

LIVING THE ONE ANOTHERS

Across Every Culture



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4 Migration Trends

Biblical Foundation

3 Colors of Worldview

12 Dimensions

INTRO

The World Has Moved Into Your Church

17.5M

migrants now live in
Latin America & the Caribbean

80% moving WITHIN the region — South to South



+23%

increase since 2020

TREND 1 OF 4

The Venezuelan Diaspora

7.7M

Venezuelans displaced since 2014

2.8M

In Colombia — largest host country

60%

Were attending church before leaving



They are looking for the church

Most arrive carrying acute shame, trauma, and shattered identity. Discrimination — not poverty — is the #1 cause of PTSD.

COMMAND ACTIVATED

"Welcome one another as Christ welcomed you." — Romans 15:7

Is your church a place where dignity is RESTORED — or just where services are offered?

TREND 2 OF 4

The Return Wave

They left with a dream.

**They are coming back
with a wound.**

In shame cultures, return without
success is experienced as failure.

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"Comfort one another, build one another up." — 1 Thessalonians 5:11

Does your church have a theology of the RETURN — not just the departure?

142K+

deported from US
since Jan 2025

90-99%

drop in northward
migration (2025)

25%+

cut to global aid budgets
(UNHCR, WFP, US/EU aid)

Xenophobia Is Rising – Including Inside Your Church



Your church members hear anti-migrant rhetoric every day. Some of them believe it.

Political reality

Chile, Argentina, Ecuador:
campaigns built on
'remove the migrants'

Research finding

Discrimination is the #1
predictor of migrant
mental health crisis

The church's call

When governments harden,
the church is called
to soften

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"Love one another as I have loved you." — John 13:34

TREND 4 OF 4

The Church Is the Only Institution Standing for Eternity



This is not a burden to manage.
This is the calling we were built for.

The early church thrived exactly where empire failed.

UNHCR

-25%

5,000 staff laid off

WFP

-25%

6,000+ positions cut

US/EU Aid

Cut

Transformative reduction

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"Show hospitality to strangers." — Hebrews 13:2

Four Trends. Four Commands. One Calling.

Venezuelan diaspora



"Welcome one another"

Rom. 15:7

Deportees returning broken



"Comfort one another"

1 Thess. 5:11

Xenophobia rising



"Love one another"

John 13:34

Church: last institution



"Show hospitality to strangers"

Heb. 13:2

The commands are 2,000 years old. The challenge is learning to live them across cultures.

The Litmus Test:

"Forgive one another" – charizomai (Eph. 4:32)

Guilt / Innocence

*I broke a rule.
I need to be
declared innocent.*

PASTORAL NEED

Legal acquittal

Honor / Shame

*I lost face.
My family was
shamed in public.*

PASTORAL NEED

Public restoration

Power / Fear

*I was made
vulnerable.
Power was used against me.*

PASTORAL NEED

Safety & release

Paul addressed all three in Romans: justified (guilt) · reconciled (honor) · no longer afraid (power/fear)

PART 3

12 Dimensions of Culture



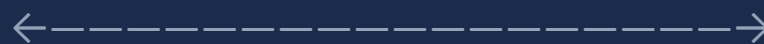
Three Colors = the WHY · 12 Dimensions = the HOW

Each dimension is a spectrum — not a label.

Think of 12 dials, each one affecting how you live out the one another.

Relationship Dimension

UNIVERSAL



SITUATIONAL

Universal

Friendship extends to ALL areas of life. Church + family + work.

"You came to my church but never visited my home. You don't love me."

Situational

Friendships are compartmentalised.
Church friend ≠ social friend.

"I show up every Sunday.
What more do you want?"

"Welcome one another as Christ welcomed you." Romans 15:7 — proslambanomai: to receive FULLY as one's own

Latin American cultures score high on Universal. Many church programs are built for Situational. This is why Venezuelans leave without explanation.

CLOSE

The Church That Learns All Three Languages

The Incarnation IS the supreme act of intercultural intelligence.

God did not welcome us by demanding we ascend to His culture. He descended into ours.

01

Know your own worldview
driver

02

Map the dimensions in your
congregation

03

Let migrants teach you the
gospel

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