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**Biography**

Michael Wilkinson is Professor of Sociology at Trinity Western University in British Columbia, Canada. He received his PhD from the University of Ottawa in 1999 where he focused on sociology of religion. His dissertation research examined the relationship between globalization and religion and the impact of Pentecostal migration from Africa, Asia, and Latin America.

Michael is currently working on an edited book about religion and the body to be published in the Annual Review of the Sociology of Religion series. He recently completed a study on Asian churches in Vancouver and another on the role of Canadian churches and immigrant settlement and integration. He has two other long-term projects in process: a cultural study of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada and another on global Pentecostalism.

His publications include the books *A Culture of Faith: Evangelical Congregations in Canada* (McGill-Queen's University Press, 2015 with Sam Reimer), *Catch the Fire: Soaking Prayer and Charismatic Renewal* (Northern Illinois University Press, 2014), *Global Pentecostal Movements: Migration, Mission, and Public Religion* (Brill, 2012), *A Liberating Spirit: Pentecostals and Social Action in North America* (Wipf & Stock, 2010), *Winds from the North: Canadian Contributions to the Pentecostal Movement* (Brill, 2010), *Canadian Pentecostalism: Transition and*

*Transformation* (McGill-Queens, 2009), and *The Spirit said Go: Pentecostal Immigrants in Canada* (Peter Lang, 2006).

### **Research Statement**

Global Pentecostalism – My research on Pentecostalism has focused on several aspects: the migration of Pentecostals from Africa, Asia, and Latin America to Canada, testing aspects of globalization theory, and Pentecostalism as a global movement.

Religious Diversity – I am involved in research that examines the role of churches and immigrant settlement and integration.

Cultural Analysis of Canadian Pentecostalism – An examination of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada since the 1970s.