

Richard W. McClain

President and Chief Executive Officer



EXPERTISE

- Experienced in motivating and equipping local churches for more effective and strategic outreach locally, nationally, and globally
- Extensive personal experience in mobilizing local churches in missions
- Broad involvement in mission movements internationally

RECOGNITION AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Member of Theta Phi, an international honors society for theological students
- Shepherded The Mission Society's growing international ministries, including the groundbreaking work done by The Mission Society in Kazakhstan
- Helped to lead a model for local church missions mobilization that has transformed numerous congregations
- The author of the Global Outreach Seminar, Dick and his colleagues are having a significant impact on mobilizing missions movements internationally

ROLE AT THE MISSION SOCIETY

Dick became president and CEO of The Mission Society in September 2009, though he is not a newcomer to the organization. The longest-tenured member of the staff, Dick came to The Mission Society as its first director of missionary personnel in 1986. He subsequently served as vice president for mission ministry, vice president for church ministry, vice president for mission operations, and finally as executive vice president and chief operating officer. Dick has been a part of the growth of The Mission Society from eight staff and 14 missionaries to a ministry that today encompasses more than 200 missionaries who serve in 35 countries, as well as collaborative efforts with numerous churches and Christian organizations around the world. Because of his strong commitment to the local church, Dick led The Mission Society's development of major initiatives to resource local churches both in the United States and abroad for global missional involvement.

BACKGROUND

The son and grandson of missionaries, Dick was born in China and grew up in India and Hong Kong. Prior to joining the staff of The Mission Society, he served as the youth minister of Crossroads Bible Church, an interdenominational congregation in the Panama Canal Zone. An ordained United Methodist minister, he served pastorates in West Michigan for 11 years. His international ministry has taken him to numerous countries in the Caribbean, Central and South America, Africa, Asia, and Europe.

PUBLICATIONS

Dick has published numerous articles, is a frequent contributor to *Unfinished*, the quarterly publication of The Mission Society, and is the primary author of the Global Outreach Seminar, a missions training experience developed to help educate and equip local churches in the United States and abroad for more effective global outreach.

EDUCATION

- B.A. in psychology from Asbury College
- M.Div. with special emphasis in missions from Asbury Theological Seminary

PERSONAL

Dick married his college sweetheart, Pam, and the couple has three married children: Josh (and Amita), Heather McClain Wilson (and Steve), and Joey (and Ashley). They also have five grandchildren (Ian, Tyler, Matthew, Eden, and William). He loves the outdoors, especially when he's running, skiing, camping, hiking, or traveling.

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