



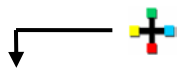
Emilio Castro: Servant of World Mission and Evangelism

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From the moment that I first met Emilio Castro and heard him speak, I was drawn to him by his rare combination of qualities that, in others, so often fall apart: a glowing assurance about the gospel and a corresponding desire to share it, a burning compassion for the victims of public wrong, a pastoral care for individual people and a bubbling sense of humour. When he was called to the leadership of CWME I rejoiced, being sure that he was exactly the kind of rare person needed. Now, after ten years, I give thanks for what he has done. Apart from all his other achievements, I think that *Mission and Evangelism - An Ecumenical Affirmation* will stand as a great symbol of what he has achieved. More than any other document that I have read from any quarter, it seems to me to say what needs to be said on these much debated issues. I am sure that it would not have been produced had it not been for the quality of leadership that Emilio has given so steadily throughout these ten years.

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