



Overseas Ministries Study Center  
490 Prospect Street  
New Haven, Connecticut 06511

Tel: (203) 624-6672  
Fax: (203) 865-2857  
E-mail: study@OMSC.org  
Web: www.OMSC.org

## Culture, Interpersonal Conflict, and Christian Mission

Dr. Duane Elmer  
March 31–April 3, 2003

### Seminar Outline

**Course Description:** This seminar will help Christian workers strengthen interpersonal skills and resolve conflicts among colleagues and fellow believers. This course is a seven-session program and will be completed on Thursday afternoon. Each session consists of a 50-minute lecture followed by a 20-minute coffee break.

#### Course Schedule:

Mon., Mar. 31	1:30 p.m.	Registration
	2:00 p.m.	Unity, God's Glory and Mission: A Transcendent Mandate
Tues., Apr. 1	9:00 a.m.	Worship, led by Dr. Duane Elmer
	9:30 a.m.	Sources of Conflict: What is Worth Fighting For?
	2:00 p.m.	Human vs. Cultural Differences: Do I Have a Right to be Myself?
Wed., Apr. 2	9:30 a.m.	Western Ways of Handling Conflict: Biblical? Universal?
	2:00 p.m.	Two-Thirds World Ways of Handling Conflict: Biblical? Problems?
Thurs. Apr. 3	9:00 a.m.	Worship, led by OMSC resident
	9:30 a.m.	Forgiveness and Reconciliation: Protocol for Healing the Body
	2:00 p.m.	Cross-cultural Servanthood: A Model for the Future (Final session)

**Resource Person:** Dr. Duane Elmer is Aldeen Professor of International Studies Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. He was pastor, Red Cedar Bible Church, Williamston, Michigan, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, and Director of Doctor of Ministry in Missiology program from 1992 to 93. Director of the Intercultural Studies Concentration; Department Chair, fall semester 1990, from 1994 to 97. Price–LeBar Distinguished Chair of Christian Education. He has authored *An Analysis of Hebrews: A Programmed Instruction*, 1971. *Building Relationships*, 1983. *Cross-cultural Conflict*, 1993; *With An Eye on the Future: Church and Development in the Twenty-First Century*. Dr. Elmer and his wife, Muriel, have created a training manual for use in strengthening interpersonal relations among missionaries.

#### Recommended Reading:

✓ Available for purchase at the seminar

Elmer, Duane, *An Analysis of Hebrews: A Programmed Instruction*. Durban, South Africa: Durban Bible College, 1971.  
\_\_\_\_\_, *Cross-Cultural Conflict*, Downers Grove, Ill.: InterVarsity Press, 1993.  
Elmer, Duane, and Lois McKinney, *With An Eye on the Future: Church and Development in the Twenty-First Century*.