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Stott-Bediako Forum

Transformation Revisited: Mission
and Gospel Imagination

July 15-17, 2024 in Colombia
September 3-4, 2024 online

Why Transformation?

A process,
not
an event;

A conversation,
not
a final word.

We credit those who came before us for helping to reclaim and reimagine the concept of “mission”, seeking to be faithful to the witness of the early Church and the Biblical text. Colonial and missionary histories of North America and Europe had often reduced and relegated the concept of “mission” to the kind of verbal evangelism done by a small segment of the Church, crossing borders typically from the “Global North” to the “Global South.” This limited missionary imagination impeded a holistic understanding and witness of the gospel (i.e., Integral Mission), which involves the whole Church, embodying God’s kingdom in word and deed in every aspect of life on earth, as she dwells in and expands to and from all corners of the earth.

So it was that “mission as transformation” emerged, reminding Christ-followers that they are sent into the world to live as Jesus did, transforming their contexts to reflect God’s purposes. Over time, this missionary vision has grown and nourished people and faith communities across the world, as it has also gained many “enemies” among those who insist on the primacy of gospel proclamation over its embodied witness. Now, we turn to today.

Are “mission” and “transformation” still useful ideas? Are they offering a generative vision for the younger generations who are wrestling with their faith in the midst of new challenges? What kind of imagination is needed to shape our understanding and practice going forward as the Church?

The Stott-Bediako Forum provides space for fellowship and conversation to address these questions together and nourish a vision for faithful witness in our world.



Attend

The Stott-Bediako Forum is an open gathering. We would love for you and members of your organization to join us! Save the date!

Send

Consider how you might incorporate the Forum next year into your plans for team building and leadership development. Consider sending individuals or even a group! Accommodations can be made for a limited number of groups wishing to stay on in Colombia after the Forum.



Sponsor

Help make this event possible by becoming a sponsor. Or give a travel stipend to help a young leader attend.

Sponsorship

Help INFEMIT

Create and share key resources


Presentations will be recorded in our “studio” during the forum and made available to the public in the year following.

Offer Spanish-English translation


The entire gathering in Colombia will be translated simultaneously between Spanish and English.

Make the Forum accessible to all

The registration fee will be heavily subsidized, and we will offer additional discounts to participants with greatest need.



Goal:
\$20,000



Goal:
\$5,000

Support Travel

For young and majority-world leaders

Many young and majority-world scholars may not have sufficient resources to travel to this event. We would like to offer need-based travel stipends to 10 participants (average of \$500/ person). These funds will enable the participation of those who would otherwise not be able to attend. Recipients of travel stipends will be expected to contribute a partial amount of their travel and local costs.

Organizational Sponsorship

Get the word out about your organization, its programs, and upcoming opportunities!

Recognition for organizations* donating \$1000 or more...

Your logo will be featured:

- On the Forum web page
- In the Forum informational packet
- At the end of each video recording from the forum

** Donations may be made by an individual on behalf of the organization. An organization may opt out of having its logo displayed on Forum materials.*

Get in touch with us to explore other opportunities...

- A featured announcement in the Forum informational packet
- A live announcement given during the Forum
- Materials given to participants at the forum (you will need to cover the cost of printing or production of these materials)
- An exhibition booth or book table run by your organization at the forum

Donation amounts for these options will be assessed in conversation with the organization, since we want to ensure space for smaller and local organizations.

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