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George Morris is a native of Virginia, USA. He received his education at Asbury College (B.A.) and at Vanderbilt University (M.Div. and D. Div.) He was ordained elder in the United Methodist Church in 1964 and has had a wide variety of service in the church, both in the U.S. and in 67 countries of the world. He has served rural circuit-churches, small town churches, suburban churches and two rather large inner-city churches. His last pastoral appointment was the First United Methodist Church of Peoria, Illinois, where he served as Directing Pastor for five years. In addition, he has served on the General Board of Evangelism and the General Board of Discipleship of the United Methodist Church, as well as, the Executive Committee of the World Methodist Council.

For sixteen years, George was the Arthur J. Moore Professor of Evangelism at Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, GA. While there, he became the founding director of the World Methodist Evangelism Institute, a cooperative ministry of the World Methodist Council and Emory University. Currently, he serves as the Senior Professor of World Evangelism of the World Methodist Council, and in addition to this primary task, teaches occasional courses in theological seminaries. George is a member of the Academy for Evangelism in Theological Education, The International Association for Mission Studies, The Executive Committee of The World Methodist Council, The Advisory Committee of the World Methodist Evangelism Institute and the World Methodist Evangelism Foundation Board of Trustees. He is one of the founders of the Appalachian Local Pastor's School and teaches on its faculty.

George has been honored by the Owen Prize for Excellence in the field of Old Testament Studies, The Harry Denman Evangelism award, the Distinguished Evangelist award from the Foundation For Evangelism, the Philip Award For Distinguished Service in Evangelism and has received the Citation for Meritorious Service from the World Methodist Council. He has written several books: SHALOM, IMPERATIVES FOR EVANGELISM, THE MYSTERY AND MEANING OF CHRISTIAN CONVERSION (2004) and RETHINKING CONGREGATIONAL DEVELOPMENT. George has co-authored two books with H. Eddie Fox: FAITH-SHARING and LET THE REDEEMED OF THE LORD SAY SO. Moreover, George and Eddie worked together in preparing the FAITH-SHARING NEW TESTAMENT (now published in 39 languages). In addition Dr. Morris has written numerous articles and chapters in books, magazines and journals. The central focus of George's extensive ministry has always been that of sharing the Gospel in the hope that precious human beings might come to faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. George and his wife, Barbara, have four children and four grandchildren.