

International Council of Ethnodoxologists (ICE)

... a network for culturally appropriate Christian worship

ICE awarded Worship Renewal Grant for 2008-2009

The Calvin Institute for Christian Worship (CICW) facilitates a Worship Renewal Grants Program which "fosters [worship renewal](#) in congregations and worshipping communities throughout North America. Made possible through the generous support of Lilly Endowment Inc., these grants serve to stimulate thoughtful and energetic work for worship that exhibits renewed creativity, theological integrity, and relevance" [from the [CICW site](#)].

ICE was awarded a grant for the Introduction to Ethnodoxology course that will enable us to adapt it from a grad-level class to a workshop/seminar format and teach it at five church-based venues around the US in 2009. This is an amazing opportunity to educate the North American church about the importance of ethnodoxology in their local and global ministries. We thank God for His blessing in the provision of this grant! We'll give more information on the church venues later this year.

Networking with our newest Organizational Partners:

- 1) [StoneWorks](#) (Colin Harbinson) -- A global arts partnership for cultural reformation and the recovery of the imagination in the life and mission of the church.
- 2) [New Life Advance International](#) (NLAI) - is networking with experienced ICE associates for training in ethnodoxology in field locations.
- 3) www.WorshipTribe.net (Rick Hughes) is collecting and freely sharing worship songs written in non-Western heart languages. He also wants to support worship groups in non-Western countries by sharing links to their sites for possible partnerships with missions-minded agencies. Rick has also written some mini-devotionals which are down-loadable as [pdfs](#).

Fall Events:

*** **INTERNATIONAL ORALITY NETWORK (ION) 2008 Annual Conference** - Dallas, Texas - September 15–19, 2008

Plan now to attend this year's conference and come join the ICE members and others who will be involved in teaching in the Music and Arts track of this conference. We'd love to see you involved! Register [here](#) or for more information, visit the [ION Website](#). For more detailed updates, join ION's "Music and Arts [Task Force](#)" Google group!

*** **7th World Christian Gathering of Indigenous People (WCGIP)** - Jerusalem, September 1-8, 2008.

News from the blogosphere:

* Ron Man has set up a new blog devoted to thought-provoking quotes on worship and other topics -- [Quotables: Worship & more](#).

* Thanks to [Worshipodcast .com](#) for including ICE as one of the many resources in their links section! This is a helpful site for worship leaders.

* Many thanks to Mark DeYmaz for posting the announcement of the Ethnodoxology Course to his blog at [www.markdeymaz.com](#). This is a great blog to check out for thoughts on multi-ethnic churches in America.

* Humor writer Bill Harris is a regular contributor to TomintheBox News Network. Just for laughs, check out this recent [post](#) on music.

Worship Notes:

The [May](#) issue of Ron Man's monthly "Worship Notes" focuses on the theme of "Giving Our Best," and includes:

- * Theme articles: "The 'Waste' of Worship (Mark 14:3-9)" and "Music for Worship: A Means rather than an End"
- * Quotations on "Excellence in Worship"
- * Sing to the Lord (Reflections on Congregational Song): guest article by Bob Kauflin, "Is Repetition a Help or a Hindrance?"
- * Notes on Global Worship
- * Book review: The Message in the Music: Studying Contemporary Praise and Worship

**The ICE network exists to encourage and equip
Christ-followers in every culture to express their faith
through their own heart music and other arts.**

We facilitate online networking and provide resources
for the development of culturally appropriate Christian worship,
utilizing insights from ethnomusicology, missiology, worship studies and the arts.

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