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Who Can Join the GCRN?

GCRN membership is open to all who wish a professional affiliation with colleagues in the field. The membership includes theoreticians, such as professors of church growth, and practitioners, such as pastors, denominational executives, parachurch leaders, church planters, researchers, missions leaders, and consultants. Some members specialize in domestic or mono-cultural church growth, while others are cross-culturally oriented.

Why Join the GCRN?

The GCRN provides a forum for maximum interaction among leaders, ministries, and resources on the cutting edge of Great Commission research.

The Annual Conference of the Great Commission Research Network (typically held in early November each year) offers the opportunity for research updates information on new resources and developments, as well as fellowship and encouragement from colleagues in the field of church growth. Membership in GCRN includes a subscription to the *Great Commission Research Journal*.

How Do I Join the GCRN?

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- Subscription to the Great Commission Research Journal
- Discounts for Annual Conference Registration
- Listing of your contact information on the GCRN website in our Membership Directory

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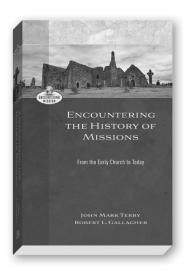
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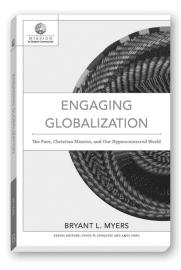
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