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**PROFESSOR ANDREW BUSH TO OFFER CRAVEN WILSON LECTURES AT
PERKINS SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY
SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY
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Dallas, Texas – The Center for Missional Wisdom at Perkins School of Theology, SMU will host the 2009 Craven Wilson Lectures on October 26, 2009, with Dr. Andrew Bush, professor of missiology at Eastern University, as the featured speaker. Dr. Bush’s lectures, “Learning from the Least: Reflections on Two Decades of Mission to the Marginalized in Asia and the Middle East,” will draw upon his extensive experience working in the Philippines and the Palestinian West Bank. The gathering will be held in the Great Hall of Elizabeth Perkins Prothro Hall at Perkins, beginning with registration at 9:00 a.m. and concluding at 2:00 p.m. Attendance for students, staff, and faculty is free with current SMU I.D.; \$25 for all others. Advance payment can be made at the following link: <http://cravenwilson.eventbrite.com>. Lunch is included for those registering in advance. Parking for the day’s events is available along Bishop Boulevard and in the Binkley Parking Garage at the corner of Binkley and Airline on the SMU campus.

Having served with his wife, Karen, for more than two decades in Manila, the Philippines and in the Palestinian West Bank, Dr. Bush speaks widely in churches, with a special emphasis on the challenge of beginning a new era in Christian-Muslim relations. In his speaking and

writing, Dr. Bush has challenged the triumphalism of much of conventional American missions. Recent articles include: “Bullets and Bibles: The Ethical Problem of the Persistent Linkage of Missions and Militarism,” and “The Implications of Christian Zionism for Mission.”

Bush received his Doctor of Ministry degree from Princeton Theological Seminary. He also holds graduate degrees in theology from the Ecole Biblique Française in Jerusalem, Israel and the Alliance Graduate Seminary in Manila, the Philippines. Bush earned his B.A. in architecture at Princeton University. The Bushes have five adult children who grew up overseas. They attend Methacton Mennonite Church near Philadelphia.

The Craven Wilson Lectures are made possible through an endowed gift from the late Evie Jo Wilson of St. Paul’s United Methodist Church in Houston. The annual lectures, sponsored by the Center for Missional Wisdom, bring to Perkins and the Dallas area from across the church leading thinkers in evangelism.

Perkins School of Theology, founded in 1911, is one of five official University-related schools of theology of The United Methodist Church. Degree programs include the Master of Divinity, Master of Sacred Music, Master of Theological Studies, Master of Church Ministries, and Doctor of Ministry, as well as the Ph.D., in cooperation with SMU’s Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences.

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