

# Mission **Connexion** Program 2025 Northwest



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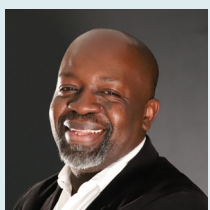
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# Workshops

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### Workshop Track: Apologetics Choir Room

#### Apologetics Led by the Holy Spirit

Roy Swart

*The Ambassadors Forum*

Come learn to do apologetics the way the Bible teaches: led by the Holy Spirit and tailored to your unique gift and each conversation. Discover various methods, adjust in real time and improve with every interaction to help others grow in their faith. You will be blessed.

#### Where Else Would We Go? Dealing with Doubt

Adrian Toader

*The Ambassadors Forum*

Many Christians struggle with doubt, and any thinking person will question their beliefs. Learning to address doubt helps us strengthen our faith and support others. This session will explore a strategy to confront questions and show that the grass isn't greener on the other side.

#### Why Are Christians Such Hypocrites?

Shawn Hart

*The Ambassadors Forum*

Hypocrisy keeps people from Christ, causes others to walk away and makes it hard for followers to engage. With leaders failing to live what they teach, it's a common objection. This session explores how to address hypocrisy and turn it into a heartfelt, Gospel-centered conversation.

#### Transgenderism: Looking at the Roots

KathyGrace Duncan

*The Ambassadors Forum*

Come and hear a story of redemption and restoration when there is a "yes" to the Lord and the truth is embraced. Also, get a look into what lies beneath the desire to live as the opposite sex when the lie is embraced.

### Workshop Track: Bible Translation Room 166

#### Track Sponsor: Bibles For The World

#### Bible Translation: It's Not Our Job

David Moore

*Wycliffe Bible Translators*

A shift is happening around the world. What does it look like to see Bible translation as a ministry of the local churches in the area where the language is spoken to equip them to serve those around them? And what roles can people from outside the language community have in the process?

#### Can We Use "Allah" in Bible Translation?

Scott Clark

*Wycliffe Bible Translators*

Let's look at translation issues in Muslim areas. There are still many Muslim-majority languages in the world that have little or no Scripture. Some translation issues arise that have no easy answers. Let's discuss those!

#### Why Are Linguists Needed in Bible Translation?

Dr. Danny Foster

*Canada Institute of Linguistics*

Linguistics is the scientific study of language and its structure, but why is it so important for Bible translation? And more importantly, do YOU have what it takes to do linguistic research and help end Bible poverty on Earth? This interactive workshop will help you answer both questions!

#### Bible Translation in Diaspora

Anne Liggett

*SIL Global/Wycliffe Bible Translators*

In many regions where Bible translation work is very difficult, God has brought people to our own backyards! Learn how God used diaspora people in the Bible and how God is working in the diaspora today to accomplish Bible translation. Walk away with opportunities for local involvement.

### Workshop Track: Building Bridges with Muslims and Hindus Room 204

#### Track Sponsor: Passion 4 People International

#### Building Bridges with Your Muslim Friends

Team members

*Passion 4 People International*

During this session you'll learn practical ways to building bridges with your Muslim-background neighbors, co-workers and friends.

#### Peace and the Middle East

Samuel Hakim

*Redeeming the Nations Ministries*

The Middle East has a long history of conflict, rooted in territorial disputes, ethnic and religious tensions. What God is doing in the Middle East dispute of all conflicts? What opportunities for the gospel we are praying for?

#### Reaching Hindus: Sacred Cows, Serious Devotion and Salty Feet

Dr. Brad Butcher and team

*Passion 4 People International*

Why are cows considered holy while certain people are considered worthless? Explore Hinduism, understand your own faith's worth and get ready to get "salty," even if it hurts. We'll look at practical ways to reach a Hindu neighbor, co-worker or friend.

#### Reaching Your Hindu Neighbor or Coworker: Discovery, Miracles, Grit

Dr. Brad Butcher and team

*Passion 4 People International*

Learn how to use the tools of Spirit-empowered Bible discovery, prayer-driven-miracles and sacrificial friendship to lead Hindus to become "Yesu Bhaktis."

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Workshop Track: **Business as Mission** Room 206Track Sponsor: **GFA World****Integrating Business and Ministry for the Kingdom****Robert Bush and Larry Sharp**  
*IBEC Ventures*

IBEC Ventures has been providing overseas Business as Mission coaching expertise since 2006. Our objective has always been to build sustainable companies that create jobs and make disciples in the workplace. This workshop will focus on the importance of building these businesses for Christ.

**Why Invest in BAM Frontier Markets?****James Dirksen**  
*Solutional*

Frontier markets receive less than 1% of investment dollars from Christian investors even though they may have the largest possible Kingdom impact. See what a 2024 investment report shows us about how Christians invest and talk about reasons to focus on frontier markets.

**The Target on Our Backs****James Dirksen**  
*Solutional*

Explore the external factors that can be the cause of most of the trouble (and possibly the failure) of your BAM enterprise in a developing country. We'll discuss government interference, violent conflict, routes to market, infrastructure issues and more.

**Help! I Inherited a Business!****Brian Buhler**  
*Nehemiah Entrepreneurship Community*

Just joined a mission team and inherited a business unexpectedly? This workshop equips you with practical tools to assess, manage, and lead the business successfully. Learn how to navigate challenges, create a plan, and drive sustainability while staying focused on your mission.

Workshop Track: **Coaching: A Tool of Transformation** Room 165**How Coaching Helps People Go Further****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: **Disciple-Making Tools for Ordinary Believers** Room 176**Tools for Goers****Russ and Will Richmond**  
*E3 Partners and World Venture*

Amazing stories start when ordinary people go out to the lost and meet them in everyday life. It's not about being specially gifted, just obedient. Local leaders will give you two simple tools that people like you have used to multiply disciples: 411 training and the disciple-making cycle.

**Crucial Prayer Rhythms of Disciple Makers****Joe Kimmell and JD Heder**

Every global disciple-making movement has been preceded by a prayer movement. Disciple makers work in teams and pursue some vital rhythms of prayer. We will teach you some key intercession and abiding tools that will open up the heavens.

**Everyday Disciple Making in Conversations and DBS****Brent Hofen and Daniel Buckwalter**  
*Mission Church PDX and City First Church*

Millions of disciples and churches are miraculously multiplying around the world. Local leaders are passing on tools you can use to engage the mission field around you. In this session, we will train you to use discovery Bible studies and the "conversation quadrant" to gently lead friends to God.

**The DMM Pathway: Steps Anyone Can Take to Make Disciples****Wayne Shinseki**  
*Beaverton Disciple Maker*

Millions of new disciples and churches are multiplying around the world in Kingdom movements. Local leaders are passing on these tools as you engage the mission field around you. In this session, we will show you the steps to pray for someone to disciple, engage them right where they are, meet, do DBS and then multiply!

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Workshop Track: **Focus on Children and Families Room 161**

Track Sponsor: **Duolos Discovery School**

### The Least of These

**Kaitie Newcomb**

#### *Special Hope Network*

Worldwide, children with intellectual disabilities are too often set aside, counted out, or neglected. What if those children and their parents knew they are precious, valuable individuals with an important role in their families, community and the Kingdom of God?

### Sharing the Gospel as a Family

**Jeff Wagnell**

#### *Child Evangelism Fellowship*

Sharing the Gospel is a huge part of the Great Commission, and raising children to know and follow Christ is also a huge responsibility. What if you could do both at the same time? Let's talk through ideas that can get your whole family on mission together!

### Giving Gen Alpha a Missional Worldview

**Ruth Jordan**

#### *Village Church*

How can we encourage children to live out the Gospel today? Growing up in a post-Christian tech-driven world, the Alpha generation requires a different approach to learning. Discover how collaboration, prayer, and practical faith application empower them to reach their generation with the Gospel.

### Reaching Children in Your Neighborhood

**Jeff Wagnell**

#### *Child Evangelism Fellowship*

Do you have a burden for the children in your neighborhood? We will look at ways that you can share the love of Christ with the children, no matter the time of year.

Workshop Track: **Fundamentals for Pro-Life Ministry Room 163**

### How to Talk about Abortion in the Real World

**Bethany Burns**

#### *Abundant Life*

Join Abundant Life Executive Director Beth Burns as she shares what the Bible has to say about abortion, what science has to say about abortion and solid logical and ethical arguments for the pro-life position. Includes Q&A.

### The Awful Reality of "Choice"

**Dan Kreft**

#### *Seven-Foot Apologist*

We'll use state-of-the-art in-utero photography to demonstrate how God wove you together in your mother's womb. Then, we'll pull back the curtain to expose the reality behind the "pro-choice" proponents' pithy slogans and euphemisms. Parental discretion is strongly advised.

### A Matter of Life and Death

**Andrew Kerin**

#### *Tiny Heartbeat Ministries*

Learn to counsel moms and dads considering abortion. Drawing from his experience overseas, interactions with the FBI's Hostage Negotiation Team and bilingual conversations outside of abortion clinics, Andrew will equip you to cross the cultural divide on the issue of abortion.

### Engaging Churches in the Pro-Life Movement

**Sophia Martin**

#### *Love Life*

Dedicated to uniting and mobilizing evangelical churches, Love Life equips churches for ministry to all those affected by abortion. This workshop would provide actionable tools for evangelism, prayer and discipleship through the "hear, pray, go, connect" framework of Nehemiah 1-3.

Workshop Track: **Growing Mission Engagement in Your Local Church Room 203**

### Assessing and Developing Potential Missionaries

**Dave Childers**

#### *Upstream Collective*

Acts 13 paints a picture of the centrality of the local church in identifying, assessing and sending missionaries. Do you want to see your church raising up and sending missionaries from your church? You will leave this workshop with practical ideas for doing that!

### Mission Education Classes to Consider for Your Church

**Jake Embleton and Bret Johnson**

#### *MissionConnexion,*

#### *Simply Mobilizing*

Know about "Perspectives"? Learn about "Kairos" and "Pathways to Global Understanding." Both video-based courses provide a great foundation for mission education and could be just what you and your church need to come together and go further in God's global mission.

### Cultivating Missions Awareness in Your Church

**Dave Childers**

#### *Upstream Collective*

Eager to see your church be "all in" with missions? This is the place to start! We will explore how local churches around the country are engaging their entire congregation towards the nations. You will walk away with practical steps to apply in your church context.

### Missionary Care and the Local Church

**Stan Horrell**

#### *MissionCare Collective*

This workshop is designed to help churches develop an awareness of the critical need for missionary/member care, execute excellent care strategies, and intentionally collaborate with mission organizations in member care.

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**Workshop Track: How to Build the Kingdom Together Room 164****Barriers to Unity: Moving from Ignorance to Influence**

Pastor Adrian Reeves  
*The National African American Missions Council*

Conflict is a natural part of every community but can often harm families, ministries, and the expansion of the Great Commission. This workshop equips participants with practical tools for navigating conflict while honoring differences. You'll also explore how cultures are formed and transformed.

**Trading Places: Eyes to See a Different Perspective**

Rev. Sonji Pass  
*TMS Global*

We interpret the world through different lenses which can divide us. This workshop explores three cultural paradigms. We'll uncover how cultures embody deeper values and how seeing new perspectives can help us go farther. Join us to connect culture with transformation.

**Kingdom Culture and Communication**

Pastors Adrian Reeves and Rickie Bradshaw  
*The National African American Missions Council*

What does it mean and what does it look like to be salt and light within our neighborhoods and the nations we are called to serve? This workshop will explore the dynamics of the Kingdom of God operating as a countercultural force for community transformation.

**Cultural Engagement Activity**

Pastor Adrian Reeves,  
Rev. Sonji Pass and  
Rickie Bradshaw

God is sending the mission field to America's cities as refugees, immigrants and international students. Come encounter a cultural simulation experience that will challenge your communication skills for the purposes of Gospel proclamation.

**Workshop Track: Keynote Speakers Q&A Room 175****Q&A with Michelle Atwell**

Gilbert Gleason and  
Michelle Atwell  
*SEND*

Michelle Atwell of SEND is one of our keynote speakers at this year's MissionConnexion. Want to hear more from her? We'd love to have you come to this informal gathering with Michelle. Bring your questions and comments.

**Q&A with Matthew Ellison**

Gilbert Gleason and  
Matthew Ellison  
*Sixteen:Fifteen Outfitters*

Matthew Ellison of 16:15 Outfitters 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 Matthew. Bring your questions and comments.

**Q&A with Patrice Tsague**

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*Nehemiah E. Community*

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**Q&A with Randy Remington**

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*The Foursquare Church*

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**Workshop Track: Local Outreach Room 205****Mobilizing Your Church People for Ministry**

Louisa Partain  
*East River School of Ministry*

Does your church have a challenge engaging its members in active ministry roles? You're not alone! Why is that, and what can be done about it? Get practical ideas for mobilizing your people for fruitful and fulfilling ministry. God's people are ready to engage in local outreach. Let's go!

**Master Planning for Fruitful Local Outreach**

Pastor Dan Critchett  
*LifeTeam Int'l and N.E.T. Gatherings*

Do you really think you can 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, then some tools, training, and support. Interested? Come to this workshop!

**How Can We Connect with People Near Our Church?**

Stuart Smith  
*Clackamas LoveINC*

One great mark of Christians is how we respond to people in need. How can God use your passions, skills and resources to make a life-changing difference in the neighborhood around you? When God works through the people of your church, needs are met, hearts are opened, and local outreach happens!

**If Our Local Outreach Is Successful, Then What?**

Dr. Jordan Newton  
*Corban University*

Jesus told us to go and make "disciples," not converts or church members. When people respond to our outreach or even come to faith in Christ, that's the beginning of a wonderful (and challenging) journey. But we must go beyond. How? Don't wonder and worry. Get some hope and help at this workshop.

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### Praying for Missionaries from the Psalms

Dennis Fuqua

*International Renewal Ministries*

The Book of Psalms is God's collection of prayers. What better way to pattern our prayers? This workshop will help you pray for your missionary friends using God's prayer book as a guide.

## Workshop Two

Saturday 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

### Building a Local Church Prayer Culture and Team

Mark Jones

*Mannahouse*

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.

## Workshop Three

Saturday 1:30 – 2:30 PM

### Joining the Worldwide Prayer Movement

Dennis Fuqua

*International Renewal Ministries*

God has recently raised up many fresh opportunities for people to pray into the worldwide missions movement. This workshop will share about several of these opportunities and show how your prayers can be joined with many others to impact God's plans on Earth.

## Workshop Four

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### Prayer in Portland

James Autry

*Serving Our Neighbors*

"Aslan is on the move!" So much has happened and so much more is coming. God is fulfilling the words He has released over Portland to heal every aspect of our city and raise up our city as a model to the nations! Hear what that healing looks like and how you can join us in what's next.

## Workshop Track: Ministries of Prayer Room 201

## Workshop Track: Ministries of Welcoming Room 160

### 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 trauma-informed ministry.

### Welcoming Foreigners

Dr. Annette Harrison

*Corban University*

Language is foundational to our identities and habits. But what do you do when faced with someone who communicates differently?

This workshop will demystify language learning and teach you to show welcome to foreign friends as you learn from them. Language learning is hospitality.

### PDX Diaspora Coalition

Dave Martin

*Mosaix PDX*

The PDX Diaspora Coalition (PDC) brings together holistic ministry, evangelism, discipleship, church planting, and church leadership development to uplift and empower the diverse diaspora communities in Portland. Learn how you and your church can be involved.

### Welcoming International Students and Scholars

Kerry Sinclair

*International Students, Inc.*

Each year, around 1 million students and scholars from all over the world come to American universities. Through hospitality and genuine friendship, you can demonstrate the love of Christ and open doors to share the Gospel in natural, relationship-based ways. Come and learn how!

## Workshop Track: Next Steps and Big Choices Room 208

### Choosing a Life Work: Plugging into God's Purposes

Angela Brandle

*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. Look at what the Bible says about "call" and how to find your niche in what God is doing in the world today "at home" or "over there."

### Choosing a Group to Work With

Angela Brandle

*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 about a group to support or join so you will find a fit and your family and ministry will prosper.

### Discover My Role

Don Parrott

*MissionNext*

MissionConnexion is designed to help us be effectively mobilized into whatever mission role God has for us at this time in our lives. This session will help us understand each role (goer, sender, welcomer, prayer, mobilizer, learner) and consider possible "next steps" into that role.

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**Workshop Track: Perspectives for Mobilizing the Body of Christ Room 170****Movements Move: Engaging the World Christian Movement Today**  
Brian and Anna Darnell and Tyler Pease  
*Perspectives USA*

For 50 years, the Perspectives course has been a transformational tool mobilizing the body of Christ. Hear Anna Darnell (Perspectives Chief Training Officer) and Tyler Pease (NW Regional Director) share how the course is growing and changing and how you can help.

**Biblical and Historical Perspectives for Engaging God's Mission**  
Brian and Anna Darnell and Tyler Pease  
*Perspectives USA*

To be effective in the world, we need to see the world how God sees it. Scripture and history reveal a great story written by a great God! What can we learn by looking at God's story from both Biblical and historical perspectives? And how can these give greater hope and longevity to God's people?

**Cultural and Strategic Perspectives for Engaging God's Mission**  
Brian and Anna Darnell and Tyler Pease  
*Perspectives USA*

Viewing God's story from both cultural and strategic perspectives is more than learning how to be effective. These perspectives reveal God's heart for the nations and what He is establishing for eternity. Our most effective strategies are those that reflect what God is actively working toward.

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**Workshop Track: Professional Skills and Practical Needs Room 162****Agricultural Disciplemaking**  
Jim Stephens  
*Frontiers*

Learn how agriculture and natural resource development help build partnerships and make disciples in restricted-access regions.

**Design Hope: Engineering + Architecture as Ministry**  
Andrew Harding  
*Engineering Ministries International*

Explore case studies on how design professionals and business as mission models are transforming ministries in various sectors, including healthcare, education and disaster response. Our aim is to inspire attendees to worship God through their vocations, wherever that may lead.

**Providing Clean Water as Mission**  
Mark Nicklas  
*Beaverton Foursquare Church*

Consider working with church leaders on micro-projects to provide clean water in distressed areas. This practical workshop will outline steps to initiate or participate in this practical ministry.

**Using Your Talents and Giftings in Missions**  
Mary Pinkerton  
*Be One Together*

Do requirements for service seem lofty and unattainable? Explore how God can use your gifts and talents for ministry here and abroad to reach, serve, and show love to people and support what others are doing.

**Workshop Track: Spiritual Warfare and Spiritual Preparation Room 202****Quiet Places in Mission: Keep Company with Jesus**  
Kris Prenger  
*Interserve USA*

Contemplative practices may slow things down in a fast-paced medical and digital world, but help you thrive on the mission field. Learn to embrace mystery and explore how disciplines point to truths in Matthew 11: "...Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly."

**Prepare for and Be Victorious in Spiritual Warfare**  
Don Parrott  
*MissionNext*

All who take steps to be seriously involved in reaching the lost for Christ will experience attacks from the enemy. This workshop will instruct you from the Word of God on how to win those battles and increase your effectiveness in reaching the unreached.

**What If I Run into a Demon?**  
Dr. Gerry Brashears  
*Western Seminary*

Knowing the types and limits of satanic stratagems against Christians and the church is essential in our increasingly pagan society. We will develop practical methodologies from a strong Biblical and theological foundation to help people find freedom from spiritual bondage.

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### Workshop Track: Telling Jesus Stories Fireside Room

#### Salty Conversations: 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.

#### Translations: Sharing Good News across Cultures and Generations

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.

#### Skills for Sharing Stories from Scripture

Brian Shimer  
*Lionhearted Ministries*

Did you know you can learn a Bible story in about ten minutes? This workshop will help you learn how to share stories one-on-one or with groups, ask questions, and engage others in discussions based on the story.

### Workshop Track: Wholistic Missions Room 207

Track Sponsor: Get HOPE Global

#### Pursuing Wholism in Our Ministry

Taher and Nathan

*Wholistic Health International*

Discovering the Biblical basis for wholistic ministry helps us to better understand the Great Commandment and, therefore, pursue an effective Great Commission. This perspective integrates the physical, social and spiritual arenas to bring transformation to the whole person and their community.

#### Wholistic Disciple Making in Community

Charlotte D.

*Medical Ambassadors International*

Explore practical ways to reach the unreached through wholistic disciple-making and community transformation, using fruitful practices like God's Big Story, making spiritually, physically, socially and emotionally healthy disciples, creative access to communities and finding people of peace.

#### Effective Wholistic Missions

Taher and Nathan

*Wholistic Health International*

Wholistic missions integrate the physical, social and spiritual arenas to bring transformation to the whole person and their community. Join us to hear practical examples of communities living out the Great Commandment and Great Commission.

#### Wholism, Personally and in Ministry (Panel)

Paula

*Medical Ambassadors International*

Following Jesus takes us on a journey of wholistic transformation spiritually, physically, relationally, economically and more as we help others find healing in their lives and communities. Join us for real-life stories and a panel discussion with Paula, Charlotte, Taher and Nathan.

## Focus Track Workshops Below Are Open To All Attendees

Saturday 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

### Short-Term Mission

Room 212

#### How to Build Meaningful Relationships with Global Church Partners

Dan Shoemaker

*Reciprocal Ministries International*

God has not made us the same body part, but He has made us part of the same body! Too often what we say are relationships are really one-directional wish fulfillment interactions. We'll look at how to build meaning relationships with people who are different than us for the benefit of both of us.

Room 213

#### 7 Dirty Words of Short-Term Missions

Dale Lusk, International Director

*Evangelical Covenant Church*

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 mission 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?

Saturday 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

### Care

Room 172

#### Women and the Great Commission: Serving and Caring Well for Women

Denise Beck

*Velvet Ashes*

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.

Room 174

#### Creative Care for Cross Cultural Workers

Ericka Harris

*Oasis Rest International*

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.)



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**Short-Term Mission**

Room 212

**Global Safety & Security**  
Bill Pope, President  
*MissionSafe*

Mission trips come with inherent risk, but how do you take care of your people? We'll address the idea of "duty of care" for those going on mission trips and risk mitigation for those sending others on mission trips.

Room 213

**Mission Makeover**  
Nathan Nelson, Pastor of  
Mission & Outreach  
*Bethany Community Church*

The church today needs to recenter the suffering of the most vulnerable near and far to be as core to its mission as it was for Jesus. If your church's mission identity has been reduced to a once a year trip or mere handouts, come to consider how kingdom flourishing can be at the heart of every facet of your ministry.

Saturday 1:30 – 2:30 PM

**Care**

Room 172

**What Does Soul Care Look Like in Eleven Areas of Concern**  
Amy Young, MA, LPC  
*Global Trellis*

In the Care Connexion Session 1 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.

Room 174

**How to Support and Care for the Missionary Family**  
Lori Jackson  
*Barnabas International*

"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.

Saturday 4:45 – 5:45 PM

**Short-Term Mission**

Room 212

**Mission Trip Training for the Goer**

Kathy Mort, MissionExcellence Curriculum & Training Director  
*MissionWorks*

This workshop outlines essential topics to be covered for a mission trip before you go and ways to make the training engaging, where your participants actually want to come!

Room 213

**Purposefully Designing with Your Partner**

Ryan Hurlburt  
*CultureLink, Inc.*

This workshop will help you work with your partner to design a trip based around a shared purpose rather than the agenda of one partner. When done well, your trips will be more creative and effective and your teams will be better prepared.

Saturday 4:45 – 5:45 PM

**Care**

Room 172

**Best Practices for Member Care Through the Local Church**

Terry Jackson  
*Barnabas International*

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.

Room 174

**What's In a Name? The Terminology of Stress and Trauma**

Barney M. Davis, Jr., M.D.  
*Barnabas International*

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.

## Consider the Global Church Response to the Middle East

Saturday, January 18, 2025 12:15 – 1:15 PM/\*Sanctuary

*\*No food is allowed in the sanctuary. Lunch will be available from 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM.*

Join an Israeli Jewish Christian and a Christian Palestinian for a Biblical perspective on God's desire for His global church and the Middle East crisis. How can we encourage and effectively partner with the Middle East church to share the love of Jesus with the people of the land including Jews, Muslims and all unbelievers?

**Facilitated by:** Brian Heerwagen, CEO  
*MissionWorks*

John Jordan, Missions Pastor  
*Village Church*

**Panel:** Dr. Fares Abraham, President & CEO

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