MissionConnexion Northwest



4 National Speakers • 80 Workshops • 100 Exhibitors



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Workshop Track: Apologetics Choir Room

What If There Is No God? Consequences of Atheism Adrian Toader The Ambassadors Forum

Many claim they do not believe in God or don't care one way or another. But have they considered the ramifications of what this means? We'll analyze what a world without God would truly look like, why no one can actually live consistently with that belief and finally, why all of this points back to the Gospel.

What Apologetics Can Learn from Science Roy Swart

The Ambassadors Forum The world is desperate to

discredit God and the Bible through science. But science is from God and designed to bring Him glory. Learn how science can help us understand and explain our faith to others, with examples from a high-tech career and many practical applications.

Logos: Reasoned Faith and the Meaning of It All Andy Frye

Worldview Academy

Philosophy is the love of wisdom, and everyone should be a lover of wisdom. It's the most practical thing in the world. Explore how the Logos of John 1 is the only reasonable answer to the great questions asked by philosophy and all of us deep in our hearts. Secular alternatives don't even come close.

Explaining Jesus to a Culture Lacking Context Justin Vanier

Southwest Bible Church

Many in our culture lack Biblical background or context for who God is, why we need salvation, how Jesus saved us and what it means to be a Christian. How can we share the Gospel and lead people to faith in Christ when they don't have any background for understanding?

Workshop Track: Building Bridges for Missions: Understanding Cultural, Ethnic or Social Differences Room 210

Worldviews as Bridges for the Gospel Rev. Sonji Pass TMS Global

We all see and interpret the world through very different lenses that are often misunderstood. This workshop will explore how common features of three cultural paradigms clarify and complicate our view of the world. Come expand your worldview and connect culture for gospel transformation.

Understanding Our Differences Pastor Adrian Reeves National African American Missions Council

Conflict is normal in all communities and often destroys families, ministries and the expansion of the Great Commission. Participants will gain valuable tools and insights for navigating conflict and honoring differences. Learn how cultures are developed and transformed.

Bridges of Peace:

The Foundation for Witness Karen Fancher and Greg Burch *Multnomah University*

Tensions in society have eroded trust across social, political and religious divides, hindering opportunities to be witnesses of our hope in Jesus. This workshop explores how to develop bridges of peace in order to provide opportunities to foster positive relationships for Christian witness.

Bridging Every Divide: Coalitions for Mission Rev. Don Allsman and Pastor Rickie Bradshaw

God is sending the mission field to America's cities as refugees, immigrants and international students. By forming a coalition of churches, parachurch groups and mission agencies, the Church can bring all ethnicities together to bring the Gospel to the unreached in your community.

Workshop Track: Business as Mission Room 172

Coaching BAM Companies for the Kingdom

Robert Bush and Larry Sharp IBEC Ventures

We focus on building sustainable BAM companies that create jobs and make disciples for Jesus. Our combination of teaching and sharing real-life scenarios where this has happened should provide hope and encouragement for others who want to do the same.

Determining What BAM Business to Start

James Dirksen Business as Mission

maximum impact.

How should mission workers choose the right business to run in their context? We'll discuss what kind of businesses not to start, how to evaluate business ideas, how to experiment with business ideas and how to raise

money to grow your business for

Christian Business in a Secular World Allison Wilkinson

I Am Music Group Feel called to make a gospel impact on the next generation? Want to be a light in a dark place and use your business to open doors? Hear how God used the I Am Music Group and the gifts He gave Allison to subversively bring the Gospel in a way no one expected (in the U.S. school system!)

Doing Things God's Way Allison Wilkinson I Am Music Group

Despite what the world tells us, Jesus' way is better. That means that you and your business have a tremendous advantage! By seeking God, His purposes, His will and His face, you can't help but be attractive to both the people of God and a fallen world.

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Workshop Track: Coaching: A Tool of Transformation Room 209

How Coaching Helps People Find Their Next Step Ben Olsen and Linda Miller

Western Seminary

This interactive session will demonstrate how a coach approach can help people clarify what they are hearing from God and encourage them to take their next steps. Includes a live coaching demonstration and an opportunity for practical application.

Learn a Coaching Conversation Model Ben Olsen and Linda Miller Western Seminary

This interactive session will introduce a simple coaching model that will equip you to create new awareness that leads to action in both personal and ministry roles. This highly engaging workshop includes a live coaching demonstration and an opportunity for practical application.

Understand and Apply a Coaching Mindset Ben Olsen and Linda Miller Western Seminary

This interactive session will focus on the coaching mindset and essential skills that equip you to apply this mindset in both personal and ministry roles. Get a live coaching demonstration and an opportunity for practical application.

Coaching: See It in Action!

Ben Olsen and Linda Miller Western Seminary

Our final session will give an overview of the coaching process and offer several live coaching demonstrations. You will see different coaching styles and discover just how quickly God can work through people like you asking powerful questions.

Workshop Track: Disabilities in Missions Room 164

Disability and Evangelism Justin Reimer Guidelight

Variability in the severity and presentations of disability can often distract Christians from sharing the Gospel with those who have special needs. Why is evangelism of those with disabilities important, and how can we pursue it?

Disability in Mission Justin Reimer Guidelight

Welcoming the weak in the global advance of the Gospel is critical to the growth of the Body of Christ. A Gospel-centered understanding of every image bearer, regardless of ability, is essential for our efforts to plant churches, grow Christians and reach the marginalized.

Disability and Discipleship Sevrin Hamilton Guidelight

Our churches are to be the body of Christ, and most churches have or should have members experiencing disability. We may pour ourselves into acts of mercy on behalf of our brothers and sisters with special needs, but how can we help them grow in Christ?

Imago Dei Sevrin Hamilton *Guidelight*

We are all image bearers of the Creator of all things. We are uniquely valued. Our value is not dictated by ability or disability but only by the God whose image we bear. Understanding the doctrine of Imago Dei is vital to our global witness. All image-bearers need the Gospel.

Workshop Track: Disciple Making Movements Fireside Room

Tools for Disciple Making Dr. Brad Butcher Passion 4 People

We will give you some tools that have borne fruit for many generations and in many nations. In fact, Brad and his kids will present this workshop together. Bring your family and learn how to disciple the nations together using simple and reproducible tools.

Healthy Multigenerational Teams Meet the Task Russ Richmond

WorldVenture

Like the Avengers, we need diverse teams where age, interest, background, strengths and passions join in miraculous Kingdom synergy. Movements worldwide are seeing all types of workers engaging all kinds of lostness with amazing results. Learn how to do it here or anywhere.

Empowering Next Generation Leaders

Jeff (JT) Timblin Neighbors and Nations Church, No Place Left SoCal

JT has discovered the joy of unleashing leaders to start new churches in their neighborhoods and seen dozens of young workers go to the nations. Hear about his story and essential tools to see your church move from hoping to fill seats to launching a movement.

Ordinary People in Miraculous Movements

Pastor Brent Hofen Mission Church PDX and Sent2Share

Brent led his church to relaunch with a DMM approach. He recently returned from South Asia, where he participated in a miraculous movement. Hundreds are baptized weekly, and ordinary people start churches. Hear stories like those in the Book of Acts. Could it happen here?

Asbury Revival Luncheon Revival Broke Out

Saturday, January 20, 2024 12:15 - 1:15 PM/Sanctuary



Join Lauren and Kelly Bixler and hear about their experience amid the revival on Asbury's campus. Hear how it affected their family, what they saw God do and what He continues to accomplish. There will be a Q&A at the end. Come join us.

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Workshop Track: Discover My Role: Goer, Sender, Welcomer, Prayer, Mobilizer, Learner Room 170

Discover My Role

Don and Ele Parrott MissionNext

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Workshop Track: Effective Evangelism Room 176

Equipping Believers in the Local Church Chris Kingston ETeamGlobal

Explore innovative strategies and practical ideas you can use to equip the body of Christ for evangelism.

From Decision to Disciple: Movements vs Monuments Dr. Brad Butcher Passion 4 People

It is imperative that we not build kingdoms for ourselves as we seek to share the Gospel with others. We must create sustainable movements for lasting Kingdom impact. Journey with Dr. Brad Butcher as he lays out the pathway to elevate your evangelism.

Using Sports Ministry to Share the Gospel Likius Hafeni

Surge Soccer

Learn from the model Likius helped develop with schools and local organizations to create a thriving afterschool soccer program. Summer camps and clinics spread the message of Jesus and share the love of the game. Sports ministry training for young adults focuses on nurturing future leaders.

Leveraging Technology for Gospel Impact Gabriel Jackson United Hive

It's time for the global church to come together to see Jesus magnified in every corner of our world. Hear from the creator of an innovative technology platform Christians use to share what God is doing. Revival starts now, and it begins with you.

Workshop Track: Keynote Speaker Q&A Room 162

Q&A with Robert Levy Robert Levy

Entrepreneur, Chairman, Jamaica Broilers Group

Robert Levy is one of our keynote speakers for this year's MissionConnexion. Want to hear more from him? We'd love to have you come to this informal gathering with Robert. Bring your questions and comments.

How Jesus Might Use Social Media

Sean McDowell Sean McDowell Ministry

What does it mean to use social media with a Kingdom-minded focus? In this session, Sean will give some tips and suggestions for using social media to reach and equip people today. Sean will also take questions after the presentation.

Q&A with Mark Mittleberg Mark Mittleberg

Lee Strobel Center, Colorado Christian University

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Q&A with Wendy Palau Wendy Palau *Palau Association*

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Workshop Track: Local Outreach Room 206

Design a Service Event for Every Generation

Ricky Franco Crossroads Community Church

Jesus' call to "make disciples" was for all nations and all generations. We believe that whatever the age, anyone can make a difference, especially when we do it together as individuals and families. Learn how to create a service event that every generation in your church can be a part of.

Send People to the Mission Field: the Workplace! Kevin Relyea Work Exchange

Traditionally, "local outreach" has meant to attract people in our

community to our church through a variety of service projects and educational or inspirational events. What if you could reverse the flow? Everyone in your church can learn how to take the heart of Jesus to the workplace. Here's how.

Master Planning for Local Outreach Dr. Dan Critchett

LifeTeam Int'l and N.E.T. Gatherings

Do you really think you can just go to a conference and make your local outreach more effective? Many have thought that, but it just doesn't work that way! If you want sustainability and fruitfulness, you need a plan and then some tools, training and support. Interested? Come to this workshop.

Helping the Poor of All Generations - Biblically Stuart Smith Clackamas LoveINC

People in poverty usually don't understand how they got there and how to get out. Simply giving them resources is not enough to lift them out of perpetual need and dependency. Learn healthy practices and practical tools to bring hope and life change to those in need.

Workshop Track: Ministries of Prayer Room 160

Powerful Prayers for Our Missionary Friends Dennis Fugua

International Renewal Ministries Scripture is the best source of powerful prayers. We will look at and practice some of these prayers and apply them to those on the mission field.

Building a Local Church Prayer Culture and Team Mark Jones

Mannahouse Church This workshop addresses creating a prayer culture and establishing a prayer leadership team. Equip your church to experience spiritual growth as we explore practical strategies for effective prayer.

Listening for the Open Door Jody Mayhew Abide Ministries

In this workshop, we will learn to accompany the work of the Holy Spirit as He opens doors of the heart. We will also explore the role of confession in prayer and evangelism.

Intercessory Prayer and Revival Kelly Bixler

Asbury Seminary

The world needs revival; God is looking for intercessors. Hear first-hand stories of intercessory prayer leading up to the Asbury Outpouring and learn how to partner with Jesus, the Great Intercessor, in standing in the gap on behalf of the land in your context.

Workshop Track: Missionary Care Room 174

How Listening Averts Conflict and Connects Cultures Brian Shimer and Andrew Arthur Mediators

Have you found listening difficult? Are challenging relationships impacting your ability to hear? Do cultural differences get in the way of effective listening? Join us in this space as we explore tools for listening well and the model the Bible gives us as our pathway.

Rhythms for Battle Tim and Ericka Harris **Oasis Rest International**

Our fight is not against "flesh and blood" but is a spiritual battle. Identifying what we need when we are in the middle of it is hard. We will explore four rhythms: sabbath, vacation, home assignment and sabbatical and how they relate to missionary health, longevity and effectiveness.

Preventing and Responding to Spiritual Abuse

Dr. Steve Tracy Mending the Soul

Recent revelations of spiritual abuse by Christian leaders worldwide have highlighted the potential for misuse of the Scriptures against missionaries and those they serve. This workshop will provide a template for healthy Biblical interpretation to stimulate sound, life-giving use of Scripture.

Things Your Missionary Wants You to Know Steven Price

Sanctuary Inn

There are often things that your missionary really wants you to know about their lives as missionaries, but which can be hard or uncomfortable to communicate. We'll talk about a few of these things so you can have those conversations with the missionaries you know.

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Workshop Track: Mission & the Latino Church Room 208

Capacitacion Biblica de los Lideres Cristianos Rev. Felix Rosales

Hispanic Ministries

El crecimiento de la Iglesia depende del poder del Espiritu Santo, quien a su vez da dones y ministerios a todos los cristianos. Equipar y formar Biblicamente es la mision urgente (In Spanish with English translation provided).

Striving for Unity – Forming One Church Pastor Gabe Meiers

Grace Community Church Hear the story of a church striving

May they be one Father, as you and I are one...so that the world may believe you sent me..." We live in a time of opportunity. The mission field has come to us. But how do we reach those around us who aren't like us?

Migration: A Theological Framework and Ministries of Welcome

Pastor David Rannabargar Immigrant Connection PDX

While immigration is an issue, immigrants are people. The Biblical story provides a compelling framework for our response to both. Walk away with both a theological framework to think about migration and practical immigrant ministry tools to prayerfully consider implementing in your context.

Church-to-church Cross-Cultural Collaboration Sergio Aquirre

Church Venture Northwest

Consider the remarkable possibilities in culturally and ethnically diverse congregations. Explore profound reasons why combining diverse churches can go beyond a noble idea to providing compelling witness to your community and responding to the Great Commission.

Workshop Track: Perspectives USA: Mobilizing Strategies for Your Church Room 207

Sharing Your Passion for Missions Tyler Pease

Perspectives USA

Have you ever tried talking to a friend about missions, hoping it would ignite passion, only to receive blank stares? How do we share about God's missionary heart in our churches? How do we help people understand and live for God's global purposes?

Give Kids a Missional Worldview Ruth Jordan Village Church

Wondering how to give kids a missional worldview? We'll explore some creative ideas, core concepts and great next steps for kids in your church, school or family. Come discover how to give your kids a Biblical framework through which kids can see God's heart for the world.

Perspectives Alumni Gathering Tyler Pease and others Perspectives USA

Meet up with others who have been part of the "Perspectives on the World Christian Movement" course, hear about the impact and what's happening now and spend some time brainstorming and praying for future classes. Bring your questions and suggestions!

Why Missions Strategy Is for Everyone T.S. and S.H. Frontiers USA

How much do people who pray for and support missionaries need to understand the ins and outs of the way missions works? Could mission strategy be helpful for everyone? What harm does it do if we leave this kind of thing to the pros?

Workshop Track: Serving in Hard Places Room 175

A Guide to Working in Hard Places

Dan and Teresa Janzen Radical Abundance Missional Consultancy

Not your basic security briefing. Discover essential guidance for churches and missionaries braving demanding locations. Gain practical strategies to overcome obstacles and create a lasting impact in these challenging environments.

Thriving in Hard Places Dan and Teresa Janzen Radical Abundance Missional

Consultancy

Join us on a journey to nurture your physical, emotional and spiritual health while serving in mission work. Equip yourself with valuable tools and insights to ensure resilience and vitality in the most testing environments.

Serving People from Hard Places

Dan and Teresa Janzen Radical Abundance Missional Consultancy

Explore the art of effective ministry to traumatized populations, refugees and challenging local contexts. Focus on compassion and transformative approaches and unlock the keys to traumainformed ministry.

Relief from Relief

Dan and Teresa Janzen Radical Abundance Missional Consultancy

Tackle the unique challenges of environments steeped in dependency and entitlement due to indiscriminate humanitarian interventions. Learn innovative ministry models to break these cycles, foster development and create enduring transformation.

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Workshop Track: Sexual Purity Room 205

Sexual Integrity on the Mission Field

Patrick Silvis and Scott Harris Portland Fellowship / Frontiers In this session, Patrick and Scott share about confronting their

different sexual struggles while on the mission field. We'll discuss the importance of vulnerability and accountability and look at practical, cultural and legal considerations when missionary candidates wrestle with sexual brokenness.

When Sex Is No Longer a Gift Jennifer Howie

Healing with the Howies The influence of pornography and other challenges have compromised intimacy. Only when we preserve the sanctity of sex and encourage all to approach this divine gift with reverence and unwavering commitment to God's design can we confidently enter the mission field.

Protecting Your Children Overseas John Fort Be Broken Ministries

Post and pre-Christian cultures typically contain far more forms of sexual brokenness that directly affect children Learn strategies

affect children. Learn strategies to help prevent and process any exposure to sexual brokenness your child may encounter.

Creating Healthy Accountability in Missions

Jeremy Waldridge Pure Life Alliance

Unhealthy sexuality is rampant throughout the globe, and many don't realize that sexual impurity is one of Christians' biggest pitfalls on and off the mission field. Let's look at some of the most common misconceptions about sexual sin and learn to build healthy accountability.

Workshop Track: Short-Term Missions Room 161

From Short-Term Experiences to Long-Term Commitment Brian and Melanie Stark WorldVenture

You sent a team on a short-term trip, and now some participants seem open to the next step. How do you identify those God might be leading to long-term service, and then what do you do with them? Explore how to mentor short-term goers for long-term service.

Reaching Internationals with Short-Term Missions Don Johnson SFND International

Population shifts mean that today, the nations live in our cities and communities. Yet trying to reach them with ESL or citizenship classes might not be enough. This workshop will explore ways short-term teams and individuals can engage the nations locally.

3 Big Questions: A Framework for STM with Gen Z Jesse and Andrea Kroeze Touch the World

This workshop will explore every teenager's three big questions and demonstrate how a thoughtful short-term mission trip with focused training and thorough follow-through can lead to long-term transformation in your Gen Z students.

7 Dirty Words of Short-Term Trips Dale Lusk Global Engagements

In the old days, people said, "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me." But the terms we use to describe our short-term trips to our churches, teams and global partners reveal what we really think our trip is all about. Do we need to think and speak differently?

Workshop Track: Southeast Asia in Focus Room 204

Indonesia in Focus Larry LeGrande and Dr. B. IMPACT

A strong collaborative effort connects 100 media ministries and dozens of indigenous agencies in 15 regional networks to produce multiplying movements among the unreached. Dr. B. will describe the components and how they've fueled 1 million+ Muslims coming to Christ in 10 years.

How Thousands of Muslims Came to Christ in SE Asia Larry LeGrande and M.D. IMPACT

Hear the incredible story of God at work in this region across the centuries, preparing the way for the current harvest in Southeast Asia through the arrival of Islam, 400 years of Dutch Christian rule, Asian wars and unrest and an aborted communist coup.

40 Church Planting Movements Larry LeGrande and Dr. B. IMPACT

Learn how each of 40 formerly unreached, unengaged people groups in Southeast Asia now have more than 1,000 former Muslims meeting in house churches weekly and multiplying from four to 30 "generations."

Finding On-ramps to the Harvest Larry LeGrande IMPACT

Hear from the director of Indo-Malay Partners in Action how this network connects people, ministries, investors and churches to see churchplanting movements among the unreached people groups of Indonesia, Malaysia, Brunei, Singapore, southern Thailand and the Philippines.

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Workshop Track: Steps to Involvement in God's Global Mission Room 163

Choosing a Life Work or My Next Career Ray Sanford Synergie Francophone

Explore practical Biblical guidelines for making the most important life decision: what to do with my life or what I have left of it. Consider what the Bible says about "call." Look at how to find your niche in what God is doing in the world today "at home" or " over there."

Choosing a Life Partner or My Next Partner

Angela Brandle Synergie Francophone Choosing a partner is inextricably

linked to finding your life work. See how the two are related. Is being in love enough? What does God's Word say? How does God guide couples? Presented with examples and often with humor.

Choosing a Group to Work With Ray Sanford

Synergie Francophone There are many great groups and ministries to choose from, but they are not all equal. Learn what to look for and what questions to ask to find a fit so you, your family and your ministry will prosper.

20 Appeals for Funding: How Do I Choose?

Angela Brandle Synergie Francophone

Explore motives for giving that delight God and ways to select from among many pressing appeals. We'll look at some guiding principles for stewarding and sharing the resources God has given you.

Workshop Track: Telling Stories Like Jesus Room 202

Salty Conversation: 20 Seconds to Spark Spiritual Thirst Christina Zeeb All Nations

We are the salt of the earth, Jesus said. That means that we should make everyone around us thirstier for God! Join us to learn some simple, practical ways to share "salty statements" daily that will lead to more conversations where people ask YOU about Jesus

Translate Jesus for Spiritual but Non-religious People Christina Zeeb All Nations

Have you ever started a conversation about spiritual things and watched the walls go up? Jesus is good news to everyone He ever made, but sometimes the words we use to describe Him don't translate as good news to the people around us. Practice sharing spiritual truth in non-religious language.

Sharing Stories Jesus Has Written in Your Own Life Christina Zeeb All Nations

Jesus was never without a story, and we, too, need to be ready to share Jesus stories with friends, neighbors and colleagues. This practical workshop will equip you to tell stories in a way that is spiritually obvious but not spiritually obnoxious.

Stick Figure Discipleship Christina Zeeb All Nations

The first disciples of Jesus were ordinary people! The Gospel is not easy, but neither is it complicated. How can we learn and share Jesus stories in a way that is visual and simple yet also deep and compelling?