Internet Resources for Mission Theology

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Looking for theology of mission on the web is not an easy task. Although a Google search provides 389,000 web pages, one gets a mix of book reviews, book ads, blogs, and articles on mission theology to sort through. Sometimes it would be better to look for biblical theology and mission, or missiology as keywords.

As usual, Mislinks (http://www.mislinks.org/topics/theology.htm) provides a good starter for mission topics. Under Resources you may find a biblical theology of mission Reading Guide (that needs an update), Lausanne Occasional Papers, but also John Roxborogh theology of mission papers section. This site gathers several official statements and declarations like the Frankfurt Declaration, the Great Commission Manifesto, the Iguaçu Affirmation, the Lausanne Covenant, the Manila Manifesto, or the Willowbank Report. The site also contains links to several articles on theology of mission from the International Journal of Frontier Mission and Evangelical Missions Quarterly (and also links to the entire online archives of these journals). The site also provides links to articles from www.sedos.org.

Another good start for mission theology resources is http://www.missiology.org/bibliographies/theologyofmission.htm which is created by Gailyn Van Rheenen. He compiled a bibliography of foundational literature in the area of mission theology. Van Rheenen also created a dictionary of terms used in mission discussions, giving credit to the sources which provided the definitions, as well as a list of quotes on different aspects of mission theology.

The Network for Strategic Mission Knowledgbase (http://www.strategicnetwork.org/index.php?loc=kb&view=b&fto=1347) provides a selection of articles on mission theology by authors like Arthur F. Glasser, John Mbiti, Andreas J Kostenberger, and Walter Brueggemann, among others. The Network’s database seems to be the most comprehensive list of resources for research in the study of mission.