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## “What Then Should We Do? Unsettling Reflections About Migration and People On the Move”

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**The Format:** A thoughtful presentation will be shared, followed by two invited responders and then open group dialogue, to discern its resonance with vibrant Christian faith.

**Presentation Synopsis:** Everyday we are confronted with stories about migrants, refugees, displacement and immigration. Divergent opinions, uncertainty and distortions serve to create ambiguity as to “what we should do.” If there is a Christian or faith-based response, what would be its basis and practice? As Socrates suggested, it is important to understand what is behind questions before suggesting answers. The reflections offered in this presentation aim to stimulate thinking, “frame,” “unpack” or even confuse further some of the issues.

**Speaker Biography:** Everette Ressler’s life work is concerned with the study and practice of response to crisis situations, including displacement, refugee flight and migration. After years of working internationally, he is Director of HDPI, Inc., a Harrisonburg-based global network focused on development and humanitarian concerns. He has lived with his wife in 7 countries and traveled widely beyond that for work. Personal interests include family, sculpting, writing, music and everything else.



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