



BICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY (1812-2012)

THE COMMISSIONING AND SAILING
OF THE FIRST ORDAINED NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONARIES

SALEM, MASSACHUSETTS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2012

“MISSION IN 1812 AND TODAY”

1:00-3:00PM

OPENING SESSIONS

TABERNACLE CHURCH, SALEM

The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions (ABCFM) was the first American Christian foreign mission agency. Started by recent graduates of Andover Seminary and Williams College, it was officially chartered in 1812. This was the agency that officially sent the first ordained North American missionaries.



“THE WORLD OF 1812”

Margaret Bendroth
Executive Director and Librarian
Congregational Library, Boston



“THE AMERICAN BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS”

Cliff Putney
Assistant Professor of History
Bentley University

3:30-5:00PM

RECEPTION & TOURS

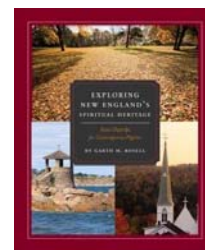
OLD SALEM TOWN HALL, SALEM



Garth Rosell
Professor of Church History
Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary

Dr. Rosell recently published *Exploring New England's Spiritual Heritage*, a long-awaited publication that takes contemporary pilgrims on a spiritual heritage tour through historic

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5:00-6:30PM

STUDENT PANEL & FACULTY RESPONSE

TABERNACLE CHURCH, SALEM

6:30-8:00PM

DINNER & PROGRAM

TABERNACLE CHURCH, SALEM

We remember those who stood in this place 200 years ago - their commitment, their passion, their sacrifice - and we consider how God is calling us to serve Him in our own time. Is He calling us to go? Is He calling us to send?



“MISSION AFTER COSTAS”

Allen Yeh
Associate Professor of
Intercultural Studies and Missiology
Biola University

THE COSTAS CONSULTATION

Orlando Enrique Costas (1942-1987) was a well known Hispanic theologian who served churches across doctrinal, national and cultural boundaries. He focused his work among those who were at the margins of society suffering oppression, neglect and exploitation. Since 1990 the *Boston Theological Institute*, a consortium of nine theological schools in the Greater Boston in Massachusetts, honors Costas' legacy by organizing an annual consultation on a particular mission-related theme.



The Boston Theological Institute