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New Global Christianity Book!

The latest book from the Center for the Study of Global Christianity is now available for purchase, *Global Christianity: A Guide to the World's Largest Religion from Afghanistan to Zimbabwe* (Zondervan). This accessible paperback represents the CSGC's longstanding desire to make our research more accessible to a wider audience. For just \$30 (paperback; \$20 e-book), readers can absorb facts, trends, data, and maps on Christianity in its religious, political, historical, and social contexts in every country of the world. Designed for anyone to gain better global awareness and understanding of what Christianity looks like around the world. The World Christianity and Ukraine entries can be downloaded for free at <https://zondervanacademic.com/globalchristianity>.

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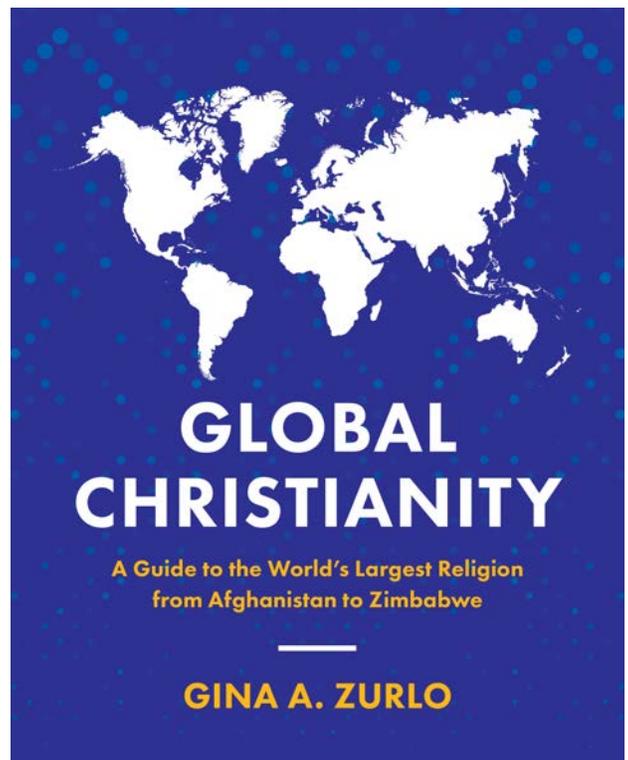
Mary Ho, International Executive Leader, All Nations

"From Pentecost onward, Christianity is a global faith. We hold to the same Christ, but a Christian in Afghanistan is in a far different context from one in Alabama or Australia. This book is a thorough, accessible guide to understanding the way Christians live, believe, and worship, country by country and region by region."

Russell Moore, Editor-in-Chief, Christianity Today

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Timothy C. Tennent, PhD, President and Professor of World Christianity, Asbury Theological Seminary



Dr. Zurlo presents at the World Council of Churches 11th General Assembly

At the invitation of the Global Christian Forum, Dr. Zurlo presented in a workshop at the World Council of Churches 11th General Assembly in Karlsruhe, Germany, from 31 August–8 September. The workshop, “World Christianity’s Challenge to the Ecumenical Movement,” was one of the most attended of the entire assembly. Her talk detailed trends in global Christianity from 1900 to 2050, with an emphasis on Christianity’s major traditions, movements, and families. A key question for the WCC is, “Who is not at the table?”, as Christianity continues to decline among historic mainline churches in the global North and grow in newer Pentecostal/Charismatic churches in the global South. Dr. Zurlo presented alongside:

- Dr. Jerry Pillay, incoming General Secretary of the World Council of Churches
- Dr. Daniel Okoh, President of the Organization of African Instituted Churches
- Dr. Hubert van Beek, founder of the Global Christian Forum
- Rev. Stacey Duensing Pearce, Reformed Church of America pastor (Warwick, New York) and WCC youth ambassador

Dr. Zurlo’s presence at the WCC helped to strengthen the ties between the CSGC and the WCC, as well as our other ecumenical partners in the World Evangelical Alliance, Global Christian Forum, and Pentecostal World Fellowship.



Dr. Zurlo’s workshop presentation at the WCC, 2 September 2022. Photo credit: Zachary Pearce.



Participants in the closing prayer service of the 11th Assembly of the WCC, 8 September 2022. Photo credit: Paul Jeffrey/WCC.

Upcoming Speaking Engagements

- Connecting Mission Leaders (CML), “The Future of Frontier Mission.” Nashville, October 13-15.
- Fuller Theological Seminary Annual Missiology Series, “Power, Agency, and Women in the Mission of God: A Scholar-Practitioner Conversation.” Online, October 26–28.
- Eastern Fellowship of the American Society of Missiology, “The World Christian Encyclopedia Meets World Christianity.” Stonypoint, NY, November 4–5.
- Society for the Scientific Study of Religion + Religious Research Association, “Religion, Racial Unrest, and Pandemics,” Baltimore, MD, November 11–13.
- American Academy of Religion, World Christianity Group, “Religion and Catastrophe,” Denver, CO, November 19–22.
- American Society of Church History, “Experimentations,” Philadelphia, PA, January 5–8, 2023.
- World Evangelical Alliance Missions Commission, “Our Missions Future: Local Impact, Ripples, & Waves,” Chiang Mai, Thailand, January 30–February 4.

Edinburgh Companions to Global Christianity: Christianity in Latin America and the Caribbean

In April, the CSGC released the sixth volume of the Edinburgh Companions to Global Christianity series: *Christianity in Latin America and the Caribbean*, edited by Kenneth R. Ross, Ana María Bidegain, and Todd M. Johnson. This volume features articles on Christianity in the region by country as well as ecclesiological tradition, plus special topical articles on migration, Afro-descendant populations, and indigenous populations. All articles are authored by Christians from the region. See the following review from Margaret Eletta Guider, O.S.F., S.T.L., Associate Professor of Missiology at Boston College.

"The sixth of an envisioned ten volume series, this encyclopedia on Christianity in Latin America and the Caribbean makes an impressive contribution to the comparative study of the influence of diverse Christian traditions in the region. The editors have brought together a combination of engaged and inter-disciplinary scholars whose contributions are marked by a clarity of vision and purpose. In each of the three sections (countries, traditions and themes), the contributors demonstrate a noteworthy capacity for dealing not only with the complexities and intricacies of history, but also, and perhaps more importantly, with the contemporary realities and demographics shaping the role, scope and significance of Christianity within cultures and societies that are best understood when presented in distinct, differentiated and interconnected ways."

Teaching

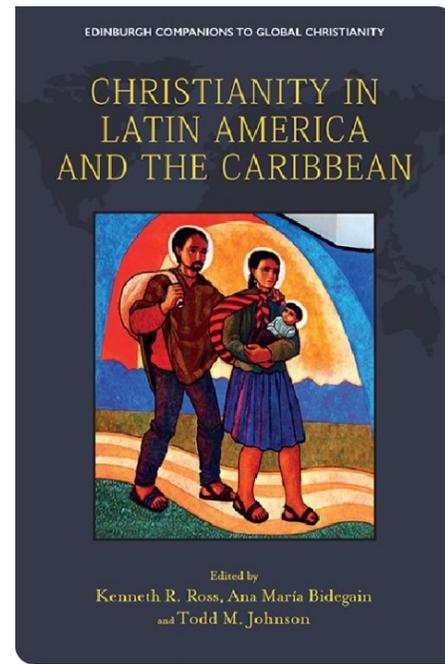
Spring 2023:

CH/WM 653 A History of Christian-Muslim Relations (GCTS digital live) This course explores the complex relationship between Christians and Muslims throughout the entire history of Islam, giving attention to the historical and scriptural sources that speak on or about each other and their usage by Christian and Muslim interlocutors.

TH 847 Global Christianity, 1900-2020 (Boston University School of Theology) The course, co-taught with Dr. Dana Robert, analyzes dimensions of Christianity as a worldwide movement over the past one hundred twenty years. The course is framed by the demographic changes charted in the World Christian Encyclopedia.

Summer 2023:

CL/SF 510 An Introduction to Global Leadership and Global Spirituality (Asynchronous) The course is an overview of global leadership and spirituality and will address the dynamics that led to the rise of these movements around the world. The lenses through which this course will be examined include the theology, history, sociology, and globalization of leadership and spirituality.



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The Center for the Study of Global Christianity is an academic research center that monitors worldwide demographic trends in Christianity, including outreach and mission. We provide a comprehensive collection of information on the past, present, and future of Christianity in every country of the world. Our data and publications help churches, mission agencies, and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to be more strategic, thoughtful, and sensitive to local contexts.

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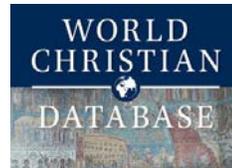


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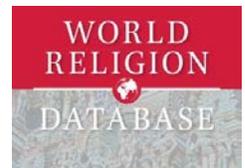


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