

FRIDAY EVENING INTENSIVES

6:45-9:00 P.M. (Choose one)

Wholism (or is it Holism?) in Missions

What is the role of compassionate ministries in the global mission effort? We hear of (W)holism and we're not sure which way to spell it let alone understand it! Since the Church began it has been involved with loving God and loving our neighbors, but to what end? This will really be a "work" shop and it will help bring clarity to the Gospel and how you approach missions.

Paul Arneson, Emmaus Associates, St Paul, MN

Missions Priorities in Tomorrow's World: What is Most Important for Your Church

You are on a journey. You need input from Scripture (What is the goal?), the world (What is most needed?), and your church (What are your best roles?).

David Mays, The Mission Exchange, Brownsburg, IN

Inviting the 'Generation in Waiting' into Mission

Come and discuss how to mobilize the 'generation in waiting' in your local church through a 21st century missions model. We will discuss who they are, the hurdles that are encountered in working with them, and how to create space for them and invite them in.

Jim Raymo, Northwestern College, Roseville, MN

SATURDAY WORKSHOPS

(Each workshop is 60 minutes. Most will be offered twice)

LEARN - WORLDVIEW & TRENDS

Business as Missions (BAM) - What Questions Should You Be Asking?

BAM means many things to many people. But what does it mean for your church? We'll look at the many possibilities and help you think through the options.

Tom Correll, Wooddale Church., Eden Prairie, MN

Educating your Congregation in Missions

Missions education may be the #1 missions need in our churches. What is it? What does it include? Why is it a problem? What is available? What can we do?

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Missional Holism:

How one church is incorporating their entire focus on missions; local, short-term, career and personal lifestyle around the concept of Kingdom development. This approach bridges amazing gaps socially, culturally, economically and religiously without compromising the essential message of the Gospel. The goal is to see their members develop a holistic Missional mindset that makes them infectious carriers of the Good News of Jesus Christ!

Tim Hatt, Hosannah! Lutheran Church, Lakeville, MN

Giving Children a Heart for Missions

Children's Ministries should provide integrated ways that families can use to model worldwide evangelism to their children. Berean Baptist does this with creativity. Come and hear how!

Paul Emanuelson, Berean Baptist Church, Burnsville, MN

Growing a Great Commission Church

Come and discuss the practical ways that this church works to involve people in accomplishing the task of global evangelism by encouraging both their global and local vision.

Scott Countryman, Berean Baptist Church, Burnsville, MN

LEAD - PARTNERSHIP & TEAMS

Casting a Vision that Motivates the Next Generation

Moving your global outreach strategy from diffused to focused to connected. Come and discuss how one church has adjusted their strategy over the years to catch the heart of their ever changing and younger congregation.

Tim Freeman, Bethany International, Minneapolis, MN

Putting a Priority on Indigenous Partners

Come and discuss how this church seeks to honor strategic and effective indigenous leadership and serve with them. They prayerfully pinpoint agencies who are indigenous from their conception to their implementation and strategy.

Paul Tshihamba, Christ Presbyterian Church, Edina, MN

Balancing Local and Global Outreach Agendas

Balancing agendas is difficult in the best of times. This church starts by making it a core value – “We will seek to balance our resources (financial and human) to reflect our commitment to domestic and international ministries”. Discuss how they work to follow this value.

Mike Hotz & Paul Tshihamba, Christ Presbyterian Church, Edina, MN

Top Mission Trends in Today's Church

Cultural and international trends constantly shape the church and its approach to world missions. How are churches doing missions differently today? Which of these trends are important for your church?

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A World Missions Prayer Strategy for Your Church

We all believe that prayer for world missions is needed but few churches have a comprehensive prayer strategy that fully embraces the Lord's most powerful force for world evangelization. Come and discuss what this strategy could look like.

John Quam, Mission America, Buffalo, MN

SEND-MISSIONARY CARE, PREPARATION & ROLES

The Wisdom of Many Counselors in Missionary Care

Missionary Care is not just for pastors, professional counselors or mission agency administrators. In fact, members of the local church are the foundation for good missionary care! The loving care of missionaries is both a challenge and a responsibility of the local church. Together we will discuss the full spectrum of missionary care, from sending and tending to mending.

Patrick Repp, Minnesota Renewal Center, St. Paul MN

How one Church Manages the Challenge of Missionary Care

We will examine together how one church organizes their missionary care to provide effective encouragement, support and care for their missionaries. Come and discuss how your church could do it too. Bob calls it the Good, the Bad and the Ugly of missionary care.

Bob Oehrig, Grace Church, Roseville, MN

The Church's Role in Missionary Preparation

Come and discuss the Church's Biblical role in identifying, recruiting, and preparing potential missionary candidates. We will also discuss how the Church intersects with an individual's call to missions.

Tom Correll, Wooddale Church, Eden Prairie, MN

The Changing Face of the New Twin Cities

You can't do the prayer, care, and share unless you know they are there. Come and learn about the new frontline of the 21st Century Mission Field: The Twin Cities.

John Mayer, City Vision, Minneapolis, MN

ENGAGE – SHORT-TERM TRIPS & MISSIONAL

Holism and Short-Term Trips:

A common challenge with short-term trips is effective follow-up in helping people understand and process their experience and what it means back at the office on Monday morning. One church forms their training for short term trips around the concept of it being one more step in their continuing living out the Gospel or Good News every day.

Sheri Richards, Hosanna! Lutheran Church, Lakeville, MN

Using Short-Term Teams to Enhance your Indigenous Partnerships

Your partnerships with indigenous church leaders can be greatly enhanced through using short-term teams. This is enhanced through short-term training that is relevant, fun, and linked to the values and goals of your church. Come and discuss how this church has done it.

Barb Knutson, Eagle Brook Church, Twin Cities, MN

Refugees and the Church - A Match Made in Heaven

Come and discover how local churches are partnering together to ministering to the strangers in our midst. These churches are demonstrating Christ in communities across the Twin Cities. Learn about refugee resettlement and the practical steps that can be taken for possible involvement.

Rob Scott - Refugee Life Ministries (a ministry of World Relief) - Richfield, MN

Jesus, Justice, and Jubilee: Missions at Risk of Missing the Mark

The majority of our Short-Term Missions efforts take place among the worlds materially poor and marginalized. Do we elevate John 10:10 in favor of John 3:16? What balance works? Are we at risk of becoming complacent with the existence of material poverty to bring spiritual riches? Eric Iverson will bring his perspective as a missions host, a goer and a sender in how we can avoid what he calls "Pimpin' the Poor" and focus on the day to day struggles of communities we are working in year after year. Find practical tips and suggestions for how we can do Biblical justice as we live out the gospel in our work as practitioners of short-term missions, which will have a long term effect.

Eric Iverson, YouthWorks!, Minneapolis, MN