

Frank P. Decker

Vice President for Member Care and Development



AREA OF FOCUS

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

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 The Mission Society 1994–2001

ROLE AT THE MISSION SOCIETY

Frank serves as the Vice President for Member Care and Development. The Mission Society views people as our greatest resource. Frank's ministry provides an ongoing investment in our people through coaching, training, care, and other means of personal growth. He began work with The Mission Society 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 The Mission Society where he established and directed the training department of The Mission Society until the late 1990s. More recently he has developed and directed the Human Resources department.

BACKGROUND

Prior to serving as a missionary, Frank served as the pastor of the Community United Methodist Church in Portsmouth, Virginia from 1980 to 1986.

PUBLICATIONS

Frank has written more than 50 articles on missions and is a regular columnist for *Good News* magazine. He is also a frequent contributor to *Unfinished*.

EDUCATION

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

PERSONAL

Frank and his wife have three children. They enjoy outdoor recreational activities, especially water sports. He is also an ordained elder in the Virginia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. Frank and Vicki are currently involved in planting a new church north of Atlanta, The Vine, where Frank mentors cell group leaders.

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