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WHO ARE WE?

a global fellowship



INFEMIT is committed to championing diverse voices in the global church as we are united by...

- 1) Our **passion** for contextual theologies that emerge from and transform every area of life;
- 2) Our **love** for the gospel, gratitude for those who came before us, and excitement for those who will follow;
- 3) Our **agitation** against a shallow gospel and theologies that colonize, restrict, and exclude; and
- 4) Our **joy** in learning and growing together as a lifelong process.

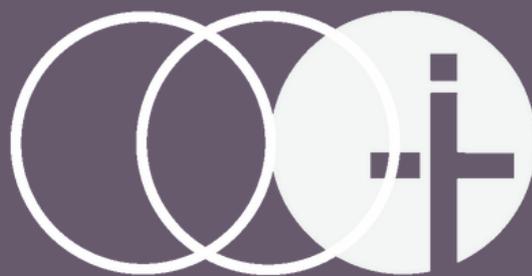
INFEMIT'S ONLINE PROGRAMS

A VIRTUAL SPACE
TO BELONG,
TO LEARN,
AND TO GROW
IN FAITHFULNESS

The difference INFEMIT makes each year for hundreds of Christian leaders around the world is offering a safe space to ask hard questions, build mutually-supportive relationships, and explore what it means to follow Jesus amid today's challenges, even and especially when that may look very different than the "Christianity" we see around us...

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Circles



INFEMIT Circles are groups that meet online once a month to build fellowship and explore what it means to follow Christ in diverse global and local contexts.

I've gained encouragement to continue standing for justice in a world that is increasingly polarized and pushing the agenda of Empire, repressing those who the Lord would recognize as marginalized. I've appreciated the prophetic witness of INFEMIT when advocacy for the oppressed has been sidelined in the wider evangelical world.

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Circles

78
Participants

29
Countries

24-75
Age range

38% / 62%
Women / Men

BEYOND

15

MINUTES

JUSTICE, LAMENT, AND A CALL TO FAITHFUL GOSPEL WITNESS

3

Global webinars

20

Presenters

292

Registered participants

54

Countries represented

At the fourth Lausanne International Congress, the theme of justice was given 15 minutes. In a world fraught with unjust wars, genocide, forced displacement, poverty, human trafficking, corrupt leadership, and state-sanctioned abuse, we are compelled by the good news of Jesus to go “beyond 15 minutes.” Throughout 2025, we explored what it looks like to live out a faithful gospel witness in our diverse global and local contexts.

UNTAGGling THE NARRATIVE

RESISTING COLONIAL THEOLOGIES

6

*Community Interviews +
Podcasts*

386

Registered participants

57

Countries represented

INFEMIT hosted several community conversations over the year to explore examples of colonial theologies in our world as well as forms of resistance that emerged in the face of them. These conversations offered an opportunity to learn from experts who are at the forefront of challenging colonial theologies in their contexts. Taking on the format of community-led interviews, these conversations were later produced as podcasts and serve as permanent resources for the global church.



BRINGING PEOPLE AND ORGANIZATIONS TOGETHER TO GROW AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD

INFEMIT convenes, sponsors, and participates in events worldwide that help the Church respond faithfully to the major issues of our world today. In the process, we promote contextual theologies, prioritize the voices of leaders at the margins of power in the Church, and build connections between people and organizations from diverse contexts so we may grow together.

COLLABORATION FOR PEACE

Together with eight other organizations, INFEMIT organized a **Peacebuilding Summit** in London to explore the role of the Church in seeking peace in Palestine-Israel. The 90 participants: **activists, scholars, and church leaders**, brainstormed together to develop plans that would help the global Church learn and engage better in peacebuilding. **As a result, participants are collaborating on a shared resource hub, conferences, publications, and more...**



Peacebuilding Summit
PALESTINE IN COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE



It was helpful to discuss points of action with like-minded people. That space is desperately needed.

On occasion where there was a polyphony of views, they were held together - I've never witnessed this before and began to notice the unifying movement of the Holy Spirit in this type of hermeneutical approach as we further discussed.

The quality of the people presenting was excellent. I especially enjoyed being introduced to new Global South scholars that I had never heard of before.



COLLABORATION FOR PEACE



Getting to know others who are working in the same areas was enriching and a great way to begin to build community.

Brave, honest, heartfelt and stirring stories.

Check out:

VIDEO RESOURCES
HIGHLIGHT FILM
SERMON TO THE WEST





Church at the Crossroads

INFEMIT joined a team of 10+ convening organizations, spearheaded by the Bethlehem Institute for Peace and Justice, to launch a new conference focused on challenging Christian Zionism in North America and helping the Church discern more Christ-like frameworks for engaging with the realities of Palestine-Israel. 850+ people participated in person or online. INFEMIT leaders, Tony Deik and Ruth Padilla DeBorst, were joined by other well-known pastors and activists from Palestine-Israel and around the world.



Check out:

CONFERENCE RECORDINGS

KEY CONNECTIONS

 INFEMIT members contributed to several other major events across the world in 2025.



 Check out other significant events coming soon in 2026!

SEEKING TO **BE**
PEOPLE WHO
LIVE OUT THE
GOSPEL IN EVERY
AREA OF **LIFE**
IN OUR **CONTEXTS**

INFEMIT's priorities and programs are determined by a diverse group of people who embody Christ's love in their local contexts, pursue the gospel in all realms of life in our world, and live out their prophetic witness as regionally and globally-recognized leaders. INFEMIT's impact extends out through these leaders in the communities they cultivate, the resources they produce, and the people they teach and mentor.

INFEMIT LEADERS

Discerning Direction

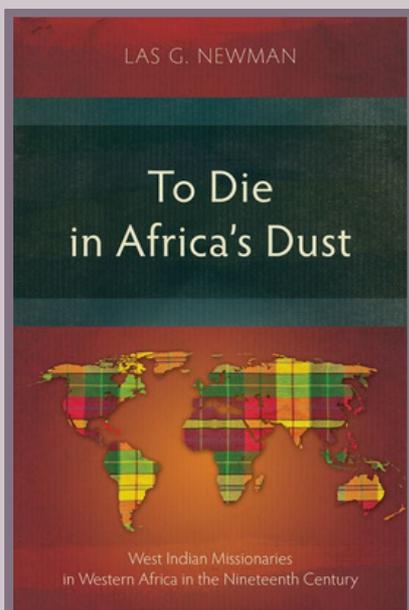


INFEMIT is led by a Networking Team, representatives from various regions and organizations across the globe; and backed by a U.S.-based board. These bodies together have initiated a process to strategically discern the direction of INFEMIT moving forward, considering some key questions:

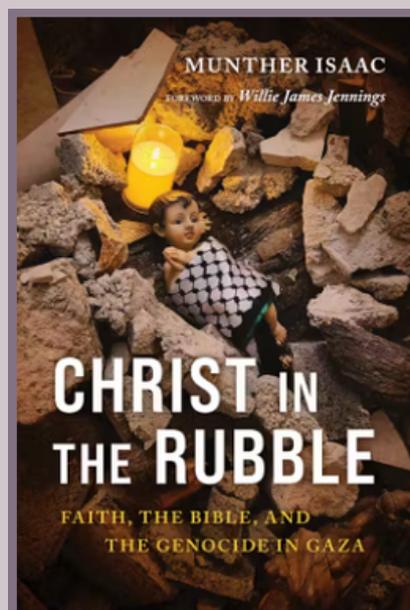
- How can we do better about sharing the work and experience that emerges in our community?
- How can we more intentionally engage churches?
- How can we partner more effectively to strengthen theological formation in global and local contexts?
- How can we use our capacities as a network and convening space to support innovative and urgent initiatives?
- What should INFEMIT look like going forward to address these questions and support a growing global community?

A YEAR IN THE BOOKS

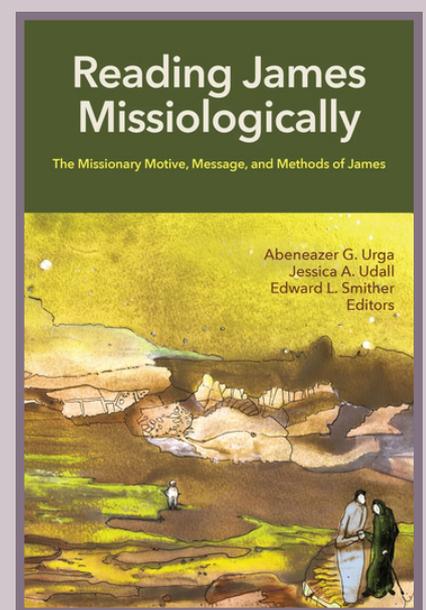
Members of the INFEMIT community regularly publish significant works on the mission of God, the Church in context, the Bible, and other issues related to our faith and following of Jesus Christ. Here are some highlights from this year!



TO DIE IN AFRICA'S DUST
by Las Newman



CHRIST IN THE RUBBLE
by Munther Isaac



READING JAMES MISSIOLOGICALLY
by Abeneazer Urga

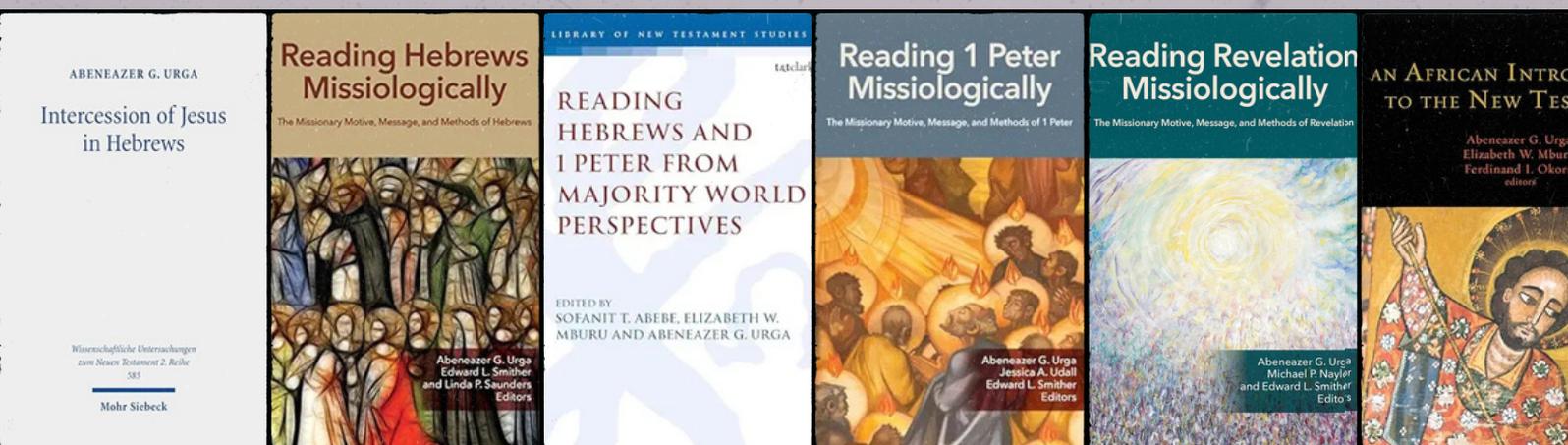
Also check out **Lent** and **Advent** resources generated by the INFEMIT Community!

Welcome



Abeneazer Urga

Joining INFEMIT's Networking Team this year is Abeneazer G. Urga, an Ethiopian New Testament scholar and theologian who is contributing actively in the areas of New Testament, contextual theology, and missiology through theological education, publishing, and in various theological associations on the continent of Africa, particularly in East Africa. He strives to bring the disciplines of biblical studies and missiology together. He currently lectures in biblical studies at the Evangelical Theological College in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and is adjunct professor at Columbia International University and the Ethiopian Graduate School of Theology. He is a prolific author and editor, and shown below are some of his works.



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