Session 1 Workshops / Friday 5:30 - 6:30 PM

FEATURED WORKSHOP

ORIENTATION

Making the Most of MissionConnexion

Event Steering Team

Learn more about Mission Connexion's purpose and approach. Get some help and spend some time designing your strategy for engaging with exhibitors, workshops and plenary sessions and get a tool that will help you capture and crystallize what you learn.

APOLOGETICS

Is Christianity the Enemy of My Freedom?

Shawn Hart

The Ambassadors Forum

Is Christianity a set of shackles that keeps people from living the good life? Why does it seem so restrictive? Learn to walk with others through this tough conversation in order to make a compelling case for Christ as the only way to access the truly good life

BIBLE TRANSLATION

Faith Comes by Hearing... or Does It?

Katie Wiseman Pioneer Bible Translators

Less than 2% of the world's 70 million Deaf people know God. For millions more, the Gospel remains inaccessible. They often feel unwelcome at the dinner table, holiday celebrations, church and even the Lord's Supper. Sign language Bible translation is changing that.

BIBLE TRANSLATION

Profit + Purpose... Is It Possible?

Robert Bush & Larry Sharpe IBEC Ventures

While sustainability is an extremely important objective for every business, making disciples in the workplace is why we do what we do. So... how can you do both when they sometimes seem like they're in opposition to one another?

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DISABILITY

The Lost Great Commmission

Spencer Miller Joni and Friends

Don't neglect the Luke 14 mandate! The parable of the Great Banquet teaches us to go to the margins and bring in the disabled so that God's house will be full. Learn how to intentionally evangelize, disciple and serve people living with disabilities.

EVANGELISM

Keeping Christ in the Conversation

Brad Butcher Passion 4 People

Learn how to use simple tools like 3-Stories and 3-Circles in a chill, discovery-style format that makes it easier to connect, share your faith naturally and help those you share with to do the same. It's about real talk that leads to lasting relationships.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Q&A with Dr. Pam Arlund All Nations International

Dr. Pam Arlund of All Nations International is one of our keynote speakers for this year's conference. Want to hear more from her? Come to this informal gathering and bring your questions and comments.

MISSIONARY CARE

Member Care 101

Stan Horrell MissioCare Collective

Whether you're just beginning or looking to deepen your involvement, this session will help you build a solid foundation for effectively caring for global workers-so they remain healthy, resilient and fruitful in life and ministry.

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PRAYER

The Prayers God Will Answer James Autry

Serving Our Neighbors

God hears most, if not ALL of our prayers! But let's explore what prayers God WILL answer and why. Then, we will ONLY pray in such a way that will move His heart and hand.

REACHING JEWS

How to Raise the Level of Passion for Reaching Jewish People

Helen Chan

Chinese Christian Mission

Explore the importance of Jewish evangelism and learn how you can be part of it through an outreach team in Portland, Learn how to approach Jewish people, build relationships and share the Gospel with them. We will also look at God's promises to Abraham and why Jews are persecuted.

REACHING MUSLIMS

Engaging Muslims in Migration and Diaspora

Dr. Peter Lee **Biola University**

Explore the triad commands of Jesus, the Great Commission, the Great Commandment and the Golden Rule, as a framework for engaging Muslims outside their countries of origin. Then consider a three-level approach to engaging them.

SHORT-TERM MISSION

Preparing for Your Short-Term Mission Trip

Kathy Mort MissionWorks

Training is more than preparing logistics or reading a handbook. Join others and learn how pre-field training that is well-designed and implemented can result in people who have servant hearts, are team players and are culturally prepared for service.

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Session 2 Workshops / Saturday 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

FEATURED WORKSHOP

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APOLOGETICS

What Makes Jesus Different?

Nathan Betts

Highlands Community Church

Christianity claims God became human. And here's the thing: the more we dig into this belief, the stranger it seems. This session will zoom in on what makes Jesus Christ who He is and what sets Him apart from the great religions of the world.

BIBLE TRANSLATION

Can We Use Allah in Bible Translation?

Scott Clark

Wycliffe Bible Translators

Thousands of Muslim majority languages still lack access to God's Word. Some translation challenges raise deep questions with no easy answers. Let's explore them together!

BUSINESS AS MISSION

BAM Is Traditional Mission Work

James Dirksen **IBEC Ventures**

In this session we will dive deep into how Business as Missions is not new, and how the creation of thriving businesses is as old as Christian missions itself.

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DIGITAL MISSIONS

The Great Commission **Goes Digital**

Natalie Mubita Switchboard

Stop outsourcing missions to missionaries! Discover practical, actionable ways we can work together to bring the Gospel to all peoples. Through virtual volunteering, every believer can find their unique role in God's global story and help move the Great Commission forward.

EVANGELISM

Back to the Future of **Disciplemaking**

Mark Levesque For His Glory Ministries

What if your church or ministry could create a movement of disciples that multiplies exponentially? Learn the powerful, biblical discipleship strategy that has already helped over 11,000 churches multiply their small groups into more than 569,315 creating a movement of over 6.1 million disciples.

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EVANGELISM

Compassion Evangelism Mike Maksimowicz

Ignite the World Ministries

Throughout the world, many unreached people are coming to Christ through compassion evangelism. Come hear amazing stories and testimonies on how unreached people are receiving the Gospel through clean water wells, bags of rice, disaster relief, healing, miracles and love from the one, true God.

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FOUNDATIONS

What Exactly Is the Gospel?

Mike Bell

Healing Nations

Many treat the Gospel as an eternal estate planning policy, a message about personal salvation and the afterlife. But Jesus only used the term "Gospel" in reference to the Kingdom of God and its King coming to earth, a message with big implications for all areas of life and entire nations.

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Noontime Gatherings | Saturday | 12:15 - 1:15 PM

MIDDLE EAST / SANCTUARY

Middle East Update

Join us for an inspiring glimpse into God's powerful work across North Africa and the Middle East. National leaders will share firsthand stories of what He is doing in their communities, how the gospel is being made known in remarkable ways, and the bold vision shaping the future of the church. This is a unique opportunity to discover the hope-filled realities you won't hear in the headlines—and to be encouraged by how God is moving in this pivotal region.

No food or drink is allowed in the sanctuary so plan to eat before or after this meeting.

PERSPECTIVES / CHOIR ROOM

Perspectives Alumni Gathering

Join our Northwest Perspectives leaders and Dr. Pam Arlund. Find out what is happening with Perspectives on the World Christian Movement in the Northwest and around the world.

Bring your lunch with you and be inspired!

Session 2 Workshops / Saturday 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Q&A with Dr. Charles Mugisha Africa New Life Ministries

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questions and comments.

LOCAL CHURCH

The Journey of a Healthy Church **Dan Critchett**

LifeTeam and N.E.T. Gathering

What are the key components of a healthy church? How is your church doing? How can it be better? Pastors and lay leaders will find this workshop practical and encouraging. With Dan, Stuart Smith and Dennis Blevins, our teaching team has over 100 years of church experience and offers ongoing support.

MISSIONARY CARE

Supporting Those Who Serve **Eric & Sabrina Walters**

Core Values Counseling

Missionaries and couples in ministry pour out their lives for others, often at great personal cost. This conversation will offer a compassionate look at how to nurture the marriages and partnerships of those who serve, so they can lead from a place of health and connection.

NEXT GENERATION Signs of Awakening

Billy McMahan Africa Inland Mission

Is revival truly breaking out, or are we simply witnessing a series of viral spiritual moments around the world? Together, we will explore how the Church can recognize, discern and actively participate in what God is doing among the next generation.

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PRAYER Cultivating Intimacy with God

Mark Jones Mannahouse Church

Cultivating intimacy with God is the heartbeat of our faith - not about doing more for Him but about living every day with Him. In this workshop, we'll explore how to draw near to God in the quiet place, experience His love and carry His presence into every part of life and ministry. Come expectant.

Bagh Initiative: Pray for Bengalis

REACHING MUSLIMS

Jake Embleton

MissionConnexion

What kind of impact could multiple churches partnering together make in serving the least reached in the world? This workshop will share more about an exciting initiative unfolding in the Phoenix area

SHORT-TERM MISSIONS **Raising Support for Your Short-Term Mission Trip**

Greg Von Tobel Prisoners for Christ

Learn proven, practical strategies to raise support for short-term mission trips and lead others to do the same. Participants will gain step-by-step tools for mobilizing financial and prayer partners, plus tips to empower teams and individuals to confidently fund and multiply their mission impact.

UNSHAKABLE CHURCH Keys to an Unshakable Church

Pastor Adrian Reeves National African American **Missions Council**

In times of political unrest, decline in church attendance, disengaged youth and a drifting away of sound biblical doctrine, how do churches remain faithful and fruitful in accomplishing the mission of Jesus and His Kingdom? Rediscover what makes churches unshakable in uncertain times.

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Session 3 Workshops / Saturday 1:30 - 2:30 PM

APOLOGETICS

Now What? Using Questions in **Gospel Conversations** Ivy Tyson

This workshop will introduce you to three types of questions you can use in all types of situations as you follow God's lead in conversations about faith, life and controversial topics. Come ready to learn and practice!

ARTS

Using the Arts to Share the Gospel

Laura Wilson **WEC International**

Ever wonder if the creative talents God has given you can be used to share the Gospel? Can painting, drama, music and other arts help bridge the culture gap? Let's look at some of the non-traditional ways to communicate God's love and pitfalls to avoid.

BIBLE TRANSLATION

Babel: Division or Multiplication?

Dr. Danny Foster Canada Institute of Linguistics

Biblical concepts in different languages can teach us a lot more about who God is. This means much of His character has yet to be discovered in language communities that are still waiting to get Scripture! Rediscover familiar Biblical ideas through Kham, Hdi, Kare, Sabaot and Mexican Sign Language.

BUSINESS AS MISSION

Preventing Trafficking. Restoring Dignity. Building Sustainability.

Brian Buhler

Reclaim, Nehemiah E-Community

Learn how biblical entrepreneurship restores dignity, enables discipleship and builds sustainable communitiesreducing the vulnerabilities that lead to exploitation, displacement and human trafficking.

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EVANGELISM

Turning Clicks into Kingdom Conversations

Brent Hofen DMM Catalyst

What if your screen became a sending ground for disciplemakers? Hear how media is being used to find persons of peace and raise catalytic leaders around the world through targeted ads, simple follow- up systems and Spirit-led conversations leading to multiplying disciples.

FOUNDATIONS

The Work of the Holy Spirit in the Great Commission

Erwin van Laar The Great

Commission Foundation

The Holy Spirit is essential to the Great Commission, preparing believers, giving them spiritual gifts for service, and directing their efforts in spreading the gospel. Explore how the Spirit empowers us to be witnesses and fulfill what Jesus commanded.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

O&A with Reid Saunders Reid Saunders Association

questions and comments.

Reid Saunders is one of our keynote speakers for this year's conference. Want to hear more from him? Come to this informal gathering and bring your

LOCAL CHURCH

Growing Workers in Your Local Church

David & Elizabeth Givens Calvary Church

Cross Training is a robust training program crafted to train and mentor potential global workers with hands on experience in the local church and cross-culturally before they go. The Givens served with SEND International and Liz is on SEND's International Council.

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From the first time we gathered at the Palau HQ in Beaverton to dream and wonder how we could mobilize the local church for global outreach the heart of MissionConnexion has always been to glorify God by making disciples of all nations. Now, 25 years later, that heart remains - praise God! As I participated in MissionConnexion the exposure to what God was doing through other Christians to fulfill the Great Commission challenged and strengthened my conviction to be a part of Christ's global cause.

~ Dan Ferguson, Mission mobilizer and member of the first MC Steering Team and first Exec Team member



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MINISTRY MANAGEMENT

Scenarios: Responding to **Conflict and Complaints**

Theresa Sidebotham **Telios Law**

Is your church, business or ministry prepared for conflict? Navigating a workplace complaint effectively is challenging, but responding well can bring healing to all. Join us to participate in a collaborative table-top exercise with peer discussion to practice decision-making in a risk free environment.

MISSIONARY CARE

Panel Discussion: The Hidden **Cost of Helping Others Panel of Care Providers**

Panel made up of experts in trauma care and global worker support will discuss vicarious and secondary trauma, the hidden costs of helping others.

NEXT GENERATIONS

Creating Buy-in for Next Generation Leaders Billy McMahan

Africa Inland Mission

Learn how principles from business innovation and the world's fastest-growing Next Gen ministries can help leaders create genuine buy in that moves young leaders from vision to action. Leave with practical tools to bridge inspiration with execution, transforming potential into momentum.

PRAYER

Development of a **Regional Prayer Team**

Linda Hanratty Tillamook County Wide Prayer Team

Discuss a local church, multichurch and community-wide approach to development of prayer initiatives including development of prayer bridges to support the local communities, following the seven-mountain model. Hear about joys and pitfalls and get some new ideas.

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REACHING MUSLIMS What Does It Take to Share the Gospel with Muslims?

Pastor Sameh Maurice Kasr El-Dobara Evangelical Church

Does it seem impossible or intimidating to overcome the barriers and share Jesus with people who follow another religion? You don't have to be an expert. Learn how it's done in the Middle East, with lessons from our special guests from Egypt.

Making Your Mission Trip Safer Tory Ruark

SHORT-TERM MISSIONS

MissionExcellence

Is 2026 the right time to go on a mission trip? While no mission trip is safe, we can make them safer. In this workshop, you'll learn how to understand risk from a Biblical standpoint, assess the risk of a mission trip, and be prepared for crisis that can happen despite the best of planning.

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TRAUMA

From Flashback to Freedom: Jesus in Trauma

Abe Figueroa Charis Counseling Associations

Learn how to effectively deescalate a person who is in distress while increasing connection and building relational safety.

UNSHAKABLE CHURCH

Adaptive Leadership for Transition and Transformation

Rev. Sonii Pass TMS Global

In a world marked by rapid cultural change, God calls leaders to discern His voice, adapt with wisdom and lead with unshakable faith. Discover how to recognize cultural trends, lead faithfully through transition and align your influence with the unshakable Kingdom of God.

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As a mission mobilizer, I found the opportunity to help churches and individuals pursue God's calling in missions significant, and it is a reason I have supported Missions Connexion for 25 years. The increase in missionaries sent from the northwest, the collaboration among churches supporting them, and the growth of mission involvement among people in our churches are hopes realized by all the missions pastors and leaders who dreamed of the possibility of Mission Connexion 25 years ago.

~ John Jordan, Mission mobilizer and member of the first MC Steering Team and first Exec Team member

Session 4 Workshops / Saturday 5:30 - 6:30 PM

FEATURED WORKSHOP

NEXT STEPS

Learn, Pray, Mobilize, Send, Welcome, Go?

Don Parrott, John Jordan and team

Is God stirring you to get more involved in His global purposes? Learn more about six roles, practices or pathways for mission engagement. We'll break into groups to share tips, resources and next steps.

BUSINESS AS MISSION

Continue Your Career in a Cross-Cultural Setting

Africa Inland Mission

I was 56 and loved my life in the US when God confirmed a call to go. The eight years I lived in East Africa were some of the most fulfilling and hardest years of my career. Let's talk about how you can take your profession overseas

DIGITAL MISSIONS

Serve Anywhere: How to Activate **Your Church for Virtual Missions**

Natalie Mubita Switchboard

Too many believers have outsourced The Great Commission to the church staff or missionaries. But the call was given to all of us. This workshop will give your church practical tools, strategies and inspiration to ignite Great Commission engagement.

EVANGELISM

Sharing Jesus with Courage and Compassion

Daniel Nalley Gospel Encounter

In a culture of division, believers are called to speak truth in love. We will explore how to navigate hard conversations with wisdom and conviction—boldly addressing controversial issues without compromising character, clarity or witness for Christ.

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LOCAL CHURCH Six Building Blocks of Trust Randy Thomas

MissioCare Collective

How does a local church move beyond offering surface-level spiritual and emotional help to its missionaries? What can be done to establish a deep level of trust that allows breakthrough communication?

MISSIONARY CARE

From Flashback to Freedom: Jesus in Trauma

Brad Peterson A New Life Christian Counseling

Learn about a Biblically grounded integration method where clients reprocess trauma by placing Jesus inside the memory itself. Like EMDR, this updates neural pathways, transforming suffering into resilience and spiritual victory.

PRAYER

Responding to Terror with Prayer **Bruce Sidebotham** Adopt a Terrorist for Prayer

What is a Christian response to violent attacks, threats and acts of terror? If our battle is not against flesh and blood, our response should not be fear or outrage, but prayer. Explore what it looks like to respond with a love for others that gives us courage and to seek God for transformation.

REACHING MUSLIMS

Discipling People from a Muslim **Background**

Nader Maurice

Kasr El-Dobara Evangelical Church

What happens after a Muslim becomes a follower of Jesus? What do we need to know about persecution and other challenges they may face, and how can we love and support them? Learn from our special guests from Egypt.

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SPIRITUAL WARFARE What If I Run into a Demon?

Dr. Gerry Breshears 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 bondage.

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UNSHAKABLE CHURCH Navigating Real-Life Scenarios

Pastor Adrian Reeves National African American Missions Council

This interactive, scenariobased workshop is designed to challenge participants to respond to real-life scenarios of missionaries and churches as they confront discouragement, division, debt, death and disease while pursuing the Great Commission.

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REDEEMING THE NATIONS MINISTRIES



Reaching the **Arab World With** the Gospel