

Ralph D. Winter Timeline

- December 8, 1924** Born in Los Angeles
- 1935** Family joins Lake Avenue Congregational Church in Pasadena, where he remains a member for most of his life
- 1942** Enrolls at California Institute of Technology
- 1944** Joins U.S. Naval Air Corps pilot training program
- 1945** Receives B.S. in civil engineering, California Institute of Technology
- Begins studying and teaching at Westmont College; learns inductive Bible study method
- 1946** Enrolls at Princeton Theological Seminary
- Attends first “Urbana” Student Missionary Conference in Toronto
- Recruits missionary teachers for Afghanistan
- 1947** Enrolls at Fuller Theological Seminary
- Teaches off-campus night course about the Christian impact on science for USC students
- 1948** Takes linguistics course at Wycliffe’s Summer Institute of Linguistics
- Teaches Greek at Pasadena Nazarene College
- 1949** Enrolls at Prairie Bible Institute
- 1950** Helps launch Afghan Institute of Technology
- Enrolls at Columbia Teachers College
- 1951** Receives M.A. in TESL, Columbia Teachers College
- Meets Roberta Helm
- Enrolls at Cornell University
- Marries Roberta Helm
- 1952** Teaches at Wycliffe’s Summer Institute of Linguistics
- 1953** Finishes dissertation, receives Ph.D., Cornell University, in Linguistics
- Enrolls at Princeton

- 1955** Starts writing *A Contextual Lexicon of Genesis*
- 1956** Receives B. Div., Princeton Theological Seminary
- Ordained in United Presbyterian Church
- Does six-month missionary training with UPC
- 1956-1966** Missionary (with Roberta) to language school in Costa Rica, then to Guatemala
- Develops Theological Education by Extension program with James Emery and Ross Kinsler
- 1966-1976** Professor at Fuller Theological Seminary; teaches statistics, TEE, "The Expansion of Christianity," etc.
- 1969** Finds William Carey Library, which distributes books on church growth and other subjects. Books by Winter include: *Theological Education by Extension*, *The New Englishman's Greek Concordance*, *The Twenty-five Unbelievable Years*, *Warp and Woof*.
- 1971** With Ralph Covell promotes TEE among 587 seminary leaders in six countries
- 1972** Co-founds American Society of Missiology with Gerald Anderson and others
- 1973** ASM publishes *Missiology: An International Review*
- 1974** Launches the Summer Institute of International Studies (later called "Perspectives on the World Christian Movement")
- Gives speech, "The Highest Priority: Cross-Cultural Evangelism" (later called "The New Macedonia: A Revolutionary New Era in Mission Begins"), at Lausanne Congress on World Evangelization, Lausanne, Switzerland
- 1976** With Roberta founds U.S. Center for World Mission
- 1977** Finds William Carey International University
- 1979** Starts publishing *Mission Frontiers*
- 1980** Starts publishing *Global Prayer Digest*
- 1986** Finds International Society for Frontier Missiology
- With Roberta founds Frontier Mission Fellowship
- 1996** Roberta diagnosed with bone marrow cancer
- 2001** Roberta Winter dies

- 2002** Marries Barbara Scotchmer
Diagnosed with bone marrow cancer
- 2005** Named by *Time* one of the 25 most influential evangelicals in America
Founds Roberta Winter Institute
- 2008** Receives Lifetime of Service Award at the North American Mission Leaders Conference
- 2009** Helps organize 2010 Tokyo Global Mission Consultation
- May 20, 2009** Dies in Pasadena from multiple myeloma (bone marrow cancer) and lymphoma