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# GRADUATION 2025

by Megan Herring,  
Vice President of Institutional Effectiveness

On a beautiful Mother’s Day, May 11, 2025, TCM celebrated its 29th Celebration of Disciple Making at Stift Heiligenkreuz in Austria. The accomplishments of 22 men and women representing 10 countries were celebrated. While a few were prevented from attending the ceremony due to the ongoing war between Russia and Ukraine, those present received the charge from President Tony Twist to use this degree for “the sake of our Lord and His Kingdom.” TCM’s faculty and regional representatives offered prayers of blessing over the graduates in their languages. Dr. Fred Meadows, Pastor of Faith Formation at Mt. Pleasant Christian Church in Greenwood, Indiana, encouraged the graduates with a message from Matthew 28:18-20. The event culminated with a traditional Austrian dinner at Klostergasthof.

Hear the voices of some of the graduates in these words:

“Training at TCM for me has been a journey of grace, growth, and rethinking my relationship with God. Although I came to learn about God, God has transformed me into His image and character. My dream is to raise the next generation of ministers so that they can serve in completely different places around the world, in all corners of the world, and bring to my community not just knowledge from school, but bring to my community this spirit of renewal and revival for the city where the church is located, for the country where the church is located, and for society as a whole.”

-Igor G., Czechia and Ukraine



“TCM taught me new things about spiritual disciplines that we can practice. I want to use all the knowledge I gained here to serve young people because that is where I currently work and serve, and it brings me great joy to pass on everything I have learned about teaching. I am very grateful for that and for the fact that the study was very flexible. My job allowed me to study online, which I really appreciated. At the center, I met many people from other cultures and other churches, which was very enriching for me.”

-Denisa H., Slovakia



“They say that the army is the school of life. In fact these 15 years that I spent studying in TCM have been the school of life, because meeting different people from different cultures from different parts of the world gave me the opportunity to know the love of Jesus Christ better. TCM gave me the opportunity to have this experience to pass on to others who are used to commands in their lives, are used to having their lives guided by others. And in my experience, it is easier to command than to obey. TCM allowed me to learn to obey and serve others, not to give orders. It is a learning, it is an experience of joy to pass it on to others around me, not only to those close to me, but also to those who I will meet in the future.”

-Sergiu M., Moldova



“TCM gave me the opportunity to learn more and to grow in the study of the Word of God. But at the same time, it provided a lot of close relationships, deep conversations, and deeper insight into fellowship with the people of God. My dream is to be a bridge between people and offer a safe space for people to come together to experience a closer connection with God and with each other. Thank you to all the people who made study possible and affordable.”

-Nana N., Austria and Romania



“TCM has been far more than an educational platform. It has been a place where God molded my character, deepened my grasp of Scripture, and equipped me for mature, responsible ministry in the Church and in society. I am especially grateful for the atmosphere of trust, spiritual maturity, and international brotherhood. Fellowship with Christians from many countries and cultures helped me see how wide and diverse the body of Christ truly is. We speak different languages, yet we are united by one Lord, one faith, and one calling—to serve in love.”

-Serek D., Central Asia



# GOD'S WORK IN TCM POLAND

by Barbara Karasiewicz,  
Poland Regional Representative



For over 60 years, TCM has been serving the pastors and leaders of the Christian Churches in Poland. An early history of TCM includes this entry about Gene Dulin's initial visit to Poland.

*"Our month in Poland is nearly completed as I write this – and what a month! Emotions have overflowed with joy and yet there are feelings of frustration and heartbreak. A visit to communist controlled countries is the only sure way of attaining even a limited comprehension of what life under a 'socialistic republic' really is."*

So began Gene Dulin's report on the portion of the 1963 trip he and John Huk spent in Poland.

The two men visited many churches in Poland. In each visit they found a hearty welcome and enthusiastic response to their messages. People were willing to share what they had and welcomed them into their homes.

In one church, meeting in a small room with 35 people crammed in seating three people to every two chairs, the man in charge said, "We sometimes think God understands only Polish, but here tonight we have heard preaching in English and Russian and have learned how people in all languages preach the same message and pray to the same God.

After services several people gathered for fellowship. They were overwhelmed that the North American Christian Churches had been so interested in THEM to send their ministers to visit and assure them of the interest and prayers of the American and Canadian Christians. Gene wrote,

*"We have heard these same sentiments over and over. Only God will know how much such a trip has meant to these devoted people behind the iron curtain."*

In 2022, this group of churches in Poland named TCM as their official seminary. Our team has been busy networking, innovating, expanding our reach, and resourcing the Polish church!

## Networking:

To increase the visibility and awareness of TCM programs, we use various channels, including our online presence and social media platforms. These activities allow us to engage a wider audience, attract potential students, and build a supportive community. We also use traditional media to expand our reach and connect with more



Christian Witzman, Barbara Karasiewicz, Oksana and Andrey Puzynin,  
Tony Twist, Yulia Lubenets

people interested in Christian education and ministry.

Personal connection is vital! I regularly contact pastors to emphasize the importance of Christian leadership education and its role in developing the church and community. I promote involvement in church ministry and encourage participation in the TCM Chaplaincy Pastoral Training Program, which prepares mature Christians to serve in prisons, hospitals, the military, and local churches. Supporting this program is part of our commitment to improve ministry in these crucial areas.

Conferences help too! On behalf of TCM, I recently participated in the European Leadership Forum (ELF) in Wista, Poland. The Expo at the Forum provided a valuable platform for sharing the mission and vision of TCM and for recruiting new students.

### Innovating:

We have innovated how we organize Polish TCM sessions by combining these sessions with conferences for the broader evangelical community, including sermons during Sunday worship in local churches. This approach takes advantage of opportunities to reach a wider audience with the biblical teachings of an excellent and experienced TCM lecturer. For example, in June, we combined Sunday discipleship teachings led by Dr. József Steiner with a conference session. The event was encouraging, and the teachings resonated deeply with the participants.

### Expanding our Reach:

We connect with the Ukrainian diaspora in Poland which numbers several million people and encourage Ukrainian community leaders to study at TCM. Several Ukrainian leaders are now TCM students, preparing to develop and support local churches in Ukraine when they return home.

Similarly, we are involved in the African diaspora, which has grown significantly in Poland in recent years through Kingdom Life Church in Warsaw. Recently, 11 ministry leaders and their pastor decided to study at TCM. They hope to support the development of the church in various African countries.

### Resourcing the Polish Church:

Finally, TCM Poland publishes Christian books with the TCM logo, containing information about our mission and initiatives. These publications serve as tools for spiritual growth, community building, valuable resources for our students, and promoting TCM.

Through these efforts, TCM Poland remains committed to training evangelical Christian leaders who will contribute to the church's growth in Poland. We thank God for our progress and pray for His continued guidance as we fulfill the Great Commission. It is a great privilege to serve as part of the TCM team, and we are dedicated to serving Him for His glory.



**Thank you to all who generously provide the finances necessary to spread and expand TCM's mission and vision throughout Poland!**



# CELEBRATING THE LEGACIES:

## Rick Justice and Myron Williams

by Carol Fields,  
Director of Operations

After a combined total of 52 years of dedicated service, Rick Justice and Myron Williams have retired from TCM marking the conclusion of significant service to the ministry of TCM. Their contributions have been instrumental in shaping the success and culture of our organization, and their departure is both a moment of celebration and reflection.

Rick Justice began his journey with TCM in 1992, serving first on the Board of Directors from 1992 to 2010 in various capacities including membership on the Development Committee, the Executive Committee, Board Treasurer, Vice Chair, and Chair. Rick joined the TCM staff full-time in 2010, bringing expertise and a commitment to excellence that quickly became evident. He served as the Academic Dean from 2014 to 2022 and as Vice President of Educational Advancement from 2022 to 2025. As the Chief Academic Officer, he was responsible for maintaining accreditation, student services, staff, and faculty. In addition, Rick served as Professor of Leadership Management and Director of Assessment, responsible for developing and delivering the leadership and management curricula for TCM International Institute and monitoring metrics to ensure effective education is provided for the students.

Prior to coming to TCM, Rick worked in various roles at Eli Lilly and Company, including Program Director – HR Global Manufacturing & Quality, Decision Scientist, Quality Assurance Representative, and Physical Chemist. His work experience at Lilly has taken him throughout North America, Europe, and Asia, and served him well at TCM with a perspective on cross-cultural needs.

Rick has served as an adjunct faculty member at IUPUI at Indianapolis, Johnson University Center for Global Studies in Leadership, and will continue as an adjunct professor at TCM.

Rick earned a Ph.D. from Indiana University in the field of Performance Improvement Technology, an M.S. degree in physical/organic chemistry from Butler University, and a B.A. in chemistry from Purdue University.

Rick and his wife Dixie live in Noblesville, Indiana. Rick and Dixie have two children, Shannon Hitchcock (husband – Shawn) and Nathan (wife – Heather), and six grandchildren. He is a member and elder of East 91st Street Christian Church in Indianapolis.

Myron Williams retired at the end of June this year from his role at TCM as Director of Distance Learning in which he has served since 2018. Before coming on staff, Myron served with TCM as an adjunct professor since 2006, as volunteer Director of Institutional Research and Effectiveness from 2009 to 2012, and as volunteer Director of Distance Education from 2012 to 2017. Myron has also been very instrumental in assisting TCM in the accreditation process with the Higher Learning Commission.

Myron's extensive list of service in the Kingdom includes Academic Dean at Cincinnati Bible College, and adjunct professor at Kentucky Christian University and Cincinnati Christian University. He served as Pastor of Family Ministries at First Church of Christ, Burlington, Kentucky and as Global Outreach Pastor at Southland Christian Church in Lexington, Kentucky. He has also participated in mission





# ENGAGING EVERY NATION:

## Update from Central Asia

Andrey C. is a TCM student from Central Asia who is helping Engage Every Nation with the hope of Christ. He has a Master of Arts degree from TCM and is currently working toward his Master of Divinity. Andrey pastors a church in Central Asia and teaches at a seminary. Andrey says one of the most compelling arguments he presents to his people is the historical fact that Christianity was present in their region even before Islam, and that many native tribes were originally Christian.

Andrey was equipped for his ministry through his classes at TCM. Reflecting on his studies at TCM, he said,

**“[S]tudying at TCM has been a tremendous support in my pastoral ministry, especially in sermon preparation. Whenever I need to dive deep into theological reflection or teach my congregation key biblical truths, I regularly turn to the assignments and resources I developed during my studies at TCM.”**

Andrey shared his concern about some online Christian content that many turn to for guidance on how to follow Jesus. He said, “Sadly, much of it is shallow or even heretical. My church members often ask me, ‘Is this safe to listen to?’ or ‘What do you think of this author?’ In those moments, I always recommend the sound and trusted literature we received during our studies at TCM.”

We are grateful that God has opened the doors to make TCM’s training possible in places like Central Asia. Thank you to our partners who are praying, volunteering, and providing financial support to help TCM Engage Every Nation for Christ. Please consider making a special gift to help expand the work of equipping disciple makers in Central Asia and other parts of the world.

trips to Australia, Papua New Guinea, Laos, Myanmar, Indonesia, and Haiti.

Myron and his wife Sue live in Walton, Kentucky and are part of the First Church of Christ, Burlington, Kentucky congregation. They are the parents of a son Noel and a daughter Sara and have four grandchildren.

In addition to their technical and professional accomplishments, Rick and Myron have been mentors to many colleagues. Their servant leadership style and dedication to the mission and vision of TCM have fostered growth and development within the team, leaving a lasting impression on those who have had the privilege of working alongside them.

While their presence will be missed, their legacy will remain a guiding force for TCM. We extend our deepest gratitude for their years of service and wish them happiness, health, and success in their continued service to the Kingdom.

**Thank you, Rick and Myron!**



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Disciple Making Summit: *Prayerful, Faithful Disciple Making*



**“Go and make disciples of all nations...” — Matthew 28:19**

Jesus’ final command is our first priority.

**September 13, 2025  
9AM - 4PM**

Join us for a powerful one-day training event focused on equipping you to live out the Great Commission with clarity, conviction, and confidence. Through teaching, prayer, and practical tools, you’ll discover how to cultivate a lifestyle of disciple making rooted in prayer, obedience, and Spirit-led leadership.



Featuring **Tony Twist, David Roadcup, and Bart Shaw**, this day will challenge and inspire you to take your next step in making disciples who make disciples. Sessions include:

**Christ's Church  
5165 Western Row Rd.  
Mason, OH 45040**

- The role of prayer and fasting in disciple making
- The Importance of personal obedience in disciple making
- Key Elements to know when personally making disciples
- Starting and maintaining an effective disciple-making ministry in your church



**Come hungry for God’s presence and leave equipped to multiply His Kingdom.**

Not in the greater Cincinnati area? We plan to offer this training in Phoenix and Indianapolis in 2026. More details to come!

**Cost: \$45 per person  
Register today!**



# Boiler Room Experience at ICOM

## *(International Conference on Missions)*

### What is it?

A large area near the center of the ICOM Exhibit Hall dedicated to prayer.

### Where did the name of the Boiler Room Experience originate?

- The Boiler Room is named after Charles Spurgeon's encouraging prayer gatherings in the boiler room of his church during services.
- In Spurgeon's time, boiler rooms were the powerhouses, the driving forces of everything. He believed that prayer was the spiritual power behind the effectiveness of his ministry.

### What will visitors be praying for?

- A Holy Spirit movement to fulfill the Great Commission
- Prayer requests shared at ICOM, posted to a prayer wall, and prayed over by visitors to the Boiler Room

### How can you participate?

- Attend ICOM and visit the Boiler Room Experience to share your prayer requests and pray over those shared by others.
- Volunteer to pray with visitors to the Boiler Room and others at the conference – Contact TCM Staff for more information about volunteering for an hour or two during the conference. Email [tcm@tcmi.org](mailto:tcm@tcmi.org) for more information.
- Tell others about the Boiler Room Experience!

**We would love to see this prayer movement grow and expand well beyond the walls of the ICOM convention centers.**



**November 20-22,  
2025**



**Georgia International  
Convention Center  
College Park, Georgia**



# COMMEMORATIVE GIVING

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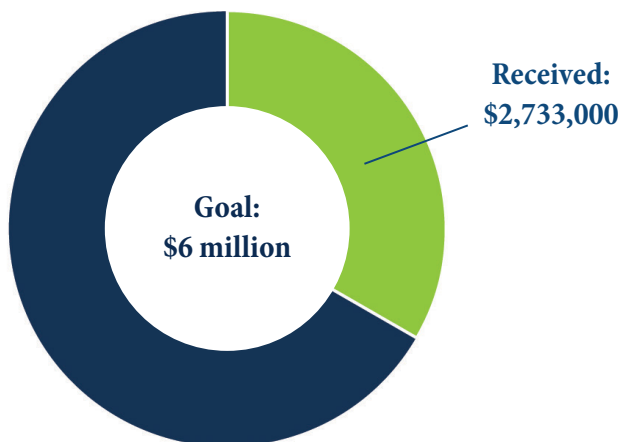
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## ENGAGING EVERY NATION CAMPAIGN PROGRESS



## Planning A Will

When considering preparing a will, many think they have nothing significant to give to their loved ones. If so, why go through the hassle of creating a will? After all, wills are just for the wealthy.

The reality is you have meaningful gifts to pass down, and a will is one of the best ways to accomplish this. One of these gifts is the gift of clarity.

Having a will in place means your family will not have to guess at (or worse, disagree about) your wishes after your death. Instead, they will have clear directions about important items such as:

- **Your desires, including how you want your life to be celebrated.**
- **How you want your assets distributed, from small mementos to larger items like property or financial holdings.**
- **Care for family members, especially your children.**
- **Specific charitable gifts you want to make, such as to your church and your favorite ministries.**

A will is a wonderful gift you can give your family—and yourself. You can begin the process today by downloading the Will Planning Guide from [tcmi.legacywill.org](http://tcmi.legacywill.org).

For more information, please contact Megan Herring at [megan@tcmi.org](mailto:megan@tcmi.org).

# TCM CLASSES



## In-Country:

### KENYA

*Research Methods* - Yulia Lubenets

*Introduction to New Testament Studies* - Konstantin Nazarov

*Disciple Making Through the New Testament* - Jozsef Steiner

*Christian Ethics* - Meego Rimmel

### TURKEY, ISTANBUL

*Hermeneutics* - George Bristow

### CENTRAL ASIA

*Christian Ethics* - Meego Rimmel

## Haus Edelweiss:

### SESSION 5 | August 21-27

*Small Groups Ministry* - Timotei Rusu

*History of Christian Theology 1* - Oti Bunaciu

*Research Methods* - Victoria Bojonca

### SESSION 6 | September 18-24

*Pastoral Ethics* - Meego Rimmel

*Homiletics* - Leonid Mikhovich

*Advanced Research and Writing* - J.K. Stevens

## Online:

*Digital Leadership and Creativity in Ministry* – Myron Williams

*Advanced Research and Writing* – J.K. Stevens

*Systematic Theology* – Jozsef Kovacs

*Hermeneutics* – Eddy Sanders





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## President's Outlook

God again was ahead of us. On my last trip (before COVID), they lacked infrastructure, online access, facilities, IT help, computers, and other resources necessary to study at graduate level. However, they have been praying and preparing, as have we.

This trip, a month ago, I started our first course and took the syllabi to them for the next two courses. They now have an unbelievable new college campus, 3,000 undergraduate students, and currently have 1,000 more applicants for the fall class. Also, there is much better online access due to their new diesel generators. But they still lack faculty with the necessary graduate degrees to provide ministry training acceptable to their government accreditors as a recognized university.

While there I met with the Secretary of Education, Deputy Mayor, Faculty, Administration, and got to know some highly placed officials among our 22 first students. All who had computers, cell phones, graduate degrees (some several), and were able to complete online TCM applications while I was there with assistance from TCM staff, our new Regional Rep, and another student who works in IT. God was there ahead of us!

YOU WOULD NOT BELIEVE THEIR REACTION WHEN I TOLD THEM WE WERE WORKING ON EUROPEAN UNION ACCREDITATION. The Secretary of Education was elated (he had studied in Europe) and warmly invited us to work in his country, as were the others I met when I told them. Interestingly, the new students wanted to pray

for our accreditation in the EU. I received notice from Brussels that evening about our confirmed status as a Higher Education Institution (the same as in the US) when we complete the process! These folks know how to pray!!

With TCM's help preparing a new type of faculty with international credentials and a culture of prayerful, faithful disciple making, I believe they can become an excellent training institution and global partner in the not-too-distant future. Their new school already has students from many other African countries. Together with them as well as our students in Liberia, Zimbabwe, and Kenya, we are very well positioned to empower disciple making movements in Africa that bring thousands to Jesus, plant many new churches, and spread the gospel around the world.

With strategic partnerships in both Sierra Leone (West Africa) and Kenya (East Africa) which both have Africa wide (and beyond) visions, TCM can come alongside of movements providing key leaders to impact many more churches, cultures, and countries for Christ!

Thanks to each one of you for all you do to train, serve, and empower so many around the world! My return visit to Sierra Leone showed me once again that He is always ahead of us!! Soli Deo Gloria!!!

Yours gratefully in Him,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Tony'.