

# Mission **Connexion** Program 2025 Northwest



4 National Speakers • 90+ Workshops • 100 Exhibitors



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# Caring for Those Who Go

## Care Connexion Focus Event

A conference with specialized training to help those responsible for the care of missionaries on and off the field.

FOCUS EVENT



## Schedule

### Friday, January 17

#### 4:00 PM\*

Registration Opens/Meet & Greet/  
Dinner  
Student Center

#### 5:15 – 6:45 PM\*

##### Focus Event - Session 1

**Let's Talk About It: Eleven Areas of  
Concern for Cross-Cultural Workers on  
the Field**

#### 7:00 – 9:00 PM\*

Q & A and Dessert (optional)  
Hosted by Sanctuary Inn

#### 7:00 – 9:00 PM

**Main Keynote Session –  
Patrice Tsague**

### Saturday, January 18

#### 8:00 AM\*

Coffee & Light Breakfast/Exhibits Open  
Student Center

#### 9:00 – 10:30 AM

**Main Keynote Session –  
Randy Remington**

#### 10:30 – 11:00 AM\*

Snack Break & Networking

#### 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

**Workshops 1**  
*Open to all MCNW attendees*

#### 12:00 – 1:30 PM\*

Lunch/Exhibits Open  
Student Center

#### 1:30 – 2:30 PM

**Workshops 2**  
*Open to all MCNW attendees*

#### 3:00 – 4:30 PM\*

**Focus Event - Session 2**  
**Smelling like Sheep: God's Design for  
Missionary Care.**

#### 4:45 – 5:45 PM

**Workshops 3**  
*Open to all MCNW attendees*

#### 5:45 – 6:45 PM\*

Dinner & Closing Time  
Student Center

#### 7:00 – 9:00 PM

**Main Keynote Session –  
Michelle Atwell**

*\*Registered attendees only*

<p><b>Friday 5:15 - 6:45 PM</b>  <b>Session 1</b>  <b>The Basement</b>  <i>only for registered</i>  <i>Care Connexion attendees</i></p>	<p><b>Let's Talk About It: Eleven Areas of Concern for Cross-Cultural Workers on the Field</b>  <b>Amy Young, MA, LPC</b>  <b>Global Trellis</b>  A disconnect often exists between those who send Great Commission Workers and the workers themselves. To understand this, Global Trellis conducted an anonymous survey in January 2024 on the challenges cross-cultural workers face. Don't miss what we learned!</p>	
<p><b>Friday 7:00 - 9:00 PM Q &amp; A and Dessert</b> <i>Hosted by The Innkeepers Podcast</i> <b>The Basement</b></p>		
<p><b>Saturday 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM</b>  <b>Workshops 1</b>  <i>open to all MCNW attendees</i></p>	<p><b>Room 172</b>  <b>Women and the Great Commission: Serving and Caring Well for Women</b>  <b>Denise Beck</b>  <b>Velvet Ashes</b>  Despite 70% of cross-cultural workers being women, few longevity efforts address their unique needs. This workshop provides tools for those who send and serve with women in the field. We'll explore supporting women who lead and helping women navigate life's stresses in cultures that often devalue them, offering practical insights and actionable takeaways.</p>	<p><b>Room 174</b>  <b>Creative Care for Cross Cultural Workers</b>  <b>Ericka Harris</b>  <b>Oasis Rest International</b>  How many losses are common to a missionary? More than we think! In this workshop, we'll identify losses that are often overlooked and use creative reflective activities as a tool for caring for cross-cultural workers (and their children from kindergarten to young adults.)</p>
<p><b>Saturday 1:30 - 2:30 PM</b>  <b>Workshops 2</b>  <i>open to all MCNW attendees</i></p>	<p><b>Room 172</b>  <b>What Does Soul Care Look Like in Eleven Areas of Concern?</b>  <b>Amy Young, MA, LPC</b>  <b>Global Trellis</b>  In the session we painted the big picture of eleven areas of concern for many cross-cultural workers. In this workshop we will go granular and explore what soul care looks like in each area and what you can do to help foster soul care for those you work with.</p>	<p><b>Room 174</b>  <b>How to Support and Care for the Missionary Family</b>  <b>Lori Jackson</b>  <b>Barnabas International</b>  "Living on Mission" affects the entire family. Sending families to the mission field can lead to both positive impact and significant challenges. Research indicates that many TCKs (third culture kids) are struggling. Join us as we explore this research and discover ways to help families thrive during their cross-cultural experiences.</p>
<p><b>Saturday 3:00 - 4:30 PM</b>  <b>Session 2</b>  <b>The Basement</b>  <i>only for registered</i>  <i>Care Connexion attendees</i></p>	<p><b>Smelling Like Sheep: God's Design for Missionary Care</b>  <b>Josh Beck</b>  <b>Baranabas International</b>  Caring for missionaries is a challenging task. How you provide care is crucial, but who you are becoming in the process is even more important for the flourishing of those you serve. Often, we need to slow down to align with God's work in us and through us. Shepherding is a key biblical analogy for leading and caring for others. A good Biblical grounding in a theology of shepherding can revolutionize how you care for those who go.</p>	
<p><b>Saturday 4:45 - 5:45 PM</b>  <b>Workshops 3</b>  <i>open to all MCNW attendees</i></p>	<p><b>Room 172</b>  <b>Best Practices for Member Care Through the Local Church</b>  <b>Terry Jackson</b>  <b>Barnabas International</b>  This workshop will explore essential local church practices to promote missionary vitality and church vibrancy. With insightful presentations, collaborative discussions, and lively interactions, participants will examine the opportunities and challenges of member care. Together, we'll foster a shared learning environment to navigate and lead in our ever-evolving global context.</p>	<p><b>Room 174</b>  <b>What's In a Name?</b>  <b>The Terminology of Stress and Trauma</b>  <b>Barney M. Davis, Jr., M.D.</b>  <b>Barnabas International</b>  Trying to determine how I'm stressed is stressing me out. A review of the various diagnostic categories, criteria, terminologies, and treatment options commonly seen in situations of stress and trauma in international worker settings.</p>
<p><b>Saturday 5:45 - 6:45 PM Dinner &amp; Closing Time</b> <b>Student Center</b>  <i>only for registered Care Connexion attendees</i></p>		