Announcing
An international and interdisciplinary conference entitled “James Legge: Missions to China and the Origins of Sinology” will be held at the University of Edinburgh, June 11–13, 2015. Hosted by the University of Edinburgh’s Centre for the Study of World Christianity, in collaboration with the Scottish Centre for Chinese Studies, the conference marks the bicentennial of the birth of Scottish missionary-scholar James Legge, who undertook the translation of Chinese texts into English and Christian texts into Chinese. Keynote public lectures during the conference will be given by Lauren Pfister (Hong Kong Baptist University) and Yang Huilin (Renmin University of China), looking at James Legge from Western and Chinese perspectives respectively. For further information, see www.cswc.div.ed.ac.uk/events-and-projects/legge-2015.

The Andrew Walls Centre for the Study of African and Asian Christianity, Liverpool Hope University, Liverpool, England, and the Chair for Early and Global Church History at Ludwig Maximilian University, Munich, Germany, will jointly host an international conference, “Missionary and Indigenous-Christian Journals and the Making of Transcontinental Networks,” to be held July 3–5, 2015, at Hope Park Campus, Liverpool Hope University. For details, e-mail Daniel Jeyaraj (jeyarad@hope.ac.uk).

The Ecclesiastical History Society will hold two conferences in the United Kingdom on the theme “Translating Christianity: Word, Image, Sound, and Object in the Circulation of the Sacred from the Birth of Christ until the Present Day.” Among topics the conferences will address is mission, which the organizers describe as “the greatest campaign of cultural translation (and description) ever undertaken.” The first event will take place July 28–30, 2015, at the University of York, with a second daylong conference planned for London on January 16, 2016. For further details, including the call for papers (the deadline for the July conference is April 15), the full list of proposed topics, and details of bursaries available to graduate students, see www.history.ac.uk/ehsoc/conferences.

With “Controversies in Christian Mission” as its focus, the annual meeting of the Evangelical Missiological Society (EMS) will be held September 18–20, 2015, at the Graduate Institute of Applied Linguistics, Dallas, Texas. Topics covered will range widely across contemporary concerns in mission, such as money and mission, Bible translation, and gender and sexuality. Proposals for papers are due by May 1; they should be submitted via www.surveymonkey.com/r/EMS2015. To attend, register by August 1. For further information, go to www.emsweb.org or e-mail rpriest@tiu.edu.

Registration opened in March for Mission Leaders Conference 2015: Upward, to be held September 24–26, 2015, in Orlando, Florida. This learning and networking event will address mission leadership issues surrounding the themes of diversity, legacy, complexity, and adversity. For information, see the Missio Nexus website http://missionexus.org/preview/mission-leaders-conference-2015-upward/.

Meeting at Maryknoll Mission Institute, Ossining, New York, the American Society of Missiology–Eastern Fellowship of Professors of Mission will address the topic
“Christian Mission in the Context of Global Pentecostalism,” November 6–7, 2015. Registration deadline is October 23. For further information, contact Rodney Petersen, petersenrodney1@gmail.com.

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Died. Charles W. Forman, 97, Presbyterian mission scholar, author, teacher, and ecumenical statesman, November 23, 2014, in New Haven, Connecticut. The son and grandson of Presbyterian missionaries, Forman was born in India, where he also served as a missionary on the faculty of North India United Theological College in Saharanpur, Uttar Pradesh, from 1945 to 1950. In 1953 he became the successor to Kenneth Scott Latourette as professor of missions at Yale Divinity School, a position he held until his retirement in 1987. He was chairman of the Theological Education Fund of the World Council of Churches (1965–71), chairman of the Commission on Ecumenical Mission and Relations of the Presbyterian Church (1965–71), chairman of the Foundation for Theological Education in South East Asia (1970–89), president of the American Society of Missiology (1981–82), and a trustee of the Overseas Ministries Study Center, New Haven, Connecticut, which published some of her artwork in A Time for My Singing: Witness of a Life (2004).


Died. Lothar Schreiner, 90, German Lutheran missiologist, teacher, and author, January 1, 2015, in Wuppertal, Germany. After theological studies in Tübingen, Münster, and Oxford, he earned a doctorate from the University of Zurich and taught at the theological seminary of the Protestant Batak Church HKBP in Pematang Siantar, Northern Sumatra, Indonesia, from 1956 to 1965. Returning to Germany, he was the first professor for missiology, ecumenics, and history of religions at the Kirchliche Hochschule in Wuppertal, from 1974 to 2000, with special interests in mission theology, the ecumenical movement, Christian-Muslim encounter in Europe, and Christian churches in China. His book Adat and the Gospel: The Relevance of the Customary Law for the Church and Mission with the Batak in Northern Sumatra (1972) was influential among Indonesian scholars, especially Batak theologians. His article “The Legacy of Ingwer Ludwig Nommensen” was published in the April 2000 IBMR.