



# Frank P. Decker

Vice President for Training and Formation



## EDUCATION

- B.A. in political science from West Virginia Wesleyan
- M.Div. from Emory University

## AREA OF FOCUS

- Relational discipleship
- Cell-groups ministry
- Missionary training
- Contemporary mission issues
- Jesus movements within other religious traditions
- Spiritual formation

## MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

- Founding pastor of Asbury Dunwell Church in Accra, Ghana, 1987–1993
- Lecturer at Trinity College, Legon, Ghana, 1987–1990
- Directed the national evangelism program of the Methodist Church, Ghana, 1987–1993
- Started the lay evangelists program of Methodist Church, Ghana in 1991
- Initiated and developed the missionary training program of TMS Global, 1994–2001

## ROLE AT TMS GLOBAL

Frank serves as the vice president for training and formation. TMS Global views people as our greatest resource. Frank's ministry invests in our people through enabling them to be prepared to fulfill their response to the Great Commission. When asked to describe his ministry, Frank often responds, "I help ordinary people do extraordinary things in unusual places." He began work with TMS Global in 1986, serving with his wife, Vicki, as a missionary to Ghana until 1994. Upon returning to the United States, Frank joined the home office staff of TMS Global where he established the training program, which he currently directs.

## BACKGROUND

Prior to joining TMS Global, Frank served as a pastor in Portsmouth, Virginia from 1980–1986.

## PUBLICATIONS

Frank has had more than 60 articles and columns on missions published, and has contributed to a few recent books on missions.

## PERSONAL

Frank and his wife, Vicki, have three adult children. He is an ordained elder in the Virginia Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church. Frank and Vicki are currently involved in a church north of Atlanta, The Vine, where they are involved in cell-group ministry. Recreationally, they enjoy water sports, including sailing and fishing.

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