

# A few words from our participants...

*"In this TIM Centre course, we changed because we went through this process [of growth]. Our hearts changed and now we are more open, more ready for cross-cultural mission."*

**Robert Zhao**, Bridletown Park Church

*"After having attended the TIM Centre courses, God has impressed in my mind the field of harvest of all nations. This is not an accident, we are strategically positioned here in Toronto."*

**Leticia Jonayon**, Lay Bible Study Leader

*"One of the things I enjoyed about the TIM Centre course was that I had classmates from different cultures and ethnicities. It was a pleasure and I had fun while studying with my classmates."*

**Steven Jung**, Korean Intercultural Leader

*"The TIM Centre courses greatly enhanced my ability to read the Bible and understand it as a narrative, as a story of God's people. The courses teach you how to share your faith and beliefs with people from different religious and cultural backgrounds."*

**Alan Friesner**, Missionary



**TIM Centre connects with immigrant and urban intercultural leaders and is linked with a vast network of local churches, denominations and mission organizations. These networks convene to take part in tackling local and global missions issues.**

## Vision

The church from all nations bringing Christ to all nations.

## Mission

To act as a catalyst to mobilize the intercultural Christian faith community towards a more intentional and effective engagement in local and global missions.



*The Tyndale Alumni community is pleased to support the work of the TIM Centre. We share the challenge to reach the world at our doorstep with the love of Christ.*

## Tyndale Intercultural Ministries Centre

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## The Intercultural Journey Assessment and Development





## Welcome to the TIM Centre

**The face of Canada is changing. According to Statistics Canada, by 2031 nearly one half of Canadians aged 15 and over will be a first generation immigrant or will have at least one parent who is a first generation immigrant. What does that mean for the Canadian church?**

It means that Christians need to know how to embrace Christians of other cultures, and how to interact with people of different faiths.

The Tyndale Intercultural Ministries Centre (TIM Centre) is located at Tyndale University College & Seminary in the city of Toronto. The TIM Centre provides intercultural resources for networking, training and research. It uses the city's diversity as a setting for practical application to course work and resource development. TIM Centre facilitators bring knowledge and experience to train participants to engage in intercultural missions.

For more details visit: [www.tyndale.ca/tim](http://www.tyndale.ca/tim)

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### **Intercultural competence** *noun.*

*The ability to communicate effectively and interact appropriately in a variety of cultural contexts.*

## Short Term Missions Training

**The TIM Centre equips Christians not only for Short Term Missions (STM), but also for a lifetime of intercultural ministry from their doorsteps to the ends of the earth.**

STM trips create a direct encounter with different cultures. We often limit STM to an overseas experience to share the Gospel. However, STM is not just about going two weeks overseas. It is also an opportunity for global discipleship.

Intentional intercultural training for your STM experience will help you in developing the cultural self-awareness, knowledge and skills which are essential to navigating our multicultural context at home and abroad.

### **Learning Outcomes**

- Code of Best Practice
- A biblical basis for STM
- Building a support team
- Cross-cultural perspectives
- Developing an intercultural team
- Building healthy global partnerships
- Debriefing your STM experience
- How to maximize your STM experience for ministry at home
- Communicating the Gospel in different cultural contexts



## Intercultural Assessment & Training

**The TIM Centre provides unique intercultural assessment in our training and coaching for Christians engaged in local and global missions.**

The Intercultural Development Inventory®(IDI) is an assessment tool to help individuals and teams assess and reflect on where they are on their intercultural development journey. The IDI®, through its qualified administrators, helps participants to evaluate where they are on a six stage intercultural development continuum.

Additional tools are used post-assessment, to improve understanding of conflict resolution, styles of communication and appropriate interactions of different cultures. Training will be tailored to meet group needs.

### **Coaching**

A coaching plan generated by the IDI® assessment assists participants to intentionally develop intercultural self-awareness, knowledge and skills for effective ministry. One-on-one coaching is available upon request.

### **Equipping Churches for Refugee Ministry**

TIM Centre provides consultation and tailor-made training modules to equip leaders for ministry to refugees. This training provides church ministry teams with biblically based cross-cultural competency for effective holistic ministry to refugee claimants.

**TIM Centre is committed to training Christians for effective missional ministry in diverse multicultural contexts.**