



## Register Now for SB Mission Conference 2017

Registration for the 2017 Santa Barbara Mission Conference is now open. The dates of the conference are Jan. 27-28. Don't miss out on keynote speeches by Richard Mouw and Juan Martinez, outstanding break-out sessions, worship with the worship band, and the conference's famous hospitality. The theme this year is "On Earth as It Is in Heaven" (Mt 6:10). A sub-theme will be majority culture - Latino culture reconciliation. Register online or pick up a registration brochure at one of the participating churches\* in the Santa Barbara region.

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### Speaking About Immigration

Comprehensive immigration reform in the U.S. may be a long way off. In the meantime Christians who embrace their true identity as "resident aliens" must consider how to speak compassionately, justly, and also prophetically about this important and divisive subject. In his workshop at this year's conference [Daniel Rodriguez](#) will propose a biblical and missional framework for imagining the foreigner in our midst, a framework that reflects Kingdom values. Dr. Rodriguez is Associate Professor of Religion and Hispanic Studies at Pepperdine University.

### The Refugee Crisis - Christian Response

The Syrian Crisis grinds out into its fifth year, resulting in half a million deaths and causing the greatest human displacement since World War II. This humanitarian tragedy is the tip of an iceberg never before seen: 65 million refugees. What makes sense in any of this? Is there a way to do legitimate good? [Steve Haas'](#) workshops (2) will offer information on all aspects of the Middle East Crisis and why this may be one of the finest hours for The Church. Rev. Haas is Vice President and "Catalyst" of World Vision.



### Juan F. Martinez, Speaker

[Juan F. Martinez](#) is one of two keynote speakers this



year. He will speak Friday evening, Jan. 27, and again the following afternoon. Dr. Martinez is Vice President for Diversity and International Ministries and Professor of Hispanic Studies at Fuller Theological Seminary. He has experience also as a church planter and a minister, having pastored a congregation in Guatemala City, Guatemala, for nine years. Among the books he has authored are

*Walk with the People: Latino Ministry in the United States and Churches, Cultures & Leadership* (with Mark Lau Branson).

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"I so enjoyed the SBMC and was truly impressed at how the conference was put together, how the structure allowed for connecting with others as well as personal learning, and the caliber of the speakers and content. What a great event!"

**Stephanie Struck, World Relief**

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*\*Covenant, Free Methodist, Lutheran, and Chinese Evangelical Free churches in Santa Barbara and Presbyterian churches - PC(USA) and ECO - throughout the tri-counties.*

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