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Welcome

Grace grace! Favor favor! We're so glad you could join us for the 2014 National Mission Festival: "Abida – Hearts on Fire". We are ordinary people seeking to do the extraordinary. We recognize this cannot be accomplished by our power or by our might, but only by God's Spirit.

Scripture clearly tells us that we have received power and are called to do greater things! (Acts 1:8; John 14:12) These promises are the major reason we are able to go forward strong, with great courage. Hence we are gathering together. Our goal during our time together is that of disseminating, demonstrating, and dedicating.

Disseminating - *"Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for my soul."* These are the words of Psalm 66:16. We invite you to come, to hear and to share the experiences of God's people during the many sessions planned. Our prayer is that the information disseminated will be a means through which the Holy Spirit will do the work of transformation.

Demonstrating - We live in an age of information overload. We do not want you to go home with only "more information". We understand that some things are taught and some things are caught. We are expecting that you will "catch the Spirit" through the demonstrations provided. Deuteronomy 6:23 reads, *"He brought us out from there in order to bring us in, to give us the land which He had sworn to our fathers."* We are called to be "doers and not just hearers of the word". We receive the words of Acts 2:42 which reads, *"And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."* Therefore, we depend on the Holy Spirit to provide and empower us to build God's House and advance God's Kingdom! We open your heart so that God can move us out of the mindset of program and performance, into the land of rest and response.

Dedicating - We are dedicated to providing an atmosphere in which we will individually and corporately release religious institutionalism, embrace spiritual intimacy, and catch what the Holy Spirit is doing. Fervent prayer produces manifestation; relationships produce results; and mentoring produces multiplication. We are dedicated to undergirding you on your faith journey! You are encouraged to take advantage of the opportunities of prayer, relationship building and spiritual sponsorship. Building God's house in this 21st century culture comes with challenges. Like Nehemiah we have to learn to build with one hand while battling with the other. Do not be afraid! We have the promise of God to accomplish the task at hand! You are not alone!

We have prayed and prepared a conference that provides space and opportunity for you to have an experience with the Holy Spirit and your heart will be set ablaze! We invite you to be fully present, totally open, and completely surrendered to the move of the Holy Spirit. Follow His ways. Respond within the privilege of being co-laborers in establishing on earth those things which have already been established in heaven. Avail your natural abilities to the move and power of the Holy Spirit. The result will be supernatural! Ignite the flames of our heart Lord! We want to burn for you! Abida!





NALC Core Values

Christ-Centered

We confess the apostolic faith in Jesus Christ according to the Holy Scriptures. We affirm the authority of the Scriptures as the authoritative source and norm, “according to which all doctrines should and must be judged” (Formula of Concord). We accept the ecumenical creeds and the Lutheran Confessions as true witnesses to the Word of God.

Mission-Driven

We believe that the mission of the Church is to preach the Gospel and to make disciples for Christ. We believe that making disciples — in our congregations, in our communities and nations, and around the world — must be a priority of the Church in the present age.

Traditionally-Grounded

We affirm the ecumenical creeds and the faithful witness of the Church across time and space. We endorse the form and practices of the universal Church that are consistent with Scripture, particularly the office of the ministry and the tradition of worship under Word and Sacrament. We seek dialogue and fellowship with other Lutheran churches and with faithful Christians of other confessions.

Congregationally-Focused

We strive to be a church that is organized to facilitate the ministries of local congregations in a posture of servant-hood and a spirit of partnership, through the provision of resources, connections and information.

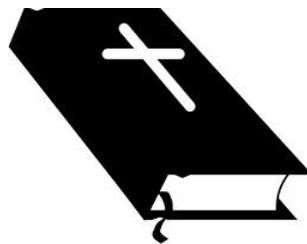




2015 Mission Festival Goals

- 🕒 Provide Biblical foundation, teaching and inspiration for the vision and mission of the NALC.
- 🕒 Provide training for local mission teams & deans with regards to discipleship and church planting
- 🕒 Provide hands on resources and tools that can be implemented in local mission districts and congregations
- 🕒 Provide intentional time and coaches that can help deans & teams assess their needs, vision and next steps

*Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send?
And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"*
Isaiah 6:8



*Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them
in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
Matthew 28:19





Mission Team



Pastor David Keener serves as the leader of the Renewal Team. Pastor Dave came to Christ the King Lutheran in 1996 after serving a Southeastern Michigan congregation for 11 years. His passion is preaching and teaching people about the love of God in Jesus Christ. He and his wife Joyce have three grown children and two grandchildren. Pastor Dave loves to read, travel, and show people pictures of his grandchildren, and not necessarily in that order. Contact him by email at: Pastordave@knology.net.

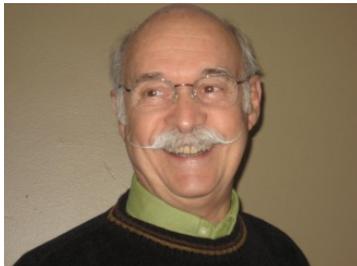


Pastor Trina M. Petersen is founding pastor of A New Thing Christian Church, Lithonia, GA, a ministry entrusted to her by God, focused on the deliverance, healing and wholeness of His people. Pastor Trina was baptized as an infant, confirmed as a teenager and served as an adult in the Lutheran Church prior to becoming an ordained pastor in the NALC. Being Kingdom minded, Pastor Petersen serves in the position of pastor, operates with an apostolic anointing, and speaks in a prophetic voice as she helps the people of God heal from their pasts, live in the now, and walk in the power and authority given to them by God! The message given to her to share during this season, "We are in a season of signs, miracles and wonders! A season when the people of God are not called to come to church but to become the church, to establish on earth those things which have already been established in heaven! If we would but believe! Jesus said, 'if I be lifted up!' Rise up saints of the most High God! Lift Him up! Be strong and courageous! Our ears have not heard and our eyes have not seen what God has for us in 2014!" To contact Pastor Trina, please email her at: trinamariep@yahoo.com.





Mr. Rod Hackman is the new leader of the Great Commission Society (GCS). He is a graduate of Purdue University and the University of Charleston, West Virginia. A professional engineer, his work at Rod Hackman LLC of Charleston provides process improvement and safety engineering consultation. He has provided such consultation internationally, including work in Russia, Saudi Arabia, The Netherlands, Morocco, and Alberta, Canada. Prior to forming his own business he worked for DuPont Chemical Company. Raised in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, Rod has been working closely with both CORE and the NALC in the area of missions. He is an active member of St. Timothy Lutheran Church (NALC), of Charleston, West Virginia, and has served as an elder, VBS teacher, and bible study leader. In the LCMS he served as a Sunday School superintendent. He and his wife Elaine live in Charleston, and are the parents of four children and two grandchildren. For more information, please contact Rod at: dreamnwv@gmail.com.



Pastor Paul Borg is the leader of the International Team and has served as a Lutheran pastor for 46 years, currently in Indianapolis as a part of CORE and the NALC. Besides the degrees for ordained Lutheran ministry, he also has another Master's degree in Christian Spiritual Formation and Leadership (discipleship) and a Doctorate degree in Evangelization for North America. He has been married to Judy for 48 years, has 3 children, and 10½ grandchildren. Pastor Paul does not want to miss this Kairos moment of history where there is a profound hunger for meaning in North America with the greatest missionary movement ever to us, from the global South (Africa, Asia, and Latin America). In his free time, Pastor Paul consults for leaders in the US and globally about moving people to be 1st century disciples in the 21st century. To contact him, please send an email to: paul@lutheran.com.



Keynote Presenters



Bishop John Bradosky... has over 30 years of pastoral experience with diverse experience in organization and administration. He has served in urban, suburban, and multicultural settings. Previously he has served as the NALC's General Secretary, and senior pastor of Epiphany Lutheran Church in Dayton, Ohio. He has also served St. John Lutheran Church in Springfield, Ohio; Trinity Lutheran Church in Canton, Ohio; and Grace Lutheran Church in Huntington Beach, Calif. Bishop Bradosky is a graduate of Hamma School of Theology at Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio, and Indiana University of Pennsylvania in Indiana, Pa.



Dennis Blevins... grew up in the south, learning from his parents about the truth of the Bible. After high school, he was accepted into Bible College in Chicago and began studying for a General Bible Degree. His studies were interrupted when he was inducted into the U.S. Navy in 1968 during the Viet Nam Conflict. While serving, Dennis was introduced to the Navigator Ministry and, for the next six years, received help in his walk with Christ. Following service in the Navy, he completed a degree in Business Administration, met and married Mary Jane, and joined the Navigator staff in collegiate work. Fourteen years later, Mary Jane and he moved to Portland to work with Multnomah Bible College and Mission Portland. During this time, he was a pastor in a local church, led Promise Keepers, and began coaching training. Dennis coaches leaders and pastors in over 40 states. He and Mary Jane have three adult daughters.



The Rev. Dr. Gemechis Buba... currently serves as Assistant to the Bishop for Mission for the North American Lutheran Church. He is originally from Ethiopia and now lives in Atlanta, Georgia, with his wife and three children. In addition to academic study and ordained ministry, Dr. Buba participates in multiple international ministries through speaking, leading revivals, leadership development conventions, and evangelical mission events.





Workshops

Contemporary Worship as a Means of Renewal

Presenter: Kevin Reynolds

Workshop Description: So, your church has been talking about “Renewal,” and somebody said you might have to switch to “contemporary” worship in order to attract and hold a younger generation of Lutherans. But wait a minute. Isn’t all our worship “contemporary?” What does that even mean? Rock songs? Guitars and drums? Light shows and smoke machines? While Elijah probably had some pretty good smoke during his worship service on Mt. Carmel (1 Kings 18) and there are many references to incense used in worship, you’re not sure a concert smoke machine is the modern equivalent!

The Gospel needs no help from us to remain living and active yet God Himself compels us to refresh our worship—not occasionally, but daily! In this workshop we will explore three areas of modern worship. We will:

- Make sure we understand what worship is, and what God requires of our worship. As it turns out, He is very specific about what He wants us to bring to worship!
- Define what “modernizing” our worship might look like in our churches.
- Attempt to get comfortable with styles of worship that we may not be used to and see if there is some common ground for transitioning to something new. We’ll share resources that are available to help make such a transition possible.



Kevin Reynolds... has been serving as a Worship Leader at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Evans, Georgia since 2010, coming on staff as the Associate Minister of Missions, Outreach and Education in January of 2012. Prior to this Kevin was ensconced in a career in Medical Physics, but he and his wife, Stacy, have been worship leaders in several churches of various denominations for the past 35 years and coming to Christ the King was an open door that God had been preparing for a long time. Kevin and Stacy have three grown children, one granddaughter, and a wonderful pit bull named Lucy.





Renewing the Church through Senior Ministry

Presenter: Pastor Brad Hales

Workshop Description: The local congregation is “graying” at a rapid rate. Over 10,000 people each day are turning 65 years of age. Instead of lamenting the “aging of the church,” we need to embrace it and help older adults grow in their discipleship of Jesus. Through “second half ministry” a congregation can be renewed and “re-fired” for mission.



Brad Hales... is the pastor of Reformation Lutheran Church, Culpeper, Virginia, and the Dean of the Virginia Mission District of the North American Lutheran Church. Through the power of Jesus, Pastor Hales has helped to renew several older congregations in discipleship, outreach and mission. In 2009, his present congregation was given the “Best Practices Award in Senior Adult Ministry” by the National Council on Aging. Hales has also authored the Bible study, *A Covenant of Aging*, published by [Sola Publishing](#).

The Power of Prayer in Renewal and Mission

Presenter: Pastor Eric Waters

Workshop Description: Far too often, prayer is an afterthought in our personal lives and in the life of the church. “Oops, we forgot to pray to start the meeting. Can someone quick pray and then we will get down to business?” Prayer is one of the basic necessities in congregational renewal and missional outreach. It should be the place we start, instead of the thing we quickly skim over. Come to talk about the role of prayer, hear powerful testimonies of what God is doing, and share creative ideas. But more importantly—come to pray!



Eric Waters... whose wife prayed him into the Kingdom, serves as teaching pastor at Upper Arlington Lutheran Church in Columbus, Ohio. He is a graduate of Dartmouth, has a Master of Divinity from Yale, and received a Doctorate of Ministry from Luther Seminary in Biblical preaching. Originally from New York, he and his amazing wife, Michelle, and six children are now blessed to call Powell, Ohio, home.





First Century Disciples in the 21st Century

Presenter: Pastor Henry Graf

Workshop Description: Jesus left His disciples with these marching orders “Make Disciples,” yet, somewhere along the way we lost the plot. It became about us growing the Church, which is what God said was His job. Is it even possible to make first century disciples in the 21st century? If so, what is getting in the way?



Henry Graf...coauthored More Than a Story. He is the pastor of **Promise LCMS** in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He holds both a Master of Divinity and a Master of Art in Communication. You can follow his blog (www.HenryGraf.com) to keep up with his latest thoughts, devotions, and projects. Henry is married to his beloved Tricia, and they have two daughters, Kaitlyn and

Adeline.

Pastor as Disciple-maker

Presenter: Bishop John Bradosky

Workshop Description: Shepherd, administrator, counselor, preacher, maintenance person, clerical worker, worship leader... In today’s church, the pastor has many duties and fills many roles. While our seminaries have provided a wonderful theological education, the idea of pastor as “disciple-maker” has often been overlooked. Come and spend time together as we discuss our shortcomings in this area but also how we could move forward together in the Great Commission with practical ideas and a big-picture vision.



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Real Presence, Real Purpose, Real People: A Realistic Approach to Starting House Churches

Presenter: Pastor Tom Hilpert

Workshop Description: In this workshop we will draw from real-life experiences to provide an introduction to the how and why of starting house churches. We'll learn some best-practices, as well as some advice about what does not work well in house church planting. We'll have plenty of practical tips, and include a lot of Q&A and interactive time. If time permits, we can also explore the Lutheran roots of the house church.



Tom Hilpert...is a Lutheran pastor, author, goat farmer, and all around swell guy. Since 1995, he has helped to plant and foster a dozen new churches, and served as a full-time pastor in two different congregations. Currently, he serves as pastor of New Joy Fellowship in Lebanon, TN, and as director of **Life Together Churches**, a house-church-planting and consulting ministry. He has written church-planting resources that have been used in the United States, Great Britain, Albania, Vietnam, India and Mongolia. In addition to his work in ministry, Tom is the author of the Lake Superior Mystery novels, which feature strong, memorable characters and quirky humor. So far, Tom's books include: Superior Justice, Superior Storm and Superior Secrets. Tom has been married to his wife, Kari, for 22 years. They have four children.

Value of Coaching

Presenter: Pastor Dennis Blevins

Workshop Description: Every Navigator's passion is to "help others know Christ and make Him known[®]." Through small-group Bible studies and life-on-life discipleship, we come alongside people and teach them to be Christ's followers as they study and apply the Word of God to chart their lives. Then we train them to pass what they have learned on to others. Our **Church Discipleship Ministry** collaborates with church leaders to develop a culture of discipleship and evangelism. We work through and alongside these leaders, helping them equip their people to develop successive generations of disciples who live and minister among the lost.





Dennis Blevins...grew up in the south, learning from his parents about the truth of the Bible. After high school, he was accepted into Bible College in Chicago and began studying for a General Bible Degree. His studies were interrupted when he was inducted into the U.S. Navy in 1968 during the Viet Nam Conflict. While serving, Dennis was introduced to the Navigator Ministry and, for the next six years, received help in his walk with Christ. Following service in the Navy, he completed a degree in Business

Administration, met and married Mary Jane, and joined the Navigator staff in collegiate work. Fourteen years later, Mary Jane and he moved to Portland to work with Multnomah Bible College and Mission Portland. During this time, he was a pastor in a local church, led Promise Keepers, and began coaching training. Dennis coaches leaders and pastors in over 40 states. He and Mary Jane have three adult daughters.

Global Missions and Discipleship

Presenters: Pastor Charles and Anita Jackson, NALC & WMPL

Workshop Description: Mission work and discipleship are intimately linked. The Jacksons served in Kenya with WMPL Canada from 2001-2008, working with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Kenya (ELCK). Charles was a pastor and church leadership developer in the Samburu church, and Anita taught English and adult literacy classes. After handing the work over to the ELCK Samburu pastors, they undertook a new assignment in March of 2010 with WMPL's partner agency in Mongolia, Joint Christian Services (JCS) International (www.jcsintl.org). "JCS, a consortium of Christian organizations, shares the Good News of Jesus Christ with the people of Mongolia by working with them to achieve their full, God-given potential through development, relief, and encouraging the planting, growth, development and unity of the indigenous churches." The JCS vision is "to see Mongolians building and restoring families, churches, and communities." Join the Jacksons for a time to hear about what they have learned from our brothers and sisters in Christ about following Jesus and, if time permits, discussions about where God might be calling you to serve in the world!

Charles Jackson... grew up in Alberta and received his Master of Divinity from the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Saskatoon in 1993. He also holds an undergraduate degree in missiology. From 1995-2000, Charles served as the pastor of Sharon and Bethany Lutheran congregations of the Donalda parish in Alberta.





Charles has also served as the Chair of the Home Council of the World Mission Prayer League (WMPL) Canada.

Anita Jackson... A native of Minnesota, Anita received her Master of Theological Studies from Concordia Lutheran Seminary in Edmonton in 1999. She holds an undergraduate degree in elementary education. As a single worker, Anita

served with WMPL in Ecuador from 1989-1993, teaching at the Inter-American Bilingual School in Cuenca.

Living the Catechism: Discipleship for the Lay Person

Presenter: The Rev. Dr. Amy Schifrin

Workshop Description: If it's been a while since you studied Luther's Small Catechism, this workshop is for you! As you reach out to teach and care for others, having a solid understanding and the basics of the faith (The 10 Commandments, The Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Sacraments) is an important resource. Coming to know the Small Catechism now (or again, if you haven't looked at it since confirmation days) will help you articulate the love that God has for all those whom he has made.



Amy Schifrin... is the President of the North American Lutheran Seminary in Ambridge, PA. Prior to the call at NALS, she served as pastor of Faith Lutheran Church in Monona, IA, and Mission in Christ Lutheran Church in Strawberry Point, IA. She earned her Master of Divinity degree from Luther-Northwestern Theological Seminary in St. Paul, MN. Her first call as a pastor was in Saskatchewan. Campus, parish, and seminary calls have taken her to the Southwest, the Midwest, and the Mid-Atlantic States. She earned her Ph.D. in Liturgical Studies and Homiletics from The Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, CA.





Vision, Relationship, and Healthy Churches

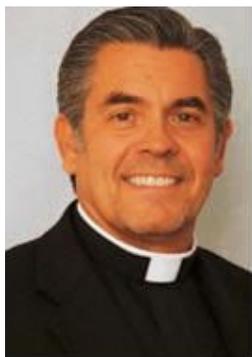
Presenters: Pastor Mark Chavez and Pastor David Wendel

Workshop Description: One of the challenges facing congregations today in terms of renewal, mission, and discipleship is dealing with tension and conflict within the local congregation. Lack of vision for mission together with unhealthy relationships between pastor, leaders and laity hinder forward movement in local ministry. This workshop will focus on building shared vision for mission; developing and maintaining healthy relationships within the congregation and how this leads to energy and enthusiasm for mission!



Mark Chavez... lives in Landisville, Pa., and is currently serving as the NALC’s General Secretary. He served as the director of Lutheran CORE (Coalition for Renewal) for five years (2006-2011) and as vice president and director of the WordAlone Network from 2000 to February 2010. A commissioned officer in the U.S. Air Force from 1976- 1983, he served primarily in the Directorate of Soviet Affairs, Air Force Intelligence Service, at Bolling Air Force Base in Washington, D.C. He resigned his commission in 1983 to attend Luther Northwestern Theological Seminary in St. Paul, Minn., where he earned his Masters of

Divinity degree. Following ordination in 1987, he served as pastor at Peace Lutheran Church in Glen Burnie, Md., (1987-1999); and Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in East Petersburg, Pa., before accepting the call to serve the WordAlone Network. Pastor Chavez and his wife, Jocelyn, have six children and four grandchildren.



David Wendel... graduated from Indiana University with a bachelor’s degree in Speech Communication. He is a 1981 graduate of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg and served his internship at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Los Alamos, N.M. He served as pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Hobbs, N.M., before being called to Saint Luke’s in Colorado Springs in 1986. He earned a Doctor of Ministry in Preaching from the Association of Chicago Theological Schools in 2001. In 30 years of parish ministry, Pastor Wendel gained valuable hands-on experience serving as pastor to two congregations that

had suffered under unhealthy relationships, lack of vision and impaired mission and ministry. He now works with many congregations in the NALC assisting with visioning, healing and renewal, especially focusing on pastor/parish relationships. He writes regularly for the NALC Newsletter, addressing these





topics. Pastor Wendel and his wife, Susan Riches, have two adult children, two grandsons and a granddaughter.

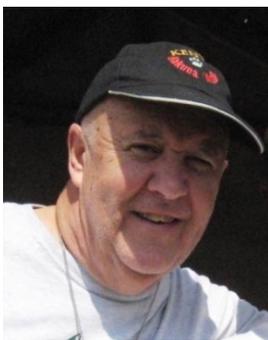
Disciple-making Lay Leaders and the Next Generation

Presenters: Valerie Hobbs and Pastor Ray Scheck

Workshop Description: The future of the church rests in the next generation, as well as in Disciple-making lay leaders. What characterizes such a lay ministry leader? How are you investing yourself in coming along-side some younger adults (18-40) to become disciple-making leaders? Why? Because this younger generation has great insight to shape the whole world! How? If you want this generation to follow, you have to become a teaming leader. Valerie Hobbs and Pastor Ray Scheck will share some how-to's and whys?



Valerie Hobbs... serves on the staff of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Damascus, Md. Her job responsibilities include the support and encouragement of lay leaders of Redeemer's Bible Studies and Small Groups. Her passion is to see God's Word change lives as individuals learn to pray and to hear God speak through Scripture. She also works part time with Church Discipleship Ministries, a branch of The Navigators dedicated to helping church leadership live out their Disciple-making Mission.



Ray Scheck... recently retired, Ray and his wife, Joan, have four grown children and eight grandchildren. He served as the Senior Pastor of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Damascus, Md., for well over 30 years. The passion of his life is to help people come to know the amazing person of Jesus Christ and to grow as disciples of our Lord. About 15 years ago, Ray discovered, through The Navigators, how to help the people of Redeemer let God's Word shape all parts of their lives. He successfully implemented a disciple-making strategy for Redeemer that still guides the ministry of this community. In more recent years, Ray has been involved in mentoring other Lutheran pastors, turning over the senior pastor role to his successor.





Exhibitors

Please take a moment to stop by the exhibition area located in UALC's fellowship hall. Each of the exhibitors is at the Mission Festival specifically and intentionally as it relates to the theme and purpose of the Mission Festival. While the exhibitors will be open during the conference during the entirety of Friday and Saturday, we encourage people to specifically take time during the catered Friday lunch hour to see how these resources can be helpful in your congregation and/or your ministry.

Call Inc

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Conference Schedule

Thursday, November 6, 2014

- 4:00 PM Registration
- 7:00 PM Welcome
 - Rev. Dr. Gemechis Buba
- 7:30 PM Opening Celebration
 - Bishop John Bradosky

Friday, November 7, 2014

- 8:30 AM Late Registration
- 8:30 AM Plenary 1*: Hearts on Fire – Discipleship
 - Dennis Blevins
- 10:30 AM Break
- 10:45 AM Plenary 2: Missional Capacity Assessment
 - Rev. Dr. Gemechis Buba
- 12:00 PM Lunch onsite (provided)

***Please note that each Plenary Session contains a brief time of worship, prayer, keynote address, testimony, and breakout groups.**





Friday, November 7, 2014 (continued)

- 1:00 PM What to do with the Heart Burn: Best Practices Panel
- Q & A on Discipleship and Mission Starts
- Moderated by: Rev. Dr. Eric Waters
- Panel: Dr. Gemechis Buba; Rev. Dave Keener;
 Rev. Henry Graf; Rev. Trina Petersen; and
 Rev. Tom Hilpert
- 2:15 PM Break
- 2:25 PM Workshop #1
- 3:40 PM Break
- 3:45 PM Workshop #2
- 5:00 PM Dinner (on your own)
- 7:00 PM Plenary 3: House Church Ministry
- Rev. Dr. Gemechis Buba

Saturday, November 8, 2014

- 8:30 AM Plenary 4: Missional Hospitality
- Rev. Dr. Gemechis Buba
- 10:30 AM Break
- 10:45 AM Closing Celebration & Commissioning
- Bishop John Bradosky
- 12:00 PM Dismissal





Session Information and Workshop Notes

Plenary 1: "Hearts on Fire – Discipleship"

Presenter: Dennis Blevins

Speaker Notes





Plenary 1: "Hearts on Fire – Discipleship"

Presenter: Dennis Blevins

Table Discussions

Question 1: What is your definition of a mature disciple of Jesus Christ?

Question 2: What have you learned that helps you move people towards maturity?

Question 3: What are the qualities of a disciple that you have discovered today?

Question 4: Where do you see yourself in the process of becoming a mature disciple?

Question 5: What steps do you need to take to grow as a disciple of Christ?

Key action item from Round Table Discussion Session 1
(transfer to action steps Page 36)





Plenary 2: “Missional Capacity Assessment”

Presenter: Rev. Dr. Gemechis Buba

Speaker Notes





Plenary 2: “Missional Capacity Assessment”

Presenter: Rev. Dr. Gemechis Buba

Table Discussions

Question 1: What are the major and easily identifiable gifts in your congregation?

Question 2: How do you cultivate and maximize those gifts for mission?

Question 3: How do you release these gifts?

Question 4: As your congregation, mission district, and leaders focus on strength and capacity for mission, are there things you must give over to “organized abandonment?”

Question 5: How will you be cultivating, maximizing, and releasing these gifts in a way that also communicates effectively to the spiritual, socioeconomic, and geographic culture in which you find yourself?

Key action item from Round Table Discussion Session 2
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Panel: What to do with the Heart Burn: Best Practices

Q & A on Discipleship and Mission Starts

Moderated by: Rev. Dr. Eric Waters

Panel: Dr. Gemechis Buba; Rev. Dave Keener; Rev. Henry Graf; Rev. Trina Petersen; and Rev. Tom Hilpert

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Key action item from Panel Q & A
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Workshop #1

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Workshop #2

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Plenary 3: "House Church Ministry"

Presenter: Rev. Dr. Gemechis Buba

Speaker Notes





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Reflective Questions

Question 1: Test the field. Is it ready to plant house churches? Why or why not?

Question 2: Considering the basic infrastructure of planning - what are the main things that need to be considered?

Question 3: How will you nurture and help this house church grow?

Question 4: Of all the different house church experiences that you attended, which one is most similar to the cultural context of your congregation and neighborhood? (If you did not come as a part of a team, which house church experience did you attend and if it did not relate to your own cultural context, please describe your current situation so we can better connect you with others in a similar situation.)

Question 5: What training or resources do you feel you are lacking?

Key action item from Plenary 3 and House Church Experience
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Plenary 4: "Missional Hospitality"

Presenter: Rev. Dr. Gemechis Buba

Speaker Notes





Plenary 4: "Missional Hospitality"

Presenter: Rev. Dr. Gemechis Buba

Table Discussions

Question 1: What is your invitation practice and culture in your congregation? (If you do not have one, how do you plan to develop one.)

Question 2: How would inviting someone to meet Jesus look different from inviting someone to come to church?

Question 3: As we think about best hospitality practices, how do you host people?

Question 4: What are ways you could better put them at ease, making them feel welcome as they meet Jesus hear the Word?

Question 5: What do you do to encourage, empower, equip and send out your members to invite more people?

Key action item from Roundtable Discussion Session 4
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NALC 2015 Upcoming Events

Pastor’s Conference – Jesus and the Bible: Authority in the Church

February 10 -12, 2015; Doubletree Hotel at SeaWorld, Orlando, Florida

Keynote Presentation: David Yeago

Other presenters: Dr. Jim Nestingen, Dr. Amy Schifrin

*Please note that time will be made for individual appointments with the Bishop & Executive Staff



MARTYRES: “Life-giving Witness” - Acts 26:16-18

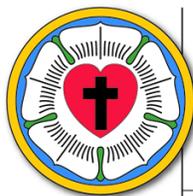
NALC Theological Conference & 2015 Convocation

August 12 – 15, 2015; Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas



Mission Festival

November 5 – 7, 2015; Columbus, Ohio



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Action Steps

Session	Key Takeaways	Action Items/Next Steps
Plenary 1 - Dennis Blevins		
Plenary 2 - Gemechis Buba		
Panel Q & A		
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Workshop #2		
Plenary 3 – Gemechis Buba		
Plenary 4 – Gemechis Buba		

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Evaluation

Please evaluate all parts of the conference for which you were present. Your feedback is important to us and will be used to plan future events.

Please circle the number of the response that best reflects your opinion in terms of experience and value.

	<u>Extremely Satisfied</u>	<u>Satisfied</u>	<u>Dissatisfied</u>	<u>Extremely Dissatisfied</u>
<u>Presentations</u>				
Bishop John Bradosky	1	2	3	4
Dennis Blevins	1	2	3	4
Dr. Gemechis Buba	1	2	3	4
<u>Worship Services</u>				
Thursday Evening	1	2	3	4
Friday Evening	1	2	3	4
Saturday Morning	1	2	3	4
<u>Workshops (indicate leader)</u>				
Workshop 1	1	2	3	4
Workshop 2	1	2	3	4
<u>Facilities/Hospitality</u>				
Location	1	2	3	4
Facilities	1	2	3	4
Breaks	1	2	3	4
Cost	1	2	3	4
<u>Overall Rating</u>	1	2	3	4

1. What did you find the MOST valuable?
2. What did you find the LEAST valuable?
3. What should we repeat for future conferences?
4. How could we improve your conference experience?

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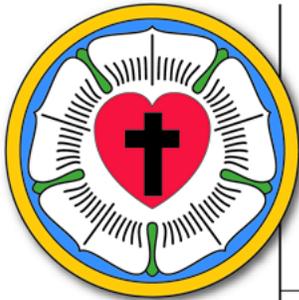




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