

“...EMPOWERING PASTORS & LEADERS OF IMMIGRANT CHURCHES REACHING THE WORLD”

NEW ROOTS MINISTRY

RELIGIOUS NONE(S) ARE GROWING. HOW CAN WE REACH THEM?

My Fellow Pastors, I know I do not need to remind you that **the world’s greatest need is personal knowledge of God**—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. I write that as an American, but the need for relationship with God is also great beyond the United States, right?

While we pastors know that this is the biggest need, a group of people—Religious None(s)—does not think so. “Religious Nones” include people who are not part of a religious group, are not religiously active, and have little or no religious commitment. They include atheists and agnostics. They also include people who are not anti-religious, but they do not presently feel a need to have a personal faith in God. Maybe they are confused by life or by the world so they do not give personal commitment to God.

In the 1980(s), about 10% of Americans were Religious

None(s). Now, it is about 23%.

The need for relationship with God is huge, and we pastors have the great opportunity to “harvest”

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with our God in His fields (Matthew 9: 35-38).

At New Roots Ministry, a key purpose is to assist pastors of churches with mostly immigrants in effectively shining the light of the Gospel. Through Timothy Leadership Training (*described on the side panel*) we offer practical classroom training.

Also personally, this is my (Fred’s) passion, and as I know you pastors, → →

Timothy Leadership Training

(www.tlti.org) is a feasible, thorough, and practical pastor/leader training program. At New Roots Ministry, we continually offer TLT classes during both day and evening hours. Please contact us (376-6330) if you have any questions.

All Nations City Church (ANCC) had a great, final event on February 25. Reasons why we have quit ANCC?

- **Attendance by immigrants & refugees was down much--- people are very busy, they are not in need of ANCC as in the past, they have their own churches & worship.**
- **The Board leadership grew tired after a 10-year life.**
 - **We praise God for ANCC’s good work during its life!**

I realize it is your passion, too. I write on this subject in my blog—

www.PeaceWithinReach.com.

God, the Bible, and the Gospel are the same—yesterday, today, and forever! However, many people in this post-modern


<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Postmodernism> world are not the same. Many will not hear or receive the Gospel in

the same way as people 30 years ago. So, we messengers need to think much about how best to do this. Sometimes, our old-fashioned ways are still okay, but at other times, including for our own youth and young adults within our families and churches, we may need to adjust our messaging some.

I am passionate about the Gospel, including seeing how

it is most relevant in various cultures. **If you would like to discuss how best to do this in your church, and among your people, I would be honored to visit. Coffee or a meal would be on me.**

I love you, my brothers and sisters in Jesus!



“My Neighbors—Immigrants/Refugees in Sioux Falls” is our next SEMINAR. Date & time: Sat., April 21, 10AM-2:15pm; Location: Shalom Christian Reformed Church, 4100 S. Southeastern Ave., Sioux Falls.

Hear life stories from a diverse group of refugees & immigrants. Be inspired. Meet new friends. Learn. Enjoy a variety of ethnic foods, (and some American food, too). NO COST.

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