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## **The Mission Society Brings the World to Kansas** *Global Outreach Weekend Examines Importance of Missions*

LAWRENCE, Kan.—Members of Lawrence Free Methodist Church will gain a greater understanding of global outreach this fall when The Mission Society, which sends Christian missionaries worldwide on ministry assignments, presents a Global Outreach Weekend to the congregation, Nov. 18-20.

"The local church is God's chosen instrument for global evangelization," said Roger Wright, Midwest regional director for church ministry of The Mission Society. "Getting Christians out of the pew and into their neighborhoods and around the world is vital for the advancement of the gospel and spiritual welfare of the local church. Each local church must be strategic in planning and executing their unique kingdom vision in order to fully join God in His mission."

Wright, a missions mobilizer, is passionate about training church pastors and leaders to more effectively fulfill the Great Commission. He teaches and mentors them to broaden their vision to reach individuals within every sphere of their influence, including friends and co-workers with the love of Christ.

"Every believer is under Jesus' mandate, 'Go, and make disciples,'" Wright said. "We are to be God's witnesses to the ends of the earth."

The Global Outreach Weekend, which begins at 7 p.m. Nov. 18, and continues through noon Nov. 20, is designed to help Christians understand the biblical basis of worldwide missions and challenge them to become more involved in local and international outreach. It includes a six-hour seminar and ministry to the entire congregation through Sunday worship and adult Sunday school classes. The six hours of outreach/missions training during the weekend provides the local church with a structure or system which has proven to increase outreach effectiveness, as well as facilitating outreach/missions to permeate the entire church body.

Lawrence Free Methodist Church ([www.lfmchurch.org](http://www.lfmchurch.org)) is located at 3001 Lawrence Ave., Lawrence, Kan. Those interested in participating may contact Carolyn Heacock at [cheacock@lfmchurch.org](mailto:cheacock@lfmchurch.org) or Beverly Mancuso at 800-478-8963 ext. 9046.

Founded in 1984 in the Wesleyan tradition, The Mission Society ([www.themissionsociety.org](http://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 39 countries.