

Learning from the Global Church

What is God doing in the world that European evangelical leaders need to understand and learn from? Three key global leaders will share some of the lessons that European evangelical leaders need to consider.

Atef Gendy has been serving as the president of the Evangelical Theological Seminary (ETSC), the largest and oldest protestant seminary in the Middle East, since 2000. In addition to his administrative duties, he continues his role as a Professor of New Testament at ETSC. After initially working as a civil engineer, he served for eight years as director of a training center in the south of Egypt to help equip lay leaders for ministry in village churches. He graduated from ETSC in 1992 and was selected that same year as an instructor in New Testament. Dr. Gendy earned his PhD in 2001 from the University of Aberdeen, Scotland under I. Howard Marshall. He has written study notes for the book of Acts for the Bible Society of Egypt and had served as a translation consultant for the Revised Arabic Bible Translation (Van Dyke). He currently serves on the editorial committee for *The Arabic Contemporary Commentary*. He is also contributing with a commentary on Philemon and Colossians for the same project. Dr. Gendy is recognized as a leader in the Synod of the Nile (the Presbyterian Church) and the Council of Churches of Egypt.

Finny Philip, based in the city of Udaipur, is serving as the principal of the Filadelfia Bible College, a leading graduate school of theology in North India with over a thousand five hundred graduates. Well-known for his keen insights into the message of the Scripture, Dr. Finny Philip completed his PhD in New Testament from the University of Durham under the mentorship of esteemed New Testament scholar, James D.G. Dunn. His academic works include *The Origins of Pauline Pneumatology* (Mohr-Siebeck, WUNT Series), and he has served as one of the theological editors for the recently published *South Asia Biblical Commentary: A One Volume Commentary on the Whole Bible* (Open Door Publications, 2015). Dr. Philip is the Mission Director for the Filadelfia Fellowship Church of India, which has a network of 1,600 churches, and serves as pastor of the Rajasthan Pentecostal Church. Apart from other national responsibilities, he also serves as the regional director (RD) for The Lausanne Movement, and as the editor and director for Christian Trends, a bi-monthly magazine that tries to bring evangelical Christian thinking and writing at a popular level.

Nana Yaw Offei Awuku serves as the Director of the Lausanne Younger Leaders Generation initiative (YLGGen). He was previously the Lausanne Regional Director for English, Portuguese, and Spanish-speaking Africa (EPSA) for over five years until September 2016. Nana has been on staff with Scripture Union Ghana for over 20 years and currently serves on the Senior Management Team as the Director for Field Ministries. His primary ministry foci are evangelism, discipleship, and leadership development. Nana is trained professionally as a chemical engineer and organisation development consultant. Nana is married to Beth, and they have three children.

I. Finny Philip – Relational Leadership

A. Biblical leadership involves being like a mother.

B. Avoid the trap of delegating upward.

II. Atef Gendy – Enduring Leadership

- A. Leaders must avoid escaping or hiding during challenging and difficult times.
- B. Leaders need to not lose vision. They should avoid being routine maintainers.

III. Nana Yaw – Personal Leadership

- A. Healthy leader keep “first things first”
- B. Helpful leaders do not despise the vision of the “mustard seed”