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Cultural Integration part 1

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BOOKS

- *The 3D Gospel: Ministry in Guilt, Shame, and Fear Cultures*, Jayson Georges
- *The Culture Map: Decoding How People Think, Lead, and Get Things Done Across Cultures*, Erin Meyer
- *Third Culture Kids: Growing Up Among Worlds*, David C. Pollock, Ruth E. Van Reken, and Michael V. Pollock



Our guests are Maya Hunley (former Yugoslavia), Francy Miller (Colombia), and May Butler (Philippines). In this two-part series, these inspiring women share their experiences and discuss the church's need to welcome the stranger. Their wisdom, insights, and personal anecdotes offer valuable inspiration to cultivate empathy and respect and build relationships with people from diverse cultures.

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OVERVIEW

Creating a welcoming church environment for everyone, regardless of culture, can be a way to love the stranger. Church should be a place where newcomers immediately feel welcomed and are not viewed as outsiders due to their cultural background or a language barrier.

Here are some ways to foster this type of environment:

- **Host cultural events.** Church leaders can facilitate the congregation's participation in cultural events that provide insight into other cultures and encourage everyone to participate. Consider hosting a multicultural event such as All Nations Sunday.
- **Participate in multi-lingual services.** Churches can organize events or other activities that allow attendees to share aspects of their cultures and traditions.
- **Provide support for non-native speakers.** Are you prepared to interact with non-English speakers? Churches can offer language classes or provide resources and support for attendees who have difficulty communicating in the dominant language or those from different cultures trying to navigate American culture.
- **Build relationships.** Hospitality cannot be limited to a Sunday service or Wednesday night Bible study. Fostering a welcoming environment in our homes is another way to demonstrate love for the stranger. Invite people into your home. Visit them in their homes. Share meals. Make someone your friend.

RESOURCES

For more information about hosting an ESL/ELL program at your church or joining an online class, contact Francy Miller at esl.calvarytabernacle@gmail.com.

If you want more information about All Nations Sunday, visit <https://www.allnationssunday.com>.