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‘World Mission in the Wesleyan Spirit’ Among Outstanding Books in Mission Studies

Cited in Prestigious Top 15 by ‘International Bulletin of Missionary Research’

NORCROSS, Ga. – “World Mission in the Wesleyan Spirit,” a collection of 31 essays by Wesleyan scholars, has been listed among the “Fifteen Outstanding Books of 2009 for Mission Studies” in the April 2010 issue of the *International Bulletin of Missionary Research*.

The book, issued as part of the American Society of Missiology Series, was commissioned by The Mission Society to commemorate its 25th anniversary. It is co-edited by missiologists Drs. Gerald Anderson, director emeritus of the Overseas Ministries Study Center in New Haven, Conn; and Darrell Whiteman, The Mission Society’s resident missiologist and vice president of mission personnel and preparation.

“As most books about mission are written from a Reformed or Calvinistic perspective, we are especially honored for this book to be considered among the top releases of 2009,” said Darrell L. Whiteman, co-editor, cultural anthropologist and resident missiologist at The Mission Society.

“World Mission in the Wesleyan Spirit” provides the most comprehensive account of Wesleyan influence on world missions and evangelism published in the past 50 years. Woven through the fabric of these essays is John Wesley’s concept of prevenient grace – the notion that God is at work in every people group revealing something of God’s self and nature, preparing them for saving grace and eventually sanctifying grace.

Charles Van Engen of Fuller Theological Seminary describes the book as a “veritable ‘Who’s Who’ of Wesleyan missiologists, which promises to be one of the most important books in Protestant missiology to be published during this decade.”

The essays are written by “...our most outstanding missiologists, biblical and theological scholars,” said Maxie Dunnam, chancellor of Asbury Theological Seminary. Authors include prominent missions leaders and scholars. Several are Mission Society missionaries, board members and former board members.

“World Mission in the Wesleyan Spirit” (ISBN: 978-1-57736-424-5) is published by Providence House Publishers and retails for \$24.95. To order, visit www.providencehouse.com or fax order requests to 615-771-2002.

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and the arts to more traditional ministries, such as teaching English and church planting. Its church ministry department provides seminars, workshops and mentoring for congregations in the United States and overseas, helping equip churches for strategic outreach in their communities and throughout the world.

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