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Global Outreach Weekend Coming to Chula Vista, Calif.

The Mission Society Holding 6-Hour Workshop and Ministry at First UMC on Sept. 16-18

CHULA VISTA, Calif. – The Mission Society, which sends Christian missionaries to ministry assignments worldwide, will present a Global Outreach Weekend Sept. 16-18 at First United Methodist Church in Chula Vista, Calif.

The event will give Christians a deeper understanding of the biblical basis for worldwide missions and challenge them to become more involved in local and international outreach.

"The local church is God's primary instrument in reconciling the world to Himself," said Stan Self, senior director of church ministry at The Mission Society. "Global Outreach Weekends are part of our effort to help local churches see the great task that God is calling them to do."

The weekend at First UMC (<u>www.firstchurchcv.com</u>) will include a six-hour outreach workshop starting Friday, Sept. 16, from 7-9 p.m. and continuing Saturday, Sept. 17, from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m., as well as ministry at services on Sunday, Sept. 18.

Founded in 1984 in the Wesleyan tradition, The Mission Society (www.themissionsociety.org) exists to mobilize and deploy the body of Christ globally to join Jesus in His mission, especially among the least reached peoples. To that end, The Mission Society recruits, trains and sends Christian missionaries to minister around the world. Its church ministry department provides seminars, workshops and mentoring for congregations in the United States and abroad, helping equip churches for outreach in their communities and worldwide. Its vision is for the Kingdom of God to advance among all peoples, bringing about redemption and reconciliation through Jesus Christ. At present, The Mission Society has more than 200 missionaries in 37 countries.