

STEPHEN R. PHINNEY



MINISTERIAL OBJECTIVE

Building and equipping members of the Body of Christ to complete the work of service through the indwelling life of Jesus Christ. Since Worldview is formed through personal identity, Dr. Phinney's objective is to serve the hurting through providing practical and proven materials & media to further equip each participant in embracing the life-transforming message of the Exchanged Life—"Not I but Christ." He focuses on the root cause of cultural and interpersonal problems—spiritual, psychological, and cultural identity. By using the Bible and over 40 years of experience, his grace-oriented & systematic solutions to worldview problems are refreshing and comforting – thus his coined term Transformational Biblical Worldview™ development.

FAMILY

Steve has been married for over 40 years to Jane, and they have three grown children, Abigail (married to Quintin Eason), Elizabeth (married to Nathan Ford), Jessica (in waiting), and nine grandchildren. Steve and Jane dedicate their focus to the institution of marriage, family, and child development. Their focus is on providing ministry tools needed to raise the "next generation" with an actual Transformational Biblical Worldview™ – in an anti-family society. Steve & Jane are active supporters of the multi-generational faith principles stated in Deuteronomy chapter 6 – God's simple command to Moses to teach the Word of God diligently to the children, as well as generations to come.

POLITICAL/ CULTURAL CONSULTING

Dr. Phinney has focused his doctorate studies, International Leadership & Cross-cultural Biblical Worldview, within the arena of global impact. He is proactive in serving ministry leaders, national leaders, and Monarchy Kingdoms. He served in official consulting roles with the following.

- **Governor Jane Dee Hull** | Arizona | Role: Chairman, Faith-based Steering Committee
 - **Governor Janet Napolitano** | Arizona | Role: Special Council, State Faith-based Representative, Representative to the White House Administration, Faith-based Chair – Domestic Relations Committee
 - **Governor Jan Brewer** | Arizona | Faith-based Chair – Domestic Relations Committee
 - **Senator David Peterson** | Arizona | Special Counsel
 - **Representative Mark Anderson** | Arizona | Special Counsel, Co-chair Faith-based Steering Committee
 - **President George W. Bush** | US President | Special Counsel
 - **President Yoweri Museveni** | Uganda | Advisor, Faith-based Initiative
 - **United Nations** | New York | Peace Ambassador, Annual Leadership Award
 - **President Donald Trump** | US President | Advisor, Trump Leadership Team
 - **Royal Highness, King, Dr. John C. Wayabire** | Special Counsel to the King
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EXPERIENCE

2001-Present | IOM America – The Institute of Ministry | The Identity Matters Worldview Institute
President/Founder

- We are providing national & international consulting.
- Active in providing training, conferences, and material development. Each focused on a Biblical worldview. (Galatians 2:20)
- Providing a Christ-as-Life Worldview based on up-to-date research on cultural issues affecting nations and their churches.
- Delivering Christ-centered, Bible-based guidance under the model of "Identity Matters."
- Advancing publications focused on the Life of Christ – Dr. Phinney has published ten books, 4,000+ published articles, audio podcasts, radio broadcasts, and produced multiple musicians and inspirational media based on the believer's identity in Christ.
- They are providing oversight to The Identity Matters Worldview Centers – 200+ globally.
- Dr. Phinney, through IOM America, is an online commentator on cultural issues.
- The ministry is host to the International Fellowship of Exchanged Life, a populated network of workers that focus on the believer's identity in Christ. This network serves tens of thousands of members worldwide.

2010-Present | Heartland Family Fellowships | XL-Church | Sterling, KS
Pastor/Founder

- XL represents "Exchanged Life." (Exchanging our life for Christs')
- Pastoring a local fellowship associated with Heartland Family Association (XL-Church) – connected to a worldwide weekly podcast (87,000 monthly listeners).
- Assisting in providing leadership to several international fellowships (India, Uganda, Kenya & other countries).
- Actively managing and implementing church-plants – under the banner of XL-Churches.

2010-2018 | Grace Fellowship International | Pigeon Forge, TN
Consultant/Media Development

- GFI is the home ministry to Dr. Phinney's mentor – Dr. Charles R. Solomon.
- We provided consultation and direction to the Board of Directors.
- Designing, developing, and marketing multimedia campaigns.

2000-2004 | Arizona Alliance for Community & Faith-Based Action | Phoenix, AZ
President/Co-founder

- Leader & co-founder in the first team that assisted in developing and establishing President George W. Bush's Faith-based Initiative in the state of Arizona.
- Served as Special Counsel to President George W. Bush.
- Personally designed and implemented the operational system for the President's Initiative – used now in more than 25 states & two countries.
- Three-time Governor appointed Domestic Relations Committee Member – Arizona's first Faith-Based Representative
- Active in re-granting funds to non-profit entities within Arizona.
- Educate non-profit leaders in furthering their skills as leaders.
- Designed and established a networking system supported by the White House Faith-based and Community Initiative Office.

- Aiding other states in setting up similar systems for their community development programs.

1991-2001 | Victorious Christian Living International | Phoenix, AZ

Vice President of National Ministries

- Developed discipleship training tools for Biblical counseling
- We directed & established multiple faith-based counseling centers throughout America.
- Assisted in setting up Biblical Discipleship ministries in foreign countries.
- He assisted in the management of staff on a national and international basis.

1992-2002 | Crossway Bible Fellowship | Phoenix, AZ

Volunteer Family & Teaching Pastor

- Co-founder, vision casting & development coordinator
- Ordained pastor
- Senior Elder
- Assisted in establishing a mission that teaches the believer's identity in Christ

1990-1991 | Rapha | Phoenix, AZ

Community Services Coordinator

- Integrated Psychology/Theology model into a psychiatry model
- Educated faith-based community regarding this model
- Aided in establishing three hospital units incorporating this inpatient model.
- He aided in the development/establishment of the co-dependency 12 step model.

1987-1990 | Release Ministries | Colorado Springs, CO

President/Founder

- Individual, family, and child counseling
- He developed and established a counselor training institute.
- He developed and established a leadership development institute.
- Developed course work for master's level students.
- Consultant work in leadership development.

1986-1987 | Christ Haven | Florissant, CO

Family Services Director

- He developed a family/child therapy approach in a resort environment.
- He aided in the management and development of a family resort.

1981-1986 | Grace Fellowship International | Denver, CO

Family/Child Services

- Developed and established a family/child counseling program
- Designed counselor training tools
- Assisted in the development of "Caraway Street" children's program
- Integrated family systems model into their Spirituotherapy Biblical counseling model

1976-1981 | Village Unlimited | Sheldon, IA

Cottage Director

- Care and guidance for physically and mentally challenged adults.
- Formed & implemented interdisciplinary team development for staff and residents.
- He managed the community re-entry program for the challenged.
- Managed and developed an intermediary team development program.

1975-1976 | U.S. Department of OEO | Buena Vista County, IA
 County Coordinator

- Equal Opportunity Employment Program.
- County used clothing distribution.
- He managed county low-income housing improvement.
- Supplemental Food Program & FHA loan application reviews

EDUCATION

1976-1980 | Northwest Community College | Sheldon, IA
 Credits Toward - Basic Social Services academia.

1981-1984 | Colorado Christian University | Denver, CO
 Studies directed toward integration of Psychology and Theology.
 Credit Toward – B.A. Psychology

1986-1986 | Patriot University | Colorado Springs, CO
 Studies directed toward practical use of psychology in a counseling setting.
 Graduated – B.A. Psychology

1986-1988 | Patriot University | Colorado Springs, CO
 Studies directed toward practical use of counseling psychology.
 Graduated – M.A. Counseling Psychology

1989-1992 | Oxford Graduate School | Bryan, TN
 Area of doctorate matriculation – International Leadership
 Credit Toward – Doctor of Philosophy

2001-2003 | Phoenix University of Theology | Primus School of Theology | Phoenix, AZ
 Area of doctorate matriculation – Leadership with an emphasis on the Cross-cultural Biblical
 Worldview.
 Graduated – Doctor of Ministry

2018 - | Oxford Graduate School | Bryan, TN
 Area of doctorate matriculation – Religion & Cultural Studies.
 In Process – Doctor of Philosophy

INTERESTS

- Spending time with family – wife, children, and grandchildren
- Artistic expression – photography, drawing, pastels, and digital graphic design
- Church & Culture Historian – research & development

- Writing – books, workbooks, booklets, and online e-services & commentator
- Spending time with friends

TESTIMONIES

Dr. Phinney and The Institute of Ministry is providing a much-needed service. Steve is committed to the Lord Jesus Christ with a strong Biblical Worldview and a robust counseling and training approach. He is creative in meeting his clients'/students' needs and takes the opportunities seriously to minister to them in a way that honors God. I am confident that God will continue to work through the ministry of IOM in significant ways. **–Dr. Glenn Wagner**, Chancellor Emeritus—Oxford Graduate School

Steve does a commendable job in communicating the message of the Cross. You will find his love and passion for the Lord contagious. Even though you will discover The Institute challenging, it will be transforming. It gives me great pleasure to commend my son in the faith, Dr. Stephen Phinney, for his burden and vision to increase the message of the Cross, Christ-as-Life or the crucified life, globally via media and material development. The need is great, and the hour is late as he faithfully builds on the foundation in Scripture laid half a century ago.

I pray that those who receive this message will multiply it to God's glory that the Church may be edified through the transformed lives of indwelt believers, as Dr. Phinney and I walk together in obedience to our Father. **–Dr. Charles Solomon**, President/Founder, Grace Fellowship International

In his latest book, Steve's message, *The Father, Refuting A New Kind of Christianity*, is rarely taught in the Church today. I implored him to get this teaching in the hands of the entire Body of Christ. **–J.I. Packer**, Author

IOM America is truly a life-changing ministry. The materials and services offered continually point to God and His Word. They provide solid Biblical Truths and answers to a wide variety of challenges we face in our day, combined with the potential for healing, new freedom, and growth, as well as a more intimate walk with God. The materials encourage individuals to live fruitful and productive lives by identifying what hinders us in our walk with Christ. They offer opportunities to make changes that will help us be victorious no matter what circumstances we find ourselves in. God is working in and through this ministry to reveal Himself powerfully in our everyday lives. **- Emily Edwards**, PhD

The Institute brings together the paths of history to a Christian worldview to understand where we are headed in these increasingly turbulent times. It is much easier to understand the future when a person comprehends the past. This ministry is the only one I have seen which makes this connection.

IOM America cannot help but motivate us to become better equipped, fully functional, and active in bringing people to salvation through the saving grace of Jesus Christ and entering into eternity.

IOM has blessed me through a valued emphasis on the teaching and practice of Creation Evangelism, for the beginning and the end is intimately connected. **- Joseph Kezele**, M.D., Creation Scientist

Link to Testimonies: <https://www.iomamerica.net/contact-dr-phinney>

Primary Ministry Link: <https://www.iomamerica.net/>

Link to Dr. Phinney's Life Story: <https://www.worldviewinstitute.center/blog>

REFERENCES

Dr. Charles Solomon – Founder/President Grace Fellowship International, TN

Relationship: "Spiritual father," mentor and friend.

Longevity: 1980 – Present, 37 years

Contact Information: (865) 740-7845

Miss Mary Ver Steeg – Faculty, Sterling College, KS

Relationship: Sister in law, mission's partner & friend

Longevity: 1976 – Present, 44 years

Contact Information: (620) 278-3789

Shannon Bartlet – Emeritice IOM Board, Church Elder & Friend

Relationship: Emeritice Board member, co-elder, and friend

Longevity: 2009 – Present

Contact Information: (620) 204-8019

Gale Ethridge – IOM Board Member, Friend, Farmer - KS

Relationship: Friendship, Fellow Board Management, and Mentoree

Longevity: 1995 – Present, 25 years

Contact Information: Private. For personal contact, corporate@iomamerica.org

Dr. Glenn Wagner – Chancellor, Oxford Graduate School & Future Lead, SC

Relationship: Oxford doctoral classmate ('89), fellow lecturer, fellow online columnist & friend

Longevity: 1989 – Present, 31 years | Contact Information: (704) 904-6564

King, Dr. John C. Wayabire – Friend, IOM Board Member, and King, Bugwere Kingdom, Uganda

Relationship: Special Counsel to the King, Friend, Fellow Board Management & Discipleship

Longevity: 2018 - Present, Active Relationship

Contact Information: Private. For personal contact, corporate@iomamerica.org

Rick Kratz – CPA & Partner, Corporate Management, AZ

Relationship: Close friend ("best-friend"), former chairman of IOM Board, personal & ministry accountant, personal advisor & an occasional editor

Longevity: 2000 – Present, 20 years

Contact Information: (480) 708-4849

Kathy Hill – IOM Managing Editor Emeritus, CO

Relationship: Close friend, personal editor, and supporter

Longevity: 1985 – Present, 35 years

Contact Information: (719) 290-9926

Sgt. Ken Weas – IOM Board Member, Friend, and Retired Veteran

Relationship: Close friend, co-worker, and ministry advisor

Longevity: 1992 – Present, 28 years

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