

Institute of Diaspora Studies (IDS)



What is IDS-USA?

The Institute of Diaspora Studies ("IDS-USA") at Western Seminary is a joint effort of researchers of diaspora missiology, trainers and practitioners seeking to practice diaspora missions in the 21st century.

The Vision of IDS-USA

The mission of IDS is to motivate and mobilize the Church to fulfill the Great Commission by ministering to, through, by/beyond and with the diaspora.

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The "mission" of IDS-USA is to carry out the Great Commission by practicing Glo-cal missions, i.e. globally serving diaspora communities abroad and locally engaging in ministering to the diaspora within the North American context.

Who should be interested in IDS-USA?

- Anyone interested in the fulfillment of the Great Commission by tracking with the global trend of diaspora and strategizing accordingly.
- All who are keen to recognize the providential moving of diaspora from their homeland and ready to reach them spiritually who have become more receptive to the gospel, e.g. refugees and victims of human trafficking, migrants & merchants, diplomats and foreign students.
- All who realized the unprecedented opportunities to reach the newly arrived strangers in our neighborhood and at our door steps.

How IDS-USA operates?

There are many flexible ways IDS-USA can serve the Church at large through research and publication, training and coaching in both formats of non-formal education (e.g. workshops and seminars) and formal education (e.g. credit bearing courses at graduate and post-graduate levels), etc.

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