

## Ethnic America Network

### St. Louis Summit – Standing Together: *That We May be One*

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In April 2008, Mosaix Global Network participated in the Ethnic America Summit in St Louis.

Ethnic America Network is an initiative out of the Billy Graham Center focused on reaching first and second generation immigrants in the United States. Several hundred pastors and ministry leaders converge annually at EAN summits for vision, encouragement, equipping, and networking.

This was the fourth summit for Mosaix to attend and conduct seminars about the multi-ethnic church movement. Seminar topics included (CD's and mp3's are available of each seminar and can be ordered at <http://www.soundword.com/seminars6.html> by clicking on the name of the presenters or moderators):

- **The Biblical Mandate for the Multi-ethnic Church**  
An articulate and exegetically sound rationale upon which the multi-ethnic church can be pursued and established. Personal stories and practical examples help to understand the evangelistic potential of the multi-ethnic church in the 21<sup>st</sup> century  
Presenter: Mark DeYmaz (Little Rock)
- **Lessons Learned in Planting Multi-Ethnic Churches**  
Testimonies from four pastors who planted multi-ethnic churches on what they learned that worked and what they would do differently  
Moderator: Willie Peterson (Dallas); Panelists: Ed Lee (Houston), Mont Mitchell (Chicago), & Frank Wooden (San Diego)
- **Transforming Churches toward Cultural Diversity**  
The personal testimonies of a church staff member and para-church organization partnering together to facilitate change which would embrace the increasing cultural diversity in a large, formerly mono-ethnic, New England church, utilizing a focus group study as part of developing a learning community.  
Presenters: Dana Baker (Lexington) & Gregg Detwiler (Boston)
- **Ways to Do Missions in North America and Be Multi-ethnic**  
Testimonies from four pastors of churches on ways to be missional as well as multi-ethnic by both reaching and accepting the nations in their own communities of North America  
Moderator: Ken Baker (Charlotte); Panelists: Linnea Carnes (Chicago), Ron Dozier (Charlotte), Barry Henning (St. Louis), & Art Lucero (Los Angeles)

Presentations were well received by attendees, some of whom came because they share a passion for the multi-ethnic church. Others came to catch the vision. Networking at the display table and in affinity groups affirmed a growing resonance among churches seeking unity in diversity.

Interestingly, another phenomena was observed at this event. Pastors and leaders on the Mosaix seminar team (who were serving voluntarily and came at their own expense) experienced the excitement of sharing their testimony and vision for advancing the movement. This excitement was demonstrated in a letter received following the summit:

*Jim-*

*I want to thank you for welcoming me into Mosaix. I enjoyed my week in St. Louis and appreciate the opportunity to participate. Next week, I make a presentation to my district church planting director about the multi-ethnic movement. I can now do a better job with that presentation from my opportunity to share and learn.*

*As I was praying today I felt impressed to encourage you. Thanks for what you do. Though I am a "newcomer" on the scene with Mosaix it seems as though it is ready to take a leap in growth and impact this coming year. With that leap come greater opportunities as well as greater battles. May God strengthen the team and guide each of us in our role to play. And may He keep His hand of grace and mercy on you as the Executive Director. Blessings . . . Frank Wooden, Pastor, Sweetwater River Church*