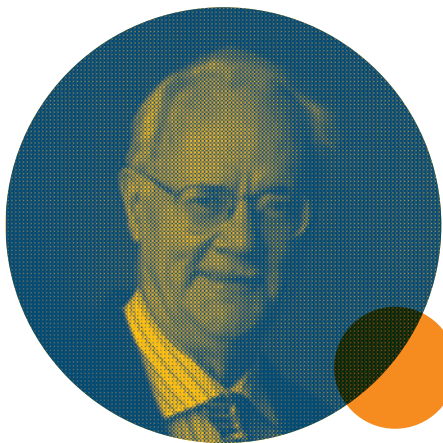


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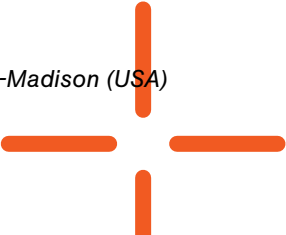
Trinity's Center for World Christianity and Global Theology is named in honor of Dr. Paul Gordon Hiebert (1932–2007). Professor Hiebert, who taught at several institutions of higher education prior to joining the faculty of Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, exemplified intellectual curiosity and creativity with courage, humility, grace and faithfulness to God's gospel. In his work as a missionary, an anthropologist, a missiologist, a teacher and a scholar, he was recognized around the world for his brilliant intellect, his breadth of knowledge and his magnificent academic contributions.

From the 1980's onward, Hiebert envisioned "a post-colonial era in missions... without arrogance and paternalism". For him, in this "era of post-colonial missions", missionaries could function as mediators of global theologizing because they are "inbetweeners, standing between different worlds". Paul G. Hiebert personified "inbetweenness" in all aspects of his life, especially in his academic teaching, research and writing. The Paul G. Hiebert Center for World Christianity and Global Theology builds on his legacy.

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Paul was a courageous missionary statesman of consummate diplomatic skill. He was also a learned academic.

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Mission statement

To promote strategic collaboration between North American and Majority World Christians for the advancement of the gospel and to facilitate the emergence of theological perspectives that are biblically faithful, contextually relevant, and which reflect global diversity in the Body of Christ.



The Center seeks to accomplish its mission through the following objectives:

- 1** **Develop intercultural and international networks** of scholars and practitioners for the purpose of collaboration and for the advancement of the gospel. Special (but not exclusive) focus will be upon collaboration among TEDS' international alumni.
- 2** **Provide special research opportunities** for Majority World theologians and other scholars who study patterns and issues related to mission, theology, and the growth of the global church.
- 3** **Promote research** pertaining to the changing landscape of the North American church and the implications of these changes for how North American Christians relate with Christians worldwide.
- 4** **Provide guidance** for the TEDS learning community (administration, faculty, staff, students) in developing a deeper understanding of 21st century global realities and their implications for theological education, both for those ministering in North America and those ministering in the Majority World. Special attention will be given to working with the three PhD programs and the D.Min. program in fostering greater awareness of the implications of intercultural and global realities for these programs.



Achieving these objectives is facilitated by the following initiatives:

Research projects sponsored by the Center – either by the Center itself or in collaboration with other institutions.

Partnership networks with Diaspora congregations in North America and beyond, for the purpose of studying and developing theological, missiological, and pastoral resources for these growing congregations.

Facilities on the TEDS campus for several visiting scholars to conduct research and pursue writing projects.

Regular conferences, lectures, symposia, etc. on TIU campus and elsewhere.

Rich databases on TEDS alumni and international scholars, with regular communication and sharing of information and resources.

Strategic links and collaborative relationships with a limited number of significant mission or theological institutions in Asia, Latin America, Africa, and Europe.

Ongoing discussions with those in the three PhD programs and the DMin program on curricular and non-curricular ways in which doctoral study can take seriously global realities and respond to current challenges.