

CROSSING CULTURES



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"Crossing Cultures" will expose attendees to the lives and needs of ethnic communities close to home, many with little opportunity to hear the gospel. The training, experience, and debriefing will challenge persons and churches for fresh local and global outreach and wider involvement in ministry.

This event can also be used to equip short-term mission teams, helping them cultivate cultural sensitivity and a learner's attitude. Participants will learn techniques used to train teams for cultural research in communities across the world as applicable to exploring cultures close to home as overseas.

Individuals and groups can register at www.worldmissioninitiative.org. Fee is \$40/person, \$20/student. Cost includes two meals. For more information contact the Rev. Jen Haddox at 412-924-1440 or [Click to view e-mail](#).

This experience is offered by Caleb Resources (formerly Caleb Project) and sponsored by WMI at PTS. Lead trainer Marti Smith has served dozens of teams since joining the ministry in 1995. She is also the author of *Through Her Eyes*, a book about the lives of missionary women.

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