holistic evangelism into future leaders in the Wesleyan Methodist family, which will have an impact for generations to come.
  - In June, we celebrated the 25th Anniversary of the Baltic Methodist Theological Seminary in Tallinn, Estonia. After the fall of the Soviet Union, WME focused the time, talent, and treasure of churches and individuals in order to establish a seminary that continues to provide leadership for the entire Baltic region. WME continues to invest time and talent in the development of future leaders through seminary partnerships and teaching.
  - WME Staff provided time and talent to equip young leaders for evangelism across the globe. From Portugal to Peru, from Spain to New Zealand, from California to South Carolina, from Texas to Michigan clergy and laity alike have deepened their faith and been equipped and empowered to share it with boldness.
- New resources and opportunities for collaboration capitalize on the time and talents of the Wesleyan Methodist family.
  - *Embrace: Showing and Sharing the Love of Jesus*, our evangelism teaching resource, continues to be received with overwhelming enthusiasm across the globe and is reenergizing individuals and churches to reach out with the Gospel.
  - Through our Regional Secretaries, we continue to collaborate with churches and organizations across the Methodist Wesleyan family and beyond in order to join our collective time, talent, and treasure and thus expand our impact for Christ in new and exciting ways.

All of this excites and encourages me for the future, but the most meaningful aspect of all is seeing lives transformed as people deepen their relationship with Christ or discover that relationship for the first time. We are blessed at WME to be partners with the Holy Spirit in this profound work.

As you read more about our ministry, I pray you will join us in embracing what God is doing around the globe - especially at this pivotal time in history - so that our hurting world might come to know the transformative love of Jesus Christ.

Shalom,

*Kim*

Rev. Dr. Kimberly Reisman  
WME Executive Director



# Baltic Methodist Theological School celebrates its 25th Anniversary!

Immediately after the collapse of communism in the early 1990's, WME sought to clear a way to "stand alongside brothers and sisters" across Eastern Europe and the Baltics. Our Connecting Congregations program was born out of that commitment and continues as a way for congregations across the globe to share together in faith, vision, support, and hope in Jesus Christ. As part of that early effort, WME partnered with The United Methodist Church of Estonia to establish the Baltic Methodist Theological Seminary. Classes began with 54 students. To date, 60% of the graduates are in full-time ministry across Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, and Russia, with many currently in significant leadership positions. An additional 30% are actively involved in part time or volunteer work for the cause of Christ.



In 2019, WME hosted or participated in over 30 different sharing opportunities in the name of Jesus Christ. From teachings in Peru, Portugal, Nigeria, and New Zealand, to the ordination of the first female pastor of the Methodist church of Spain, to the 25th Anniversary of Baltic Methodist Theological School, to gatherings in California, Michigan, Texas, and Georgia, WME is working hard to be authentic carriers of the Word in the world.



# RIM

RESIDENCY IN MISSION

Through RIM, young leaders invest time and talent to serve outside their norm in multi-ethnic ministries, while those in other countries also give time, talent, and resources to teach and share about their culture of faith.



**Eliza Edge**  
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The **Order of the FLAME** (Faithful Leaders As Mission Evangelists) is an ethnically and culturally diverse covenant community within the Wesleyan Methodist family that equips, nurtures, and encourages young clergy and their spouses in evangelism and mission through a yearly conference, ongoing mentorship, and timely resources.

The Church needs new and dynamic talent to meet today's challenges. The Order of the FLAME cultivates that type of leadership by equipping young clergy as they develop their God-given talents as Mission Evangelists.

...like a tree planted by streams of water,  
which yields its fruit in season and whose  
leaf does not wither. **-Psalm 1:3**



# EMBRACE

Making TIME to understand your own faith journey and to create meaningful relationships with others is at the center of living out your faith in today's world.

***Embrace – Showing and Sharing the Love of Christ*** is a resource to help you deepen your faith and feel comfortable talking about it in the complex world in which we live.



## International Seminars

WME works with partners around the world to provide laity and clergy the opportunity to explore the nature and practice of evangelism in a cross-cultural environment.

These seminar experiences are critical to building bridges across both geography and tradition, and to promoting preaching, teaching, and witnessing that is grounded uncompromisingly in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Partnering with church leadership and educational institutions in the area where the seminar is to be held, the gatherings provide robust training for lay leadership as well as clergy. Sessions are generally held in the local language and focus on educating, resourcing, connecting, and mobilizing indigenous persons to do evangelism and missions in their local contexts.

Each seminar is unique in its influence and theme, yet all share common features such as teaching on the theology and practice of evangelism, regional sharing, small group processing, and indigenous worship services.

Please join us!



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