

## The Rocking Chair Lay is an Exegete and an Ethnographer

If that title sends you to the dictionary, relax! It did the same to me. Here is what I found:

EXEGETE: to interpret, especially Scripture

ETHNOGRAPHY: the scientific study of peoples and their cultures

In my 93<sup>rd</sup> year, I first need to *exegete* the events and learning that have emerged through all the years of my life. Because my life has been so international, I need to use *ethnography* as I search for meaning.

That is, I must ask: how is this event informed by the culture of the people with whom I am living and working?

I am reading Conrad's [Walter Brueggemann's Prophetic Imagination: A Theological Biography](#).  
Wow!

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