

Living Our Affirmations

A Commitment to the Whole Mission of the Church

MIDWINTER'11

Anointed...to proclaim good news to the poor, freedom for the prisoners, recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free,

to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.—Luke 4:18-19, TNIV

The purpose of the Covenant Midwinter Conference is to advance the good news of Jesus Christ by encouraging and equipping pastoral leaders (paid and unpaid) through education, inspiration, fellowship, and connection with the mission and ministry partnership of the Evangelical Covenant Church.

Midwinter is designed to serve:

- Pastors
- Staff ministers
 - Missionaries
- NPU/CHET seminary students
 - Chaplains
- Institutional leaders
- Retirees (pastors, staff ministers, and missionaries)
 - Lay persons exploring full-time ministry
 - Spouses of pastors, staff ministers, missionaries, and students
 - Pastors exploring future ministry in the Evangelical Covenant Church

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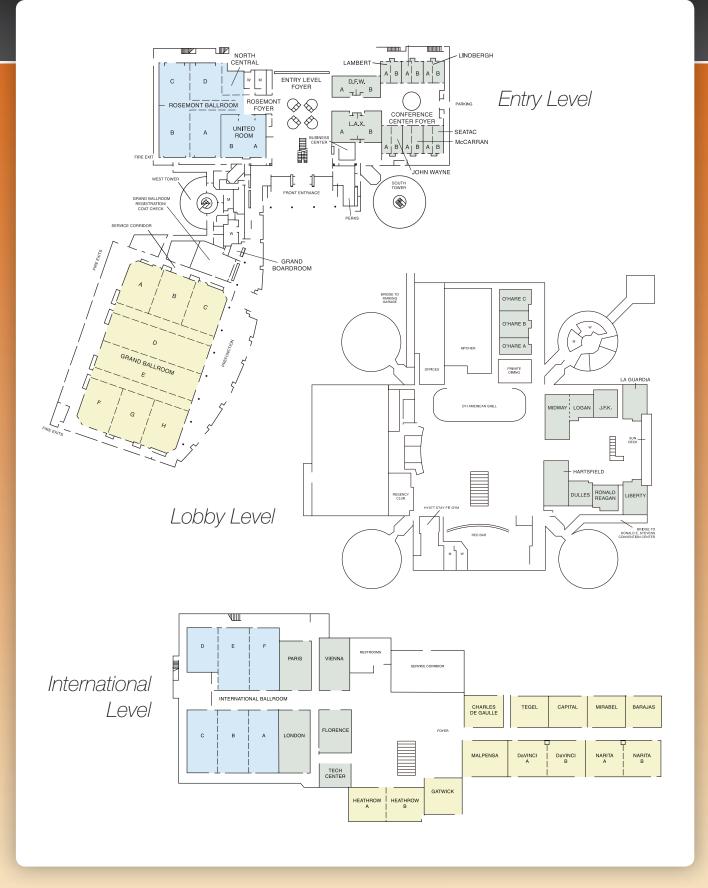
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Map of the Hyatt Regency O'Hare



MIDWINTER'11

MONDAY, JANUARY 31

CRC Chaplains Meeting 9 AM-Noon LAX A/B
ACCCC Annual Meeting and Continuing Education Event 11 AM MEET IN HYATT LOBBY
ACCW Meeting Noon-5 PM SEATAC A/B
ECC Offices New Facility Tours 2-3:30 PM MEET IN HYATT LOBBY
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AAMA Meeting and Reception 4-6:45 PMLAX A/B
ACCCC Pizza Gathering 5-7 PM UNITED A/B
Discipleship Ministries Dinner (Formation Forum) 5:30-6:45 PM O'HARE A/B
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John Perkins (CMJ Connect) 7-8:30 AM MIDWAY/LOGAN
Russian Ministries Breakfast 7-8:30 AM O'HARE C
Women Ministries Breakfast 7:30-8:45 AM LAX A/B
Worship with Al Tizon 9-10:15 AM GRAND BALLROOM DEFGH
ACCCC Annual Meeting and Continuing Education Event 10 AM-5 PM LIBERTY
Workshops 11 AM-12:30 PM
Lunch Break 12:30-2:30 PM
Panel Discussion: The Mission of Empowering Women (Covenant World Mission) 12:45-2:15 PM
Covenant Chaplains Association Luncheon 12:45-2:15 PM JOHN WAYNE A
Introduction to North Park University 12:45-2:15 PM VENTANAS
Children and Family Ministries Lunch Forum (Formation Forum) 12:45-2:15 PM O'HARE A/B
Weeping May Endure for a Night: Haiti Conversation (CMJ Connect) 12:45-2:15 PM MIDWAY/LOGAN
Navigate Pastor Luncheon 12:45-2:15 PM GRAND BALLROOM C
Workshops Continued 2:30-4:30 PM

See I Am Doing a New Thing: Congo Conversation (CMJ Connect) 4:30-5:30 PM MIDWAY/LOGAN
Midsouth Pizza Dinner 4:30-6:30 PM DULLES
ECC Offices New Facility Tour 4:45-6:15 PM MEET IN HYATT LOBBY
Town and Country Dinner 5-6:45 PM GRAND BALLROOM C
Worship with Ray Johnston 7-8:45 PM GRAND BALLROOM DEFGH
Covenant Songwriters Open Mic Hosted by Glen Kaiser 9 PM GRAND BALLROOM C
Youth and Young Adult Reception (Formation Forum) 9 PM O'HARE A/E
World Mission Reception for Workshop Participants and Guests (Covenant World Mission) 9 PM O'HARE C
Church Planters Reception 9-10:30 PM DAVE OLSON'S SUITE
Covenant Chaplains Reception 9 PM VENTANAS
Prayer and Healing Service 9-10 PM LINDBERGH A/E
The Church's Challenge in Health (CMJ Connect)
9 PM MIDWAY/LOGAN

Daily Schedule

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Central Conference Pastors Breakfast 7:30-8:45 AM SKY HARBOR A/B

Worship with Al Tizon 9-10:15 AM ... GRAND BALLROOM DEFGH

Q&A with Al Tizon:
Whole Mission of the Church (Covenant
World Mission)
12:45-2:15 PM O'HARE C

Covenant Co-Pastor Lunch
12:45-2:15 PM LAX A

Soup, Salad, and Scholarships
12:45-2:15 PM VENTANAS

Legacy and Technical Coaches Luncheon 12:45-2:15 PM DAVE OLSON'S SUITE

Church Planters Luncheon
12:45-2:15 PM GRAND BALLROOM C

Repairers of the Breath: Restorative Justice Conversation (CMJ Connect) 12:45-2:15 PM MIDWAY/LOGAN

Adult Ministries Lunch Forum (Formation Forum)

12:45-2:15 PM O'HARE A/B

Clergy Couples Lunch
1-2:15 PM HARTSFIELD

Workshops Continued 2:30-4:30 PM

AAMA Dinner
4:45-7 PM GRAND BALLROOM B
ECC Offices New Facility Tour

4:45-6:15 PM MEET IN HYATT LOBBY

Dinner Shuttles
5 PM SIGN UP AT REGISTRATION

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Worship with Al Tizon 9-10:15 AM ... GRAND BALLROOM DEFGH

Lunch Break 12:30-2:30 PM
Spiritual Directors Luncheon

12:45-2:15 PM GRAND BALLROOM C

Vitality Facilitators Network Luncheon
12:45-2:15 PM LIBERTY

Spiritual Direction Certificate Program at NPTS

12:45-2:15 PM VENTANAS

Who Is My Neighbor?

Immigration Conversation (CMJ Connect)
12:45-2:15 PM MIDWAY/LOGAN

Workshops Continued 2:30-4:30 PM

CMJ Connect

4:30-5:30 PM MIDWAY/LOGAN

Reunion de MHIPE: Ministerio Hispano de la Iglesai del Pacto Evangelico

4:30-6:45 PM VENTANAS

CO-OP: Coaching of Pastors Dinner

5-6:45 PM LIBERTY
Minnehaha Alumni Gathering

6-7 PM DULLES

Worship with Laura Sumner Truax 7-8:45 PM GRAND BALLROOM DEFGH

Ethnic Pastors Connection

9-10:30 PM DAVE OLSON'S SUITE

Prayer and Healing Service

9-10 PM LINDBERGH A/B
CMJ Connect

9 PM MIDWAY/LOGAN

Pastors in Recovery Meeting
9 PM SEATAC A/B

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Worship with Craig Gross (with Breakfast) 8-10:15 AM ... GRAND BALLROOM DEFGH

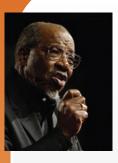
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John M. Perkins

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John Perkins and his wife, Vera Mae, founded Voice of Calvary Ministries in Mendenhall, Mississippi, and Harambee Christian Family Center in northwest Pasadena, California. In 1983, they, together with a few friends and other major supporters, established the John M. Perkins Foundation for Reconciliation and Development Inc. to advance the principles of Christian community development and racial reconciliation throughout the world.



Al Tizon

TUESDAY-THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1-3

Al Tizon is associate professor of holistic ministry at Palmer Theological Seminary of Eastern University and the director of Word & Deed Network of the Evangelicals for Social Action in Wynnewood, Pennsylvania.

General Session Speakers



Ray Johnston

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Ray Johnston is the president of Thriving Churches International and senior pastor of Bayside Covenant Church in Roseville, California. For many years he helped coordinate the youth ministries program of the Evangelical Covenant Church where he was responsible for the support of youth pastors, youth ministry training, and the development and promotion of national youth events.



Laura Sumner Truax

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Laura Sumner Truax is senior pastor at LaSalle Street Church, a non-denominational church in downtown Chicago with a long tradition of uniting individual faith in Christ with God's call for justice and compassion lived out in the world.



Craig Gross

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4

As a young pastor in Southern California, Craig Gross began to notice a recurring theme among those he cared for—a struggle with pornography. He started XXXchurch.com, a website that mixes the seedy with the sacred in an effort to raise the often taboo subject of pornography. In the seven years since it began, XXXchurch.com has had more than 70 million visitors to the website.

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TWO-DAY

101 & 201.

Whole Mission

The Progress of the Gospel through Witness, Community, and Leadership Development

O'HARE BALLROOM C

This workshop seeks to demonstrate the vital importance of community, discipleship, and leadership development in the work of the gospel in cross-cultural settings. This workshop provides basic principles illustrated by stories and personal experiences. Through guided conversations and panel discussions, there will also be opportunity for interaction among participants, workshop leaders, and Department of World Mission staff.



Henry Burbano is an ordained Covenant pastor and vice-president of the Evangelical Covenant Church "La Santiago," Quito,



Bob Shim is a Covenant missionary to Thailand.

THRFF-DAY

102, 202, & 302.

Claves para sobrevivir a la gran aventura de ser una persona "llamada al ministerio"

JOHN WAYNE B

No es fácil estar en el ministerio cristiano. Sin embargo, Dios nos ha dado las herramientas necesarias para cumplir el llamado. La clave principal para tener éxito en el ministerio es migrar a la isla CaPri: Carácter Primero, ministerio después.



Fernando Soto Dupuy is the Hispanic pastor of Ágape at Anaheim First Christian Church in Anaheim, California.

103, 203, & 303.

Midwinter Connections & Conversations SKY HARBOR A/B

Though not a traditional workshop, this option provides a daily opportunity to:

- connect with peers in a comfortable, informal setting;
- enjoy meaningful, guided conversations about what you are hearing, feeling, and sensing during your time away;
- receive and share support and encouragement from one another.

Participants are welcome to come to any of these conversations designed to help you maximize your Midwinter experience.

TUESDAY

Maximize Midwinter by Looking Back

This conversation will center on recent life and ministry, and what you need most from your time away.

WEDNESDAY

Maximize Midwinter by Sharing Where You Are Now

What is God saying to you and stirring within you this week?

THURSDAY

Maximize Midwinter by Reflecting on Your Time Away and Where You're Going Next

Includes takeaways you don't want to lose and the dreams and desires of your heart that have been re-kindled.



Sharon Stenger is CEO/business coach of FreshStart Group, LLC, Rocklin, California.

Midwinter Workshops

TUESDAY

104.

Children Behind Bars

Seeking Justice in the Juvenile System

MIDWAY/LOGAN

Ever wonder why 94,000 children are imprisoned in America? This workshop will begin with an experiential site visit to the Juvenile Temporary Detention Center of Cook County. The dialogue that follows will provide an opportunity to consider reasons for escalating detention rates within the system, and hear stories of these children and those who minister to them, as well as debrief the experience. Participants will then explore how we as Christians can respond to this crisis and bring justice to an unjust system.



Peggy Ashforth is chaplain for the Federal Correctional Institution, Dublin, California.



Debbie Blue is executive minister of the Department of Compassion, Mercy, and Justice, Chicago.

105.

Eternal Truth, Fluid Culture RONALD REAGAN

Our denomination is growing rapidly and increasing in diversity. How do we celebrate and explore the central doctrines and values we hold in common? How do we express these truths and traditions to today's society? Participants will discuss what it means to be mission friends and Christ followers, and the implications for our worship together.



Geoff Twigg is pastor of worship and music at Bethany Covenant Church, Bedford, New Hampshire.

106.

The Future of Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow

The Practice of Christian Eschatology

UNITED A/B

Far from being a merely esoteric and bizarre theological discipline, Christian eschatology is a most practical and pastorally relevant doctrine. Explore how you and your congregation or organization can "practice resurrection" in your individual lives and corporate ministry.



John E. Phelan Jr. is senior professor of theological studies at North Park Theological Seminary, Chicago. 107.

Getting the Rest Your Congregation Needs Planning for and Getting a Sabbatical

SEATAC A/B

This workshop will discuss the theology of sabbatical rest for pastoral staff and how to apply it to your church culture. Participants will talk about different ways to plan for and get a sabbatical for rest and renewal for yourself and your congregation. A panel of Covenant pastors who have taken sabbaticals will discuss what they learned from their experiences.



Pat Stark is lead pastor at Genesis Covenant Church, Phoenix, Arizona.

108.

The Nature of a Leader's Presence grand Ballroom A

The fruitfulness of a leader's life and ministry does not consist of the sum of her or his activity, words, techniques, efficiency, productivity, or even modeling. The power of the leader is in the presence of the leader, the quantity and the quality of her or his spirit which, like radio waves, permeates and impacts everyone in their sphere of influence. What is the nature of your presence?



Peter Sung is director of church planting for the Department of Church Growth and Evangelism, Chicago.

109

Stakes in the Ground

Ministry Values and Practices that Help Anchor Adolescent Faith through the Young Adult Years

O'HARE BALLROOM A/B

This interactive, discussion-driven seminar is geared to help churches dream, develop, and sustain spiritual formation practices that encourage adolescents and young adults to experience a deep, rooted, and enduring faith journey. Participants will take time to present and evaluate current ministry trends and practices, share new research and resources, as well as imagine the possibilities and connections for youth and young adult ministries over the long haul.



Denise McKinney is spiritual life director at Metro Christian Academy, Tulsa, Oklahoma, regional representative for Thriving Churches International in Oklahoma, and author of Mile Markers: A Path for Nurturing Adolescent Faith. 110.

Street-Smart Finances for the Covenant Pastor

I AX A/B

What should a pastor know about finances, budgets, pastoral housing allowances, and self-employment taxes? This workshop will address tax and financial issues that pertain particularly to pastors.



Elliott Johnson is controller for the Evangelical Covenant Church, Chicago.



Dean Lundgren is vice-president for finance for the Evangelical Covenant Church, Chicago.

111

Social Media and the Church Beyond Status Updates

GRAND BALLROOM B

The topic of social media has exploded on to the scene and has quickly become a main topic of conversation and practice. Many have approached this new media with a "if you build it, they will come" approach, only to see very little lasting effect. Participants will discuss how to take the many connections, updates, and comments to produce results that will benefit your church.



C. J. Alvarado is director of communications and technology at Bayside Covenant Church, Roseville, California.

112.

Two Are Better than One

Exploring the Whole Mission of the Church via Church and Community Development Corporation Partnership

LAMBERT A/B

In this workshop, participants will meet members of the pastoral team from Sanctuary Covenant Church and Sanctuary Community Development Corporation in Minneapolis. They will participate in a group dialogue on the organic and systemic victories and challenges of practicing compassion, mercy, and justice in this intentionally missional partnership.



Kevin Farmer is associate pastor of equipping and empowerment at Sanctuary Covenant Church, Minneapolis.

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113.

The Warrior in Your Pew

Pastoral Care for Returning Vets

McCARRAN A/B

Covenant churches across America want to be a source of comfort and healing for returning veterans and families. But they often wonder how they can best provide the necessary spiritual care and compassion. This workshop can help you minister to the veterans, families, and chaplains in your pews by addressing the real issues unique individuals face, and providing specific tools and training for ministry.



Jim Fisher is assistant chief of staff for religious ministries with the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, Beaufort, South Carolina.

WEDNESDAY

204.

Better Together

Worship Planning in Our Diverse Denomination

LIBERT\

Our vibrant denomination includes churches of nearly all ages, sizes, styles, ethnicities, and approaches to planning and leading worship. This interactive workshop will focus on several "case study" churches while inviting participants to share experiences from their own unique perspectives in an attempt to foster learning, connection, communication, and resourcing within our Covenant worship community.



Matt Nightingale is director of worship ministries at Redeemer Covenant Church, Tulsa. Oklahoma.

205.

Christian Character

What Is It and How Is It Formed?

O'HARE BALLROOM A/B

How do we discover the person God created us to be? How can we nurture others in Christ? The true self brings together the inner and outer selves and allows the Spirit's presence to be seen in who we are and what we do. Together participants will explore why living out of this true self is attractive, difficult, and transformative.



Helen Cepero is a spiritual director, teacher, retreat leader, and adjunct online faculty at North Park Theological Seminary, Chicago, and Multnomah Biblical Seminary, Portland, Oregon.

206.

The Conversation before the Conversation

RONALD REAGAN

Vitality always means change. Change brings conflict, pain, and loss. Behavioral Covenants help us walk hand in hand when we don't see eye to eye. They set the stage for civil, compassionate, and Christ-honoring conversations. Many Covenant churches have already created Behavioral Covenants as part of the vitality process. Participants will learn how to move forward in mission while treating each other with grace and truth.



John Wenrich is director of congregational vitality for the Department of Church Growth and Evangelism, Chicago.

Midwinter Workshops

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Leading for a Change

How does adaptive change take place in churches? Common leadership practices often do not respect the organizational complexity of most churches. Using insights from "complexity thinking," participants will examine how to lead adaptive change processes in churches. Participants are asked to read *Transforming Church*, by Kevin G. Ford, prior to the workshop and come ready to share about an adaptive challenge their church or ministry organization is facing.



Keith Carpenter is senior pastor of Kent Covenant Church, Kent, Washington, and a PhD student in leadership studies at Gonzaga University, Spokane, Washington. Dan Pietrzyk is director of Sustaining Pastoral Excellence for the Department of the Ordered Ministry,



Making Spiritual Sense

Chicago.

Christian leadership is not about telling people what to do or what to think. Instead, we provide the theological categories people need to construct their own meaning and plan for faithful action. This workshop helps pastors learn to lead by making spiritual sense.



Scott Cormode is the Hugh De Pree professor of leadership development at Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, California.

209.

Ministries of Compassion, Mercy, and Justice–Even in Paul's Letters

UNITED A

Some people think Paul is concerned only with sweeping and heady theological ideas like justification and not with life issues like justice and mercy. This is a distortion. Participants will see that Paul is much more specific about justice and mercy and will see how his theology motivates and shapes life issues.



Klyne Snodgrass is the Paul W. Brandel professor of New Testament studies at North Park Theological Seminary, Chicago. 210

More with Less

From Consumers to Stewards

SEATAC A/B

This experiential workshop challenges followers of Christ to live out our identities as stewards rather than consumers. Participants will work from the story of God's abundance to reflect on the myth of scarcity and the ways that our consumption contributes to fragmented relationships with God, one another, and the rest of creation. Exploring thought-provoking questions around our views of money and possessions, this workshop will offer a time of discussion and exercises that you can take home to your congregation.



Michelle Clifton-Soderstrom is associate professor of theology and ethics at North Park Theological Seminary, Chicago.



Doug Wysockey-Johnson is executive director of Lumunos, Marlborough, New Hampshire.

211.

Racial Righteousness

A Deep Dialogue about a Post-racial Society

MIDWAY/LOGAN

What does it mean to be a person of Christian faith engaged in words and deeds that develop racial righteousness in the world? The workshop will explore the current landscape and conversation regarding race in America. Participants will engage in dialogue, build partnerships, and create covenants of agreement based on biblical and theological principles to bring about a post-racial society.



Velda Love is director of justice and intercultural learning as a fellow in the Collaboratory for Urban and Intercultural Learning at North Park University, Chicago.



Peter Sjoblom is director of congregational life at the Central Conference of the Evangelical Covenant Church, Chicago. 212

Scripture and the Whole Mission of the Church

UNITED B

This workshop will provide a biblical foundation for the mission of the church, which is God's mission in the world from beginning to end. We will survey key biblical narratives to demonstrate how God's actions through ordinary people have brought salvation and healing to all the cultures of the world. The presentations will serve as resources for preaching and teaching in local congregations.



James Bruckner is professor of Old Testament at North Park Theological Seminary, Chicago.

213

Self-Care

Renewing Vitality in Your Life and Ministry

MALPENSA

Participants will learn how to love and care for self so that vitality can be restored to their life—in all aspects, including ministry by: clearly defining self-care; establishing reasonable boundaries and finding balance in ministry; and developing strategies for good self-care.



Vickie McCreary is associative executive director at Midwest Ministry Development Service, Columbus, Ohio.

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214.

The Unique Role of the Interim Minister

I AX B

A workshop for those involved in or considering interim pastoral ministry. We'll discuss the various types of interim ministry, the five basic tasks to be carried out during an interim period, the importance of this time in the life of a congregation, and special issues particular to this calling.



Beth Ernest is interim minister at Trinity Church: an Evangelical Covenant Church, Livonia, Michigan.



Michael Halleen is interim senior pastor at Linwood Covenant Church, Wyoming, Minnesota.

215.

A Solitude Retreat Day MEET IN FRONT OF SEATAC

Participants are invited to a day of quiet prayer and silence at the Loretto Center in Wheaton, Illinois. A bus will leave the Hyatt at 10:15 a.m., returning to the hotel by 8 p.m. The retreat will offer extended times of silent prayer and reflection as well as shorter times of listening to biblical readings and prayers. Individual spiritual direction will be available with the leaders as time permits. Silence will be observed throughout the day. Lunch and dinner will be shared at the center in silence. Space is limited and participants pay an additional fee of \$45 for the retreat.



Dennis V. Anderson is pastor of Pilgrim Covenant Church, Granby, Connecticut.



Heather Monkmeyer is pastor of community life at Christ Covenant Church, Wixom, Michigan.

THURSDAY

301

Always Green and Full of Sap

New Visions for Congregational Ministry to and with Older Adults

SEATAC A/B

The fastest growing segment of our population in the United States is the 85+-age group, and churches are not immune to this trend. This workshop will cast visions for what ministry can mean in the lives of older adults and the congregation, and will show ways that a ministry to and with older adults can be a means of congregational revitalization and evangelism. Some ways of creatively ministering to those with Alzheimer's and other diseases, and their families and caregivers will also be included.



Nancy Gordon is director of California Lutheran Homes Center for Spirituality and Aging, Anaheim, California.

304.

Church in Translation

Mission and Evangelism in a Post-Christian World

UNITED B

This workshop will integrate the historic and new practices of mission and evangelism that speak to the people of our time and in our current culture. Most of these practices have been central to Christianity from the beginning, but they have been reframed. What does it mean to have a "translatable" faith? It means thinking differently so you can lead differently and with the right focus in a changed world.



Dan Collison is lead pastor at First Covenant Church, Minneapolis.

305

Creative Practices for the New Rural DULLES

In this workshop we will discover the resources that your rural or smaller membership church has. We will think about new ways your congregation might use those gifts and ask "How is God calling us now?"



Shannon Jung is the Franklin and Louise Cole professor of Town and Country Ministries at the Saint Paul School of Theology, Kansas City, Missouri.

306.

First Do No Harm

Best Practices in Working with the Poor

MIDWAY/LOGAN

Sometimes, even with the best of intentions, mission teams and individuals end up doing more harm than good in responding to a disaster or in doing community

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development projects. Using case studies and personal experiences, we will seek to articulate basic principles, which enable those working with the poor to avoid doing harm and increase the likelihood of facilitating positive changes in the community.



David Husby is director of Covenant World Relief for the Department of Compassion, Mercy, and Justice, Chicago.



David Mark is regional coordinator for Latin America and the Caribbean for the Department of World Mission, Chicago.

Bob Shim is a Covenant missionary to Thailand.

307.

Hearing One Another

Graceful Conversations about Complicated Issues

UNITED A

Participants will discuss a process, including tools and techniques, for engaging in healthy and helpful conversations about difficult and complicated issues.



Dick Lucco is superintendent of the Great Lakes Conference of the Evangelical Covenant Church, Detroit.



Harold Spooner is the president of Covenant Initiatives for Care with Covenant Ministries of Benevolence, Chicago.

308.

The Language of Bible and Theology and the Whole Mission of the Church

LAX B

The Bible was originally written in Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek. Following the Reformation, it has been translated into many, many languages across the world. However, different languages come with their own baggage and worldviews. A good example is the translation of the Bible into Hindi, the most important language of India. Research has made it clear that the Hindi Bible uses high caste language, which alienates 80 percent of Hindi-speaking people. May this be true of English translations or other translations? This workshop will address the influence of language on our understanding of the Bible and the mission of the church.



R. Boaz Johnson is professor of biblical and theological studies at North Park University, Chicago. 309

The Leadership Stool

GRAND BALLROOM B

The Leadership Stool is a simple, deep, and comprehensive model to help pastors become stronger leaders as they strengthen their spirituality, chemistry, and strategy. It also is useful in coaching and mentoring staff and lay leaders, improving team dynamics and empowering members to serve in their area of giftedness. It begins with an online inventory that takes five to ten minutes to fill out, with the resulting report instantly available for your use.



Dave Olson is executive minister for the Department of Church Growth and Evangelism, Chicago.

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Overcoming the Scorched Factor McCarran A/B

Most paid and unpaid (volunteers) staff are undertrained, get limited to no feedback, and go unappreciated, which results in burned out staff and frustrated pastors. Applying the simple and useful staff development tool, ITAFERR, will help pastors avoid these painful results and raise up staff who are equipped and sustained. Come learn from the creator of the tool, Don Simmons, and hear how other pastors are experiencing success.



Brian Rhen is pastor of people development at Peninsula Covenant Church, Redwood City, California.



Don R. Simmons is on faculty at California State University, Fresno, where he teaches in the American Humanics program and also teaches at Fresno Pacific University, Fresno, California.

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Pathways to Intergenerational Ministry O'HARE BALLROOM A/B

Intergenerational ministry provides great lasting spiritual and behavioral impact. It also brings its own set of challenges. What is the scope of intergenerational ministry? How do we practically engage children, youth, and adults to function together? How do we balance intergenerational ministry with peer-based ministry? How do we overcome the resistance to moving out of comfort zones for the sake of the gospel? This workshop explores the

possibilities and practical approaches of intergenerational ministry that helps foster a lived out faith among all generations.



Steve Burger is director of Christian formation for adults, children, and intergenerational ministries for the Department of Christian Formation, Chicago.

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Reading Redemptively and Together LAMBERT A/B

The workshop will be a working group discussing Charles Marsh's God's Long Summer: Stories of Faith and Civil Rights, with the specific purpose of engaging our pastoral imaginations for leading the church in the world. This is a space-limited workshop for 12 people to join in prepared and intentional conversation. Participants will pre-read the book, offer a three- to five-page written response to the other participants on a set of ecclesial questions regarding the book, and come to the workshop with a desire to engage the text and one another in conversation. Details will be sent to confirmed participants. The workshop will be structured conversation working in pairs and small groups, as well as large group interactions. Participation is based on a first come basis. If you have additional questions, please email Kyle Small at kjasmall@gmail.com.



Kyle Small is co-pastor at Harbert Community Church, Harbert, Michigan.

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Introducing the IDI for Ministry O'HARE BALLROOM C

The Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI) is a tool that measures an individual's own developmental posture toward cultures other than his or her own. This workshop provides the opportunity to take the IDI online before the Midwinter Conference, meet with an assessor to discuss your personal results, and to consider the tool and its application for ministry in our session together. Limited to twenty people.



Paul De Neui is associate professor of intercultural studies and missiology at North Park Theological Seminary, Chicago.



Deborah Penny is assistant director of field education at North Park Theological Seminary, Chicago.

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THROUGHOUT THE CONFERENCE

Morning Coffee Breaks GRAND BALLROOM CONCOURSE

We thank National Covenant Properties for graciously sponsoring Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday morning coffee breaks. You will find free coffee in the morning break between worship and workshops in the Grand Ballroom Concourse.

Family Room NORTH CENTRAL

A room is available for parents with young children during the morning and evening worship services, which will be broadcast live.

Midwinter Meet Up

This year we are providing two new opportunities to foster greater connection at the Midwinter Conference.

CONNECTION PARTNER

We invite veteran Covenant pastors to partner with pastors who are new to the Covenant. Partnering includes two on-your-own-dime meal meetings together:

- · Monday evening dinner
- Tuesday afternoon lunch

The goal of these partnerships is to help you feel more connected, to talk to someone about any questions you might have, and to introduce you to other Covenant pastors you might not get to meet otherwise.

MEAL MEET UP, NEAR REGISTRATION

We are providing opportunities to meet with other Covenant pastors during meals throughout the Midwinter Conference. Pick up your lunch at the cash lines and come to the Midwinter Meet Up location near registration. At dinner we will provide sections where you can meet in one of the hotel restaurants. You provide the food and we provide the company! Please meet in the designated location within 20 minutes of the beginning of meal times to ensure you don't miss the group!

Live Broadcast

Tell your friends and family who were unable to attend this year's Midwinter to join in the worship services through live webcast available on the Covenant website. For more information, visit CovChurch.org/midwinter.

Twitter

For more Midwinter information or to join the conversation, follow @cov_church on Twitter.

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We Want Your Feedback

Our goal is to make each Covenant event better than the year before. We ask that you take a few minutes to complete the evaluation form that will be emailed to your inbox at the conclusion of the event.

Spiritual Direction

If you would like to meet with a spiritual director during the week, visit the registration area to sign up for open time slots.

Appointments with Conference Superintendents or Staff CONFERENCE CENTER FOYER

If you made an appointment with a conference superintendent or staff person prior to Midwinter, designated tables can be found around the Conference Center Fover.

Evangelical Covenant Church Offices New Facility Tours MEET IN HYATT LOBBY

We are very blessed by God's provision of our new facility and would like to invite you to tour the building, which is just seven short minutes from the Hyatt O'Hare! Tours available:

- Monday: 2-3:30 PM & 3:30-5 PM
- Tuesday: 4:45-6:15 PM
- Wednesday: 4:45-6:15 PM

Please sign up at registration for a tour time. A shuttle will be provided, or you can drive directly (directions can be found at registration). Please allow 1.5 hours for the tour including travel time. Each tour will have a limited amount of space.

General Message Boards

Message boards are set up at the registration area to leave notes for other participants. Please check the message boards periodically to see if messages have been placed there for you.

Spanish Translation

Habrá traducción simultánea para los hispanos inscritos que asistan a las reuniones plenarias en el "Gran Ballroom" en donde podrán allí mismos recoger los audifonos.

MONDAY

Association for Covenant Clergy Women (ACCW) Meetings

Noon-5 PM SEATAC A/B

A day of connecting, beginning with a facilitated discussion on effective advocacy for women clergy. Male and female Midwinter participants welcome!

African American Ministers Association (AAMA) Meetings

4-6:45 PM LAX A/E

There will be business meetings and a workshop opportunity from 4 to 6 p.m., followed by a reception for members and guests from 6 to 6:45 p.m.

Association of Covenant Camps and Conference Centers (ACCCC) Pizza Gathering

5-7 PM UNITED A/B

Participation in the Association pizza gathering is open to all Covenant camp personnel, especially directors and program directors, board members, and persons interested in the camping ministry.

First-timers Reception

9 PM GRAND BALLROOM C

Anyone who is experiencing Midwinter for the first time is encouraged to come to the First-timers Reception immediately following worship on Monday, January 31. Meet the ECC Council of Administrators and Superintendents as well as other first-timers. A great way to make Midwinter a welcoming experience! This reception will be hosted by Lindsay Small and Cris Causton, and sponsored by the Covenant Ministries of Benevolence to celebrate 125 years of ministry!

Laser Tag

9 PM UNITED A/B

Your Covenant camps challenge you to join in an epic game of laser tag. Multiple teams of seven or eight will be formed to play each round in the transformed International Ballroom area of the hotel. All necessary equipment will be provided for this fast paced, modern version of tag. Bring your A game and come to have some fun. Spectators are also welcome.

Prayer and Healing Service 9-10 PM LINDBERGH A/B

Eva Sullivan-Knoff will lead a service of Holy Communion and healing on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings.

Covenant Orientation Studies – Clase de Teoligía en Español

CLASS	MON 1/31	TUE 2/1	WED 2/2	THU 2/3	FRI 2/4
THEOLOGY	9 AM-5 PM Paris	10 AM-5:30 PM Paris	10 AM-5:30 PM Paris	10 AM-5:30 PM Paris	10:30 AM-5 PM LAX A/B
HISTORY	9 AM-5 PM Vienna	10 AM-5:30 PM Vienna	10 AM-5:30 PM Vienna	10 AM-5:30 PM Vienna	10:30 AM-5 PM DFW A/B
MISSIONS	1-5:30 PM Florence	10 AM-6 PM Florence	10 AM-6 PM Florence	10 AM-6 PM Florence	
TEOLOGÍA	3-5:30 PM Dave Kersten's Suite	10 AM-5:30 PM Dave Kersten's Suite	10 AM-5:30 PM Dave Kersten's Suite	10 AM-5:30 PM Dave Kersten's Suite	

TUESDAY

Russian Ministries Breakfast

7-8:30 AM O'HARE C

Leonid Regheta, project missionary of the Evangelical Covenant Church, and Goran Holmberg, Mission Covenant Church of Sweden (MCCS) evangelist and mission coordinator, will give a presentation of joint mission work of the ECC and MCCS in Russia. They will focus on sports ministry, teaching English to youth, and a business incubator project that works with rehabilitated drug and alcohol addicts. Attendees will be encouraged to participate in the upcoming mission opportunities in Russia and Eastern Europe.

Women Ministries Breakfast Meeting 7:30-8:45 AM LAX A/B

Women Ministries invites you to breakfast to celebrate its 95th anniversary. Outgoing Executive Minister Ruth Hill will be the featured speaker, reflecting on changes past, present, and future. The Project 2011 DVD *Just Women* will also be shown for the first time.

Association of Covenant Camps and Conference Centers (ACCCC) Annual Meeting & Continuing Education Event 10 AM-5 PM LIBERTY

Participation in the Association continuing education event is open to all Covenant camp personnel, especially directors and program directors, board members, and persons interested in the camping ministry. This year the event will include a variety of presentations, and roundtable discussions on Monday and presentations by Gregg Hunter from the Christian Camp and Conference Association on Tuesday. ACCCC registrants may attend the Midwinter morning sessions and evening worship services but may not attend the workshops. Participants register using the Midwinter online registration.

Covenant Chaplains Association Luncheon & Dinner

12:45-2:15 PM & 5-6:45 PM JC

JOHN WAYNE A

Covenant chaplains will gather for their annual meeting to discuss their business and to vote on their budget for the coming year. Gather informally for conversation over the evening meal. Details will be shared at the Chaplains Association meeting earlier in the day.

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TUESDAY, continued

Introduction to North Park University

12:45 PM-2:15 PM VENTANAS

For anyone new to the Covenant and/or unfamiliar with North Park University and Theological Seminary who would like to learn more about North Park and meet school leadership.

Navigate 2010 Alumni Luncheon

12:45-2:15 PM **GRAND BALLROOM C**

This luncheon is for pastors of Navigate 2010 churches. Enjoy a meal together, reconnect, and hear important updates and stories about established churches becoming healthy and missional. A cord of three strands is not easily broken.

Midsouth Pizza Dinner

4:30-6:30 PM DULLES

If you are a part of the Midsouth Conference, you are invited to this dinner for a time of connection.

Town and Country Dinner

5-6:45 PM GRAND BALLROOM C

This buffet style dinner is in honor of all pastors serving in a town and country setting. Drop in, enjoy the fellowship, and know how much your ministry matters to God.

Church Planters Reception

9-10:30 PM DAVE OLSON'S SUITE

You are invited to join us to network with other church planters, discuss critical issues, and think together about the future of Covenant church planting.

Covenant Songwriters Open Mic Hosted by Glenn Kaiser

9 PM GRAND BALLROOM C

Come and enjoy the music of Glenn Kaiser and Covenant worship artists. If you are a songwriter in the Covenant you are invited to share your original songs. We will provide a mic, guitar, and keyboard, you provide the talent!

Covenant Chaplains Reception

9 PM VENTANAS

This reception is hosted by the Department of Ordered Ministry for our Covenant chaplains.

Prayer and Healing Service

9-10 PM LINDBERGH A/B

Eva Sullivan-Knoff will lead a service of Holy Communion and healing on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings.

WEDNESDAY

Central Conference Pastors Breakfast

7:30-8:45 AM SKY HARBOR A/B

Central Conference pastors are invited to this breakfast meeting.

Ministerium Executive Committee

12:30-2:30 PM McCARRAN A/B

This meeting is for those a part of the Ministerium executive committee.

Co-Pastor Lunch

12:45-2:15 PM LAX A

Pastors serving in the co-pastor model or who are interested in serving as a co-pastor are invited to fellowship for lunch and an open discussion about ministry. Please bring your lunch and join us!

Soup, Salad, and Scholarships

12:45-2:15 PM VENTANAS

If you have children in high school, learn how North Park University provides additional assistance to clergy dependents who attend NPU as undergraduates. Also find out the latest on applying for college and the financial aid process.

Legacy and Technical Coaches Luncheon

12:45-2:15 PM DAVE OLSON'S SUITE

Whenever a congregation votes to conclude their ministry, the pastor receives both a legacy and a technical coach. This reception honors the work of these coaches, as well as the pastors who have courageously and compassionately led their churches through this last season of life and ministry together.

Church Planters Luncheon

12:45-2:15 PM GRAND BALLROOM C

You are invited to join us to meet other church planters, hear updates about Covenant church planting, and break bread together. If you are a church planter, are interested in church planting, or are connected to church planting in any way, you are welcome to join us for this annual luncheon.

Clergy Couples Lunch

1-2:15 PM HARTSFIELD

There will be a brown bag lunch gathering for all couples in vocational ministry. There will be a time of Q&A with experienced clergy couples and denominational staff. Please bring your own lunch!

Special Events

THURSDAY

Wednesday Free Evening Shuttles MEET IN THE HYATT LOBBY

The Hyatt Regency O'Hare is providing shuttles to local restaurants in the area for your dining convenience. Shuttles will run every 20 minutes and will loop local restaurants from 5 to 9 p.m. To take advantage of this opportunity, please sign up at registration where you can also find more information.

African American Ministers Association (AAMA) Fellowship Dinner 4:45-7 PM GRAND BALLROOM B

On Wednesday, February from 4:45 to 7 p.m. there will be a fellowship dinner.

Spiritual Directors Luncheon

12:45-2:15 PM GRAND BALLROOM C

An informal gathering for trained or in-training Covenant spiritual directors. Please bring your own lunch. Dessert and beverage will be provided.

Spiritual Direction Certificate Program at North Park University

12:45-2:15 PM **VENTAÑAS**

Learn about the spiritual direction certificate program offered by North Park Theological Seminary and how to apply before the March 1 deadline.

Vitality Facilitators Network Luncheon

12:45-2:15 PM LIBERTY

This luncheon is for pastors serving as vitality facilitators. Your work is critical in helping vitality teams gain forward traction. Enjoy a meal together and hear important updates and stories about established churches becoming healthy and missional.

CMJ Connect

MIDWAY/LOGAN

A place to gather with others who share your passion and interest in ministries of compassion, mercy, and justice.

Gather together to...

- dialogue about current issues
- network by sharing stories and resources
- be renewed and refreshed

MONDAY, JANUARY 31

Monday Evening Reception

Join us Monday night after worship to connect with others interested in compassion, mercy, and justice. Root beer floats will be provided.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Sankofa Re-Connect: Breakfast with John Perkins

7-8:30 AM

For those who have participated on Sankofa and want to enjoy this special opportunity to be with John Perkins, please join us for breakfast. Reservations are required.

Lunch Forum

12:45-2:15 PM

Weeping May Endure for a Night: Haiti Conversation

Come to get an update on Haiti and learn where joy can be found in Haiti through the work of the Covenant, including Covenant World Relief and how you and your church can be involved. Grab your lunch and join us!

CMJ Workshop

11 AM-12:30 PM & 2:30-4:30 PM

Children Behind Bars: Seeking Justice in the Juvenile System

Peggy Ashforth and Debbie Blue

CMJ Connect

4:30-5:30 PM

See I Am Doing a New Thing: Congo Conversation

An informal conversation on what God is doing in Congo, including through the Paul Carlson Partnership.

CMJ Connect: The Church's Challenge in Health

9:00 PM

Come for a conversation on the church and health care with Mary Chase-Ziolek.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Lunch Forum

12:45-2:15 PM

Repairers of the Breach: Restorative Justice Conversation

What is restorative justice? How can we join God in making things right when things seem so broken and so unjust? Grab your lunch and join us!

CMJ Workshop

11 AM-12:30 PM & 2:30-4:30 PM

Racial Righteousness: A Deep Dialogue about a Post-racial Society

Velda Love and Peter Sjoblom

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Lunch Forum

12:45-2:15 PM

Who Is My Neighbor? Immigration Conversation

Join us as we hear stories and learn more about immigration, including ways you can make a difference. Grab your lunch and join us!

CMJ Workshop

11 AM-12:30 PM & 2:30-4:30 PM

First Do No Harm: Best Practices in Working with the Poor

David Husby, David Mark, and Bob Shim

CMJ Connect

4:30-5:30 PM & 9 PM

The CMJ Connect space will be open for informal conversations and sharing.

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THURSDAY, continued

Reunion de MHIPE: Ministerio Hispano de la Iglesai del Pacto Evangelico

4:30-6:45 PM VENTANAS

Invitamos cordialmente a todos los pastores y lideres representantes de las iglesias y ministerios hispanos a nuestra reunion anual a celebrarse de 4:30-6:45 p.m., el dia Jueves 3 de Febrero 2010. Esta reunion tendra como finalidad desarrollar una mini asamblea para hablar de los asuntos mas importantes de nuestro ministerio, disfurtar de un tiempo ameno de fraternalidad y una cena sencilla ofrecida por el departamento de Formacion Cristiana. El lugar de reunion sera anunciado previamente durante la manana del Jueves en el taller hispano. Nota: Apreciaremos su presencia y puntualidad.

Atentamente Cimite de MHIPE.

CO-OP: Coaching of Pastors Dinner

5-6:45 PM LIBERTY

This dinner is for pastors who are coaching or being coached in the CO-OP ministry. Enjoy a meal and spend time together. Your partnership is deeply impacting how established churches are becoming healthy and missional.

Minnehaha Alumni Gathering

-7 PM DULLES

"Coffee with the President" Donna Harris, president of Minnehaha Academy, will host the coffee hour to meet and visit with alumni.

Ethnic Pastors Connection

9-10:30 PM DAVE OLSON'S SUITE

Church Growth and Evangelism is hosting a connection time for all ethnic pastors. It is an informal time with light refreshments being served. Everyone is welcome.

Pastors in Recovery Meeting

PM SEATAC A/B

You are invited to a meeting to share experiences, strength, and hope.

Prayer and Healing Service

9-10 PM LINDBERGH A/B

Eva Sullivan-Knoff will lead a service of Holy Communion and healing on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings.

Formation Forum

O'HARE A/B

Envision. Engage. Equip. Encourage.

What is Formation Forum? A place for connection and stimulating dialogue around the ministry of discipleship among all ages. Hosted by the Department of Christian Formation, the Formation Forum is open to any Midwinter participant and is designed to help pastors, staff, and ministry leaders move their congregations toward a deep and lasting daily walk with Christ.

- Explore pathways toward a deeper spiritual life for every generation
- Network and dialogue with other Covenanters who are committed to lifelong discipleship
- Share church and ministry experiences
- Preview the latest Christian formation discipleship resources

MONDAY, JANUARY 31

Discipleship Ministries Dinner

5:30-6:45 PM

We invite those who lead and serve in the areas of discipleship and formation ministries to join us for a special dinner and time of connecting, celebrating, and resourcing for ministry.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Formation Forum Workshop

11 AM-12:30 PM & 2:30-4:30 PM

Stakes in the Ground: Ministry Values and Practices that Help Anchor Adolescent Faith through the Young Adult Years

Denise McKinney

Children & Family Ministries Lunch Forum

12:45-2:15 PM

A free lunch open to those who minister with children and families.

Youth & Young Adult Ministries Reception

A reception open to those who minister with youth and young adults.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Formation Forum Workshop

11 AM-12:30 PM & 2:30-4:30 PM

Christian Character:

What Is It and How Is It Formed?

Helen Cepero

Adult Ministries Lunch Forum

12:45-2:15 PM

A free lunch for those who minister with adults.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Formation Forum Workshop

11 AM-12:30 PM & 2:30-4:30 PM

Pathways to Intergenerational Ministry

Steve Burger

These events will be times of celebration, fellowship, and resourcing. Meals will be provided at the Discipleship Ministries dinner and the lunch forums. Space is limited and reservations are required.

Special Events

FRIDAY

Closing Worship with Breakfast 8–10:15 AM . . . GRAND BALLROOM DEFGH

We hope you will join us for the closing session that will include breakfast. Please note: your name badge is your ticket to the breakfast. Name tags will be checked so please be sure to wear it! If you know of someone who would just like to attend the breakfast, they are welcome to purchase a \$25 ticket at registration prior to Friday morning.



Covenant World Mission

O'HARE C

A place to gather with others who share your passion and interest in world mission.

Opportunities to...

- Go further in a two-day workshop: Whole Mission: The Progress of the Gospel through Witness, Community, and Leadership Development.
- Dialogue by sharing issues, stories, and resources.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

World Mission Workshop

11 AM-12:30 PM & 2:30-4:30 PM

Whole Mission: The Progress of the Gospel through Witness, Community, and Leadership Development

SESSION 1: Introductions and small group time. Speakers Bob Shim and Henry Burbano will introduce the work and ministries they are involved in.

SESSION 2: Bob will present principles for witness, community, and leadership development from his context of ministry in Thailand and Kyrgyzstan. Participants interested in participating in likeminded crosscultural ministries will meet together to discuss principles presented.

Lunch Forum

12:45-2:15 PM

Panel Discussion: The Mission of Empowering Women

Ministry among women is vital as we engage issues of compassion, mercy, and justice in the world in which we live. Missionaries will share about their work with women ministries in particular. Grab your lunch and join us!

Evening Reception

9 PM

We invite workshop participants and guests to an evening reception.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

World Mission Workshop

11 AM-12:30 PM & 2:30-4:30 PM

Whole Mission: The Progress of the Gospel through Witness, Community, and Leadership Development

SESSION 3: Henry Burbano will present principles for witness, community, and leadership development from his context of ministry in Ecuador.

SESSION 4: Henry and Bob Shim will speak about how local churches can take "next steps" in holistic mission in cross-cultural settings. Coaching Time: small groups gather according to region of the country in which they live

to discuss practical application of topics discussed during the two days of teaching. Covenant World Mission resourcing: What does CWM have to offer to local churches as they are involved in whole mission? We will close in prayer time.

Lunch Forum

12:45-2:15 PM

0&A with AI Tizon

Topic: The Whole Mission of the Church Al Tizon will join us for a question and answer session. Grab your lunch and join us!

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Lunch Forum

12:45-2:15 PM

Forum on Africa: Sudan, Democratic Republic of Congo, and Kenya

There will be updates on current events, such as the election in Sudan; opportunities for ministries; and concerns for the nations. This is educational, as well as relational time of connecting with one another about involvement in mission. Covenant World Mission staff will facilitate. Grab your lunch and join us!

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Frequently Asked Questions

This year the Midwinter planners, under the leadership of Donn Engebretson, are engaging in a yearlong look at the goals and objectives of the Covenant Midwinter Conference. In this process we are looking at every conceivable alternative to executing this conference in fresh and more effective ways. In the meantime, we want you to know what drives some of the decisions that affect how Midwinter currently functions.

Why the Hyatt Regency O'Hare Hotel?

Although it is very convenient to be at a hotel only five minutes from O'Hare International Airport that offers free shuttles, we know it is not in convenient proximity to a variety of food or to downtown Chicago. In fact, we know you feel downright stuck! We also know that it is an expensive hotel and severely impacts the budgets of your churches.

Midwinter programming requires a ballroom that is 20,000 square feet with 18-foot ceilings. We also require 20-24 rooms for breakouts and meeting space due to the number of workshops we currently provide and the Covenant Orientation as well as a number of affinity groups who all gather during Midwinter. Currently, Hyatt Regency O'Hare is the only hotel in the greater Chicago area that we can afford that meets these space requirements. We continue to look for alternatives not only in Chicago but all around the country. We especially look for affordable options in warm weather climates. However, there are very few affordable hotels anywhere that meet our current space needs.

The Hyatt Regency O'Hare has made significant strides to make your stay in Chicago a pleasant experience—they have provided wireless internet, discounted lunch and dinner options at both the cash stands and buffets, as well as shuttles to nearby restaurants during your free evening, Wednesday night.

Why Chicago?

Currently Midwinter is in a three-year cycle with two years in Chicago and the third year elsewhere. In 2007 and 2010 it was in Denver, and in 2013 it will be in San Diego. Midwinter has had a long history of being based in Chicago for multiple reasons. One, and the most important, is that being based in Chicago gives students and faculty at North Park Theological Seminary an opportunity to participate in the conference. For the students, this is a valuable learning experience, and they are also able to meet with superintendents for ministry placement. Second, there are a large number of town and country churches in the Midwest, and the Chicago location allows their pastors and staff to carpool to the conference and save significant expense. Last, the Evangelical Covenant Church offices are based in Chicago and this saves significant funds that are given to the denomination for mission and ministry. However, as we engage in our Midwinter revision, we are considering multiple alternatives to being in Chicago and the potential for a change in the current three-year cycle.

Why does registration cost so much?

Midwinter is currently based on a budget of \$278,005. This includes everything from publicity to speaker and workshop expenses to lights and sound in the ballroom. The cost of workshops in particular is significant. We emphasize workshops because the Covenant Ministerium made a decision in the 1980s that the Midwinter would be a continuing education event. Midwinter is a self-sustaining conference. It bases the registration fee on a math equation to attempt to cover all the expenses.

What does the future of Midwinter look like?

The events office has been very intentional in asking this question throughout this last year and has engaged in an eight-step process to re-vision Midwinter. As a result of this process, we have gained useful information in both programming and scheduling that we hope will be evident in upcoming Midwinter formats. We will be moving in new directions that protect what is most valued but will also provide opportunities for new expressions that meet our goals and overall mission of Midwinter.

We will be in Chicago, IL (2012), San Diego, CA (2013), and are currently determining our venue and location for 2014.



Earn a Certificate in Spiritual Direction

Experience a learning cohort of 20 students who begin and move through the program together in their training as spiritual directors.

North Park Theological Seminary's Spiritual Direction program includes one-week summer intensives in 2011, 2012, and 2013, and two practicum courses (including an online component). The program is designed to be completed in just over two years.

Application Deadline for Summer 2011 start: March 31, 2011

We welcome you to take a closer look at the leading spiritual direction program in the Evangelical tradition.

www.northpark.edu/spiritual-direction

An Education for your Head, your Heart, and your Hands



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Covenant Bookstore and Displays

BALLROOM PRE-FUNCTION SPACE

Monday-Friday, January 31-February 4

You are encouraged to browse through a wide selection of books at the Covenant Bookstore area. Experience the new layout in the bookstore that includes a wider selection of titles, with kiosks available to place your order online—and have them shipped directly to your home—free! Your purchases may arrive at your home before you do! Additionally, visit other displays located in the ballroom pre-function space (in front of general session ballroom). The displays will help you to be better informed about activities, services of the Covenant, and Covenant affiliated programs and designated groups.

Covenant Bookstore

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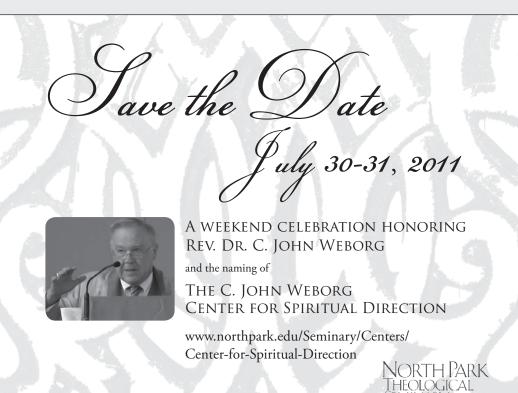
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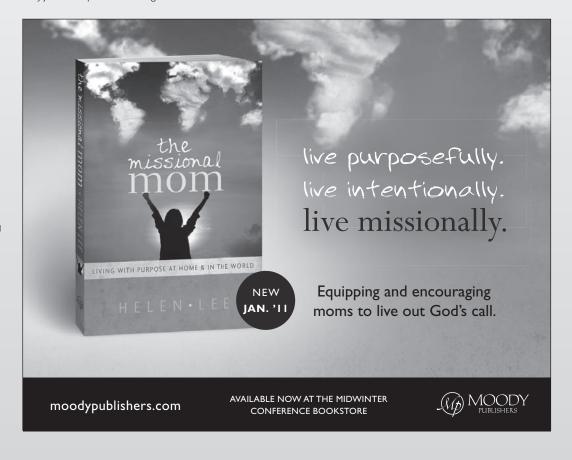


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Getting around in Rosemont

Complimentary Shuttle Service

Take advantage of Hyatt Regency O'Hare's 24-hour complimentary shuttle service, which runs every 15 minutes. Follow the red shuttle signs at the airport to the designated pick-up area, O'Hare Bus/Shuttle Center Door One. Shuttle buses are blue with white signage that reads Hyatt Regency O'Hare. For pick-up from the international terminal, guests must call the hotel directly.

Taxi

Service is available on a first-come, first-serve basis from the lower level curb of all terminals. All taxis are metered. Approximate cost from O'Hare to Hyatt Regency is \$10-\$12.

Medical Facilities

Lutheran General Hospital

1775 Dempster Park Ridge, IL (847) 723-2210

Northwest Community Health Care

800 W Central Rd Arlington Heights, IL (847) 618-1000

Resurrection Immediate Care Center

4900 N Cumberland Ave Norridge, IL (708) 456-1600

Resurrection Medical Center

7435 W Talcott Chicago, IL (773) 774-8000

Rosemont Dining

Bogart's

Bogart's Bar and Grill is conveniently located on the second floor of the majestic Muvico Theatre. We offer classic American fare. Bogart's is a great place to sit down for a great meal before the show, after the show, or anytime!

9701 W Bryn Mawr Ave (847) 447-1030

Café Zalute

Rosemont's newest dining experience featuring fresh seafood, prime steaks, great ribs, chops, homemade Italian pasta, and more. Enjoy a selection of our freshly made desserts.

9501 W Devon Ave (847) 685-0206

The Capital Grille

The Capital Grille is critically acclaimed for dry-aged steaks—hand-carved and grilled to perfection, a variety of seafood flown in fresh from both shores, and unique daily culinary offerings crafted with fresh, local, artisanal ingredients. We serve an impressive array of creative appetizers, side dishes, and desserts that are quite simply unforgettable.

5340 N River Rd (847) 671-8125

Carlucc

Silver Plate and DiRoNA Award Winning Tuscan Italian Restaurant eight years running. We are close to O'Hare area hotels and two minutes from the Convention Center and Rosemont Theatre. Our homemade pastas, seafood flown in daily, open flame Black Angus Steaks, and brick oven pizza make our restaurant outstanding. For your added convenience use our complimentary shuttle to and from all Rosemont area hotels and the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center. We also offer complimentary valet parking, children's menu, gluten free and wheat pasta.

6111 N River Rd (847) 518-0990

Chicago Fire Oven Restaurant

Chicago Fire Oven serves contemporary American cuisine. Our large stone fire oven is our centerpiece. We feature fresh thincrust pizzas, signature burgers, roasted chicken, tender steaks and classic salads. Discover the unique delights of our local cuisine at Chicago Fire Oven.

5440 N River Rd (847) 928-3860

Chili's

Southwestern flair featuring mouthwatering hamburgers and tantalizing chili. After more than 25 years, Chili's is still "Like No Place Else."

7140 Mannheim Rd (847) 298-9031

Chipotle

A Denver, Colorado-based chain of Fresh Mex restaurants specializing in San Francisco burritos and tacos. Founded by Steve Ells in 1993, the restaurant is known for its chunky guacamole and large burritos. Chipotle is one of the first successful chains in the relatively new category of fast-casual dining establishments.

7020 N Mannheim Rd .. (847) 299-9201

Cold Stone Creamery

From unique ice cream creations to smoothies, cakes and shakes—nobody serves up the ultimate indulgence like Cold Stone. It starts with using the highest quality ingredients and ends with our signature process for preparing your custom creation on a frozen granite stone. 7080 N Mannheim Rd .. (847) 824-6670

Dunkin Donuts/Baskin Robbins

The largest coffee and baked goods chain in the world providing customers with high quality coffee, bagels, donuts and other baked goods since 1950.

9781 W Higgins Rd (847) 318-9314

Gibsons Steakhouse

Gibsons Steakhouse has been called a "Meat Eater's Paradise." Great cuts of meat and fresh fish served in mighty portions. Bring your appetite or split your meal. Plety of room, intriguing decor, and star treatment. Live entertainment.

5464 N River Rd (847) 928-9900

Giordano's

The quintessential stuffed pizza, with the freshest, highest quality ingredients nestled between two layers of golden crust. NBC-TV called it "the Best Pizza in America." Also on the menu: thin-crust pizza, sandwiches, salads, and pastas. 9415 W Higgins Rd (847) 292-2600

Gold Coast Dogs

A great place for Chicago-style hot dogs. 7084 N Mannheim Rd .. (847) 759-1520

The Great Expoteria Restaurant

Cafeteria style dining, with daily specials, located within the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, on Bryn Mawr across from the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

9301 W Bryn Mawr Ave (847) 692-6415

Harry Caray's Italian Steakhouse

Holy Cow! Legendary baseball announcer Harry Caray lives on in this award-winning Italian Steakhouse. Voted best steakhouse in Chicago by the Chicago Tribune Dining Poll, Best of Citysearch Poll, and Metromix on CLTV, Harry's serves the finest aged prime steaks, chops, and Italian favorites. Complimentary airport shuttle available. 10233 W Higgins Rd (847) 699-1200



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7120 N Mannheim Rd .. (847) 297-7992

Laredo's Cantina

Specialties: Mexican, Fajitas, Seafood, Quesadillas, Pork, Dine In or Carry Out, Chicken, Appetizers, Tacos, Steaks, Mexican, Chimichangas, Catering Available, Mexican, Enchiladas, Queso Tumbala la Yucatan, Lunch Specials

9797 W Higgins Rd (847) 685-0673

McCormick & Schmick's

McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurant is conveniently located near the Chicago O'Hare International Airport, Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, Rosemont Theater, and the Allstate Arena. Bringing the freshest seafood to Rosemont, the menu at McCormick & Schmick's is printed twice daily and features more than 30 varieties of fresh fish and seafood flown in from international waters. Other menu highlights include pasta, poultry, and beef specialties to tempt any palette.

5320 N River Rd (847) 233-3776

McDonald's

Michael's on Main Café

Michael's on Main Cafe specializes in delicious and reasonably priced cuisine, including several house specialties. Catering is available.

6133 N River Rd (847) 384-9784

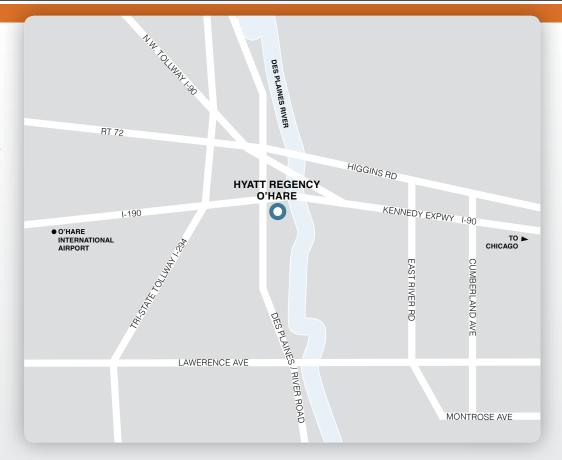
Morton's the Steakhouse

The best steak in America said People magazine. A truly memorable dining experience, with service beyond compare and an elegant, clublike setting. Morton's signature menu features perfectly grilled USDA prime-aged beef, fresh fish and seafood. Private dining in the boardroom for business or social gatherings.

9525 W Bryn Mawr Ave (847) 678-5155

Nick's Fishmarket

A Chicago-area culinary landmark, Nick's Fishmarket is famous for serving the freshest seafood and premium dry-aged steaks. Servers donned in tuxedos are experts at providing the highest level of service to the most discerning diners and help to set the tone for power meetings, client dinners, or an elegant night out. 10275 W Higgins Rd (847) 298-8200



O'H American Grill

O'H American Grill boasts the best of American comfort food, with the best steaks, chicken soup with kreplach and matzo balls, and a prime rib buffet on Wednesday and Saturday nights. Breakfast and lunch buffets are a creative, delicious, and a great way to dine in Rosemont if you don't have a lot of time. The Private Dining Room is the perfect venue for a corporate breakfast or lunch, where you can dine from the buffet or plan a menu with the Chef.

9300 W Bryn Mawr Ave (847) 663-4500

Pancakes Eggcetera

Enjoy breakfast, lunch at this kid-friendly diner. Hearty yet light fare includes a great range of omelets, pancake, waffles and egg dishes galore. Lunch includes salads, sandwiches and burgers.

9463 W Higgins Rd (847) 384-9944

Panda Express

The largest chain of Chinese restaurants in the U.S. The chain offers quick-service Chinese food—fresh meats and vegetables, savory Beef and Broccoli, yummy Chow Mein, Orange Flavored Chicken and more.

7028 N Mannheim Rd .. (847) 824-9544

Pine Grove Restaurant

The "new" Pine Grove is here on the corner of Higgins and Mannheim. If it's a Sunday breakfast with the family, a quick lunch break, or a late dinner meeting, we have what you're looking for. At Pine Grove we are committed to providing you quality food and superior service at an affordable price.

6580 Mannheim Rd (847) 298-5110

Quizno's Subs

Quiznos delivers uncompromising quality for today's busy consumers who are looking for a tasty, fresher alternative to traditional fast food restaurants. Using premium quality ingredients, Quiznos offers better-tasting food through creative, chef-inspired recipes to give you an experience that's truly a "cut above" all the others.

9779 Higgins Rd (847) 692-7900

Rosewood Restaurant

American fine dining in a cozy, traditional setting created by cherry wood paneling and a roaring fireplace. Delicious prime steaks, fresh seafood, veal, homemade pastas, and daily house specials. Great desserts available.

9421 W Higgins Rd (847) 696-9494

Starbuck's Coffee

High-quality whole bean coffees, coffee drinks, fresh pastries, and other food items and beverages.

9500 W Higgins Rd (847) 696-1746

Steak 'n Shake

Real 50's style milkshakes and burgers. 10421 W Touhy Ave (847) 299-3944

Subwav

Serving fresh baked breads. Light menu choices.

7076 N Mannheim Rd .. (847) 824-3400

T.G.I. Fridays

T.G.I. Friday's®, has become a favorite pastime for millions of guests since 1965. Friday's® is a leader in the industry in innovation, not only in creating a unique atmosphere, but in food and beverage presentation as well.

9651 W Higgins Rd (847) 292-1138

Village Pizzeria

Take your pick of pizza, Italian sandwiches, and other casual fare. Enjoy a variety of pasta, fish, and chicken dishes. Lunch and dinner delivery.

9469 W Higgins Rd (847) 823-4156

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