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A public forum opens the first of three, annual consultations addressing worldwide Christian revitalization hosted by the Center for the Study of World Christian Revitalization Movements, Asbury Seminary, Wilmore, KY, October 2009.

The October 15 to 18 consultation, "Pentecost and the New Humanity: Assessing the Work of God," incorporates key plenary addresses, shared worship, intentional table discussion and demonstrations of revitalization practices. Plenary speaker is Dr. Howard Snyder, renowned Christian renewal leader. The public forum will be held at 7 p.m., Thurs., Oct. 15, in Hughes Auditorium, Asbury College, Wilmore, KY.

The Center for the Study of World Christian Revitalization Movements hosts a website, revitalizationmovements.net, offering blogs, interviews and articles contributing to global conversation on church renewal dynamics.

"Our mission is to take the heart and pulse of present-day revitalization movements in global Christianity," said Dr. Steven O'Malley, Center director and Asbury Seminary John T. Seamands professor of Methodist holiness history. "Presenters include effective practitioners of revitalization from Asia, Africa, Latin America and Europe. We will also gain insight from historical case studies as well. The public forum is intended for pastors, worship leaders and missionaries, and those preparing for these ministries, as well as lay persons interested in the progress of revival now occurring throughout world Christianity.

"Open forum attendees will meet the assembled guests during a reception following the forum," continued O'Malley. "These guests include: Viv Grigg of New Zealand, leader of urban ministries in the impoverished areas of the world's megacities; John Smith, the definitive interpreter of the Jesus Movement; Father Thomas Kane, videographer of renewal liturgies in the Catholic communities around the world; Inchai and Ruth Srisuwan, music leaders in the Thai revival; Daniel Lutien, worship leader in indigenous Christian communities of Kenya; Dr. Berten Waggoner, director of Vineyard International, and many others. Please alert your friends and colleagues to join with us in this opportune moment for connecting with the streams of renewal now sweeping the world Christian movement."

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"stimulating research and teaching in Christian revitalization across diverse cultures and ecclesial communities"