

MNU 2016 PALCON Workshops

TIME	MONDAY - WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20-22
<p>MON 2:00 – 4:30 PM</p>	<p>PRE-CONFERENCE (for Women Clergy) Free to students, \$25 for those who pre-register by June 17, and \$35 at the door Register here.</p> <p>Creativity, Confidence, and Companionship: Vital Development in Times of Change This pre-conference seeks to aid clergywomen in finding their footing and voice in ministry and in life. Veteran pastors and church leaders, Carla Sunberg, Julie Cheney and Rebecca Lum will share their own ministry journeys -- the challenges they've encountered, and the support and encouragement they've received. Opportunities for dialogue and conversation with other colleagues will enrich the content offered by our featured speakers. Sponsored by the NTS Center for Pastoral Leadership in coordination with the Nazarene Women's Clergy Council, this event is</p> <p>Julie Cheney is Associate Pastor at Porterville, CA Church of the Nazarene. She brings her expertise in leadership and organizational strategy to the church as well as her desire to support people in being transformed by Jesus Christ. She is Southwest Representative for the USA/Canada Women Clergy Council and influences her local community as the instructor for Leadership Porterville.</p> <p>Rebecca Lum is Lead Pastor at Plattsburgh Church of the Nazarene in upstate New York. She and her husband of almost 39 years, pastored together until he passed away from cancer in March of 2015. The many hats of ministry she has worn include: Ladies Ministry Director, Worship Pastor, Pastor of Small Groups, District Family Life Coordinator and serving on the District Ministry Board.</p> <p>Carla Sunberg is President of Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, MO. She and her husband, Chuck, served as co-district superintendents of the East Ohio District following several years as co-pastors of Grace Point Church of the Nazarene, Fort Wayne, IN and 13 years of service as missionaries in the former Soviet Union.</p>
<p>MON 2:00 – 4:30 PM</p>	<p>PRE-CONFERENCE (free) Tell the Story Equip disciples to be disciple-makers by enabling them to Tell THE Story. This easy-to-learn, quick-to-reproduce methodology of telling the Bible narrative using inductive questions was also Jesus' approach to capture the minds of his listeners. Learn how to help people remember the Living Word so they can share it with others. This highly interactive workshop will stick like Velcro in your heart and mind!</p> <p>Woodie Stevens is the global director of Sunday School and Discipleship Ministries International for the Church of the Nazarene. He previously served as superintendent of the New Mexico District, following pastorates in Colorado, Illinois, and South Dakota.</p>

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<p>MON 2:00 – 4:30 PM</p> <p>REPEATS EVERY 30 MIN.</p>	<p>PRE-CONFERENCE (free) Wesleyan-Holiness Digital Library Hear the providential story of the development of the largest collection of Wesleyan-Holiness digital resources available globally and discover how this resource can serve you and your local church. This 20-minute conversation will inspire you with the possibilities of collaboration and technology for a global impact. Join us to learn how this library is becoming a tool for evangelism and discipleship to the far corners of the globe. You will leave with ideas of how you can participate in the future development of the Wesleyan-Holiness Digital Library.</p> <p>Tammy Condon leads the Wesleyan-Holiness Digital Library development team in addition to serving as administrative director for the Church of the Nazarene’s International Board of Education and as co-pastor of an inner-city congregation in Kansas City, Missouri.</p>
<p>TUE 7:00 – 8:15 AM</p>	<p>Breakfast Dialog with Tom Noble An engaging discussion surrounding Tom Noble’s recent book <i>Holy Trinity, Holy People: The Theology of Christian Perfecting</i>.</p>
<p>TUE 12:00 – 1:00 PM</p>	<p>Lunch Dialog with Alan Hirsch Come and interact with Alan about his passion to reactivate the Missional Church.</p>
<p>TUE 1:30 - 2:30 PM</p>	<p>Follow Jesus? What Non-Christians Think of Evangelism Followers of Christ desire to share the hope they have with others, but don’t always know where to begin. While certain evangelistic methods may prove helpful, we may learn the most about evangelism by asking people who are not Christ-followers about their experience with it. This workshop will explore the perspectives of people from other faith traditions, non-believers, and new converts to uncover the good, the bad, and the ugly: how did evangelism factor into their decision to follow (or not follow) Christ?</p> <p>Thea Ardrey is the USA/Canada Region’s evangelism coordinator. Thea and her husband, Ryan, are co-pastors of an organic church they are planting in Kansas City, Missouri.</p>
<p>TUE 1:30 - 2:30 PM</p>	<p>Missional Hermeneutics This NTS-sponsored workshop will demonstrate how to interpret Scripture through the lens of the mission of God in the world. Examples of such interpretation with sermon and Bible study ideas will be provided.</p>

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	<p>Roger Hahn is Dean of the Faculty and Professor of New Testament at Nazarene Theological Seminary. He is the author of a commentary on the Gospel of Matthew and has contributed to a number of books. He is a regular contributor to Adult Sunday School resources for the Church of the Nazarene.</p>
<p>TUE 1:30 - 2:30 PM</p>	<p>Overcoming the Culture War A look at how the Church of the Nazarene can, and has, overcome the rhetoric of the LGBT debate to love and reach the heart of the LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender) community.</p> <p>Andy McGee is the Executive Director of Love Wins:LGBT and the Lead Pastor of Trinity Family Midtown Church of the Nazarene. He travels and speaks extensively on topics related to the LGBT community and the Church.</p>
<p>TUE 1:30 - 2:30 PM</p>	<p>Pastor as Resident Theologian God created the church as a primary resource in fulfilling His mission in our world. The goal of that mission is to tell everyone about God’s love, mercy, and grace and invite them into a relationship with Him. God appointed all local church pastors of every age group as the leader of “God talk” (theology) in each community of faith. The sermons, small group studies, and conversations pastors lead shape the theological understanding of their hearers. This workshop will explore some best practices for forming a Wesleyan-holiness understanding of the Christian faith.</p> <p>Frank Moore serves as the Church of the Nazarene’s General Editor and <i>Holiness Today</i> editor-in-chief. He comes to these roles after 29 years in Nazarene higher education.</p>
<p>TUE 1:30 - 2:30 PM</p>	<p>Principios de Jesús en el Cumplimiento de la Misión Analizar algunos de los principios que Jesús uso y enseñó a sus discípulos en el cumplimiento de la misión del reino de Dios y como estos principios pueden ser aplicado en la iglesia de hoy para el cumplimiento de la Gran Comisión.</p> <p>Roberto Hodgson ha servido como director de Misiones Hispanas USA/Canadá desde al año 2002. Fue asignado como el director de Ministerios Multicultural en 2012 USA/Canadá.</p>
<p>TUE 1:30 - 2:30 PM</p>	<p>Refocus on the Family The primary influencer in a child’s life is not the church; it is parents. Yet, even adults who strive to parent well often fall short when it comes to disciplining their children. Explore how your church can equip parents to minister more effectively to their families.</p>

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	<p>Leslie Hart has served children and families in churches large and small over twenty-five years of ministry. She is currently the Coordinator of Children’s Ministries for the USA/Canada Region.</p>
<p>TUE 1:30 - 2:30 PM</p>	<p>Self-Awareness and the Discipleship Process Learn how to empower your people to better serve and live in community through discovery and development of their strengths and personality. The presenter will relate recent research as well as practical experience to the development of disciples through self-awareness. Finally, application will be made for the use of self-awareness assessment tools to facilitate the denominational mission of Making Christlike Disciples in the Nations.</p> <p>Emmanuel Reinbold has served the Davenport First Church of the Nazarene since January of 2011. Previously, he served as pastor in McCook, Nebraska. Emmanuel’s doctoral dissertation focused on utilizing the impact of the PLACE assessment tool in the personal discipleship journey.</p>
<p>TUE 1:30 - 2:30 PM</p>	<p>The Permanent Revolution Alan Hirsch is convinced about the strategic missional importance of the recovery of the five-fold typology of ministry in Ephesians 4. This workshop will explore why every leader should be having this conversation.</p> <p>Alan Hirsch is an Australian missiologist, author, and thought leader in the missional church movement. He is the founder of 100 Movements, Forge Mission Training Network, and Future Travelers. Known for his innovative approach to mission, Alan is widely considered a key mission strategist for churches across the Western World.</p>
<p>TUE 1:30 - 2:30 PM</p>	<p>Top Legal Issues Every Church Leader Should Understand These days it seems as if being a church leader requires you to carry the Bible in one hand and a law treatise in the other. This workshop will answer your questions and provide helpful advice about how to stay ahead of some of the most challenging legal issues for churches.</p> <p>Michael Thompson serves as General Counsel for the Church of the Nazarene through the Global Ministry Center. In addition to being an attorney, he is an ordained elder.</p>
<p>TUE 1:30 - 2:30 PM</p>	<p>Understanding Generational Giving Trends Previous generations were satisfied with simply giving, but newer generations require a deeper understanding of the organizations they give to. Learn about the needs of different generations and how you can ensure their faithful gifts.</p> <p>Mark Lail has directed the Church of the Nazarene’s Stewardship Ministries team since 2008 and is a key liaison for the</p>

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	denominational funding plan, Funding the Mission.
TUE 1:30 - 2:30 PM	<p>Wesleyan Spiritual Practices as a Resource for Missional Ministry</p> <p>The life of ministry is demanding and if care is not taken can drain a person emotionally, spiritually, and even physically. This NTS-sponsored workshop identifies some of the resources of the Wesleyan tradition that provide spiritual sustenance for the minister and emotional health for long term missional ministry.</p> <p>Judith (Judi) Schwanz is Professor of Pastoral Care and Counseling at Nazarene Theological Seminary, where she teaches in areas such as grief and loss, marriage and family, and the dysfunctional church. She also directs the Wynkoop Center for Women in Ministry, and counsels NTS students. Her book, <i>Blessed Connections: Relationships that Sustain Vital Ministry</i>, was released by the Alban Institute in April 2008.</p>
TUE 1:30 - 2:30 PM	<p>When the Pastor is Angry</p> <p>Could it be that the octane of our anger is rich fuel for ministry? Let's take a trip to the shadow side and see what gifts are there.</p> <p>Dan Boone is the President of Trevecca Nazarene University, nationally acclaimed speaker, and author of these key books: <i>Human Sexuality: A Primer For Christians</i>, <i>The Way We Work</i>, <i>A Charitable Discourse</i>, and <i>The Worship Plot</i>.</p>
TUE 3:00 - 4:00 PM	<p>Becoming a Level 5 Multiplication Church and Leader</p> <p>Focusing on the specifics of helping churches identify where they are on the multiplication scale (Level 1-5) and what's needed to become a Level 5 multiplying church. Based upon the Exponential 2016 newly released book "Becoming a Level 5ive Multiplying Church Field Guide" by Exponential Founders Todd Wilson and Dave Ferguson. Free copies of the e-book will be given to all attendees on a thumb drive or may be downloaded for free in advance here.</p> <p>Bill Wiesman is the director of Evangelism and New Church Development for the Church of the Nazarene's USA/Canada Region and has helped start more than 125 churches.</p>
TUE 3:00 - 4:00 PM	<p>Chaplaincy Ministry: An Expanding Option for Pastors</p> <p>Explore the many interesting dimensions of chaplaincy ministry from National Guard, hospital and hospice, non-profit agencies, and local police and fire departments. Our panel of practitioners will help you discover how chaplaincy ministry can become a co-vocational partner in your weekly work schedule and/or as a way to add to your sphere of influence in your community. PANEL</p>

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<p>TUE 3:00 - 4:00 PM</p>	<p>Congregational and Cultural Exegesis How do you determine where to start ministry to another cultural group – whether it is a group that is ethnically or racially different from yourself or a congregation whose cultural world is radically different from yours? This NTS-sponsored workshop offers a pattern of asking questions and listening beneath the surface to understand the people to whom and with whom you minister.</p> <p>Philip Hamner is pastor of Overland Park Church of the Nazarene. He is completing his doctoral work at The University of Manchester in Doctrinal Theology.</p>
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<p>TUE 3:00 - 4:00 PM</p>	<p>Financial Self-Care: What Is Your “FiTAge” for Retirement? This workshop offers practical steps pastors can take to secure their financial future and face retirement without fear. It will include significant findings about retirement ages for Nazarene pastors as revealed in a study by the financial advisory firm of Willis Towers Watson.</p> <p>Don Walter is director of Pensions and Benefits USA, which supports almost 14,000 Nazarene clergy with retirement, insurance, and other financial assistance. A former pastor, Walter has worked with ministers and church benefits plans for more than 30 years.</p>
<p>TUE 3:00 - 4:00 PM</p>	<p>Human Sexuality Can we build and teach a theology of sexuality that will allow us to address the questions of culture? What does it look like and what is the pastor’s role in forming congregational discussion?</p> <p>Dan Boone is the President of Trevecca Nazarene University, nationally acclaimed speaker, and author of these key books: <i>Human Sexuality: A Primer For Christians</i>, <i>The Way We Work</i>, <i>A Charitable Discourse</i>, and <i>The Worship Plot</i>.</p>
<p>TUE 3:00 - 4:00 PM</p>	<p>Improving my Pastoral Counseling Toolbox One of the key roles of the pastor is that of counselor. Whether working with families, couples, or individuals, pastoral counseling takes an increasing amount of energy, time, and training. This workshop will explore this vital function within the</p>

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	<p>pastoral arena.</p> <p>Todd Frye is Dean of the School of Behavioral Sciences and Counseling and the Chair of the Counselor Education Department at MidAmerica Nazarene University. Todd has been practicing professional counseling since 1996.</p> <p>John Marra is pastor of Living Hope Church of the Nazarene in Olathe, KS. He is a trained counselor and teaches the Pastoral Care and Counseling class as an adjunct professor at MidAmerica Nazarene University.</p>
<p>TUE 3:00 - 4:00 PM</p>	<p>Listening to our Millennials: A “Fishbowl” Interchange</p> <p>In this unique workshop, several millennials will be invited to share their hopes, concerns, and ideas about the church in a “fishbowl” setting, with Scott Daniels as moderator. PALCON participants will watch and listen to this dialog and then will have opportunity to respond to issues addressed by this live audience interaction.</p> <p>T. Scott Daniels is senior pastor at Nampa College Church of the Nazarene. Scott has also pastored in Pasadena, California and Richardson, Texas and until recently served as the dean of School of Theology at Azusa Pacific University. A contributor to several books, journals, and magazines, he is the author of <i>The First 100 Days: A Pastor’s Guide</i>; <i>Seven Deadly Spirits: The Message of Revelation’s Letters for Today’s Church</i>; and <i>The Cycle of Victorious Living</i>.</p>
<p>TUE 3:00 - 4:00 PM</p>	<p>Holy Trinity: Holy People</p> <p>This workshop continues the dialog from the morning breakfast session discussing Tom Noble’s key theological articulation of the Wesleyan doctrine of perfection.</p> <p>Thomas A. Noble is Professor of Theology at Nazarene Theological Seminary and Visiting Lecturer and Ph.D. Research Supervisor at Nazarene Theological College, Manchester, England. Most recently, he is the author of <i>Holy Trinity: Holy People: The Theology of Christian Perfecting</i>.</p>
<p>TUE 3:00 - 4:00 PM</p>	<p>Preaching That Connects</p> <p>This workshop combines good exegetical methods with communication skills that enable the preacher not only to preach with clarity, but to “connect” genuinely and relationally with the congregation in a way that keeps the listeners engaged from the introduction to life application to the benediction.</p> <p>Jim Russom served in active pastoral ministry for thirty-five years prior to accepting a full time faculty position at Nazarene Bible College. James is the Director of Pastoral Ministries programs and is lead preaching professor at NBC.</p>

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<p>TUE 3:00 - 4:00 PM</p>	<p>The Wesleyan Foundation of the Master's Plan Investigate the key principles John Wesley used for making disciples that are reflected in the Master's Plan today. Discover key steps for establishing the Master's Plan small group discipleship methodology in your church.</p> <p>Woodie Stevens is the global director of Sunday School and Discipleship Ministries International for the Church of the Nazarene. He previously served as superintendent of the New Mexico District, following pastorates in Colorado, Illinois, and South Dakota.</p>
<p>TUE 3:00 - 4:00 PM</p>	<p>Worship In A Changing Culture As our culture changes, our worship practices change. Predictably, folks in the pew have strong opinions about these kinds of changes! This workshop will explore what some of these current patterns look like through the lens of music, technology, preaching, and structure. Time will be given to exploring how to prepare biblically faithful, Spirit-driven times of worship that resonate with today's world.</p> <p>Phil Burkhart has served as a pastor of worship since 2003 and is currently the Pastor of Worship Arts at Central Church of the Nazarene in Lenexa, KS. He holds graduate degrees in worship theology and music, is an ordained elder in the Church of the Nazarene, and is the founding director of the Converge Worship Conference.</p>
<p>TUE 4:00 - 5:00 PM</p>	<p>FREE TIME DIALOG: Revisioning Article X--Presenting the Doctrine of Holiness in the Twenty-First Century Moderated by Carla Sunberg and Tom Noble (Sponsored by NTS)</p>
<p>Wed 1:30 - 2:30 PM</p>	<p>Called...Together: Energizing the Laity's Personal Call to Ministry God has called both laity and clergy to their mutual ministry through the Church. A consumerist culture and professional mindset had tended to obscure the vocational role of laity in God's ministry. In light of shrinking economic resources, and the revolving door of church attendance, pastors face the challenging task of reconnecting laity to their commitment to Christ's church and God's mission. This workshop offers principles and practical ideas to both energize and empower laity in their calling and commitment to God through the church and into the communities where they live.</p> <p>Dean Blevins serves as professor of Christian formation and discipleship at Nazarene Theological Seminary. He is an author, senior editor of <i>Didache: Faithful Teaching</i>, and the USA/Canada Regional Education Coordinator for the Church of the Nazarene.</p> <p>Larry Morris is the USA/Canada Sunday School and Discipleship International regional coordinator. He has served as the director of Adult Ministries, WordAction Curriculum, Editor of <i>Illustrated Bible Life</i>, and pastored on the Colorado and North Carolina districts.</p>

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<p>Wed 1:30 - 2:30 PM</p>	<p>Digital Resources for the Pastor An overview of some of the best free internet resources available to the pastor for sermon preparation. Also a brief look at features of major Bible computer and phone applications will be offered.</p> <p>Jim Edlin has been Professor of Biblical Literature and Languages at MidAmerica Nazarene University since 1989. He is a regular contributor to Adult WordAction Sunday School materials and author of the New Beacon Bible Commentary volumes on <i>Daniel</i> (2009), <i>Haggai-Zechariah-Malachi</i> (forthcoming) and <i>Ezra-Nehemiah</i> (forthcoming).</p>
<p>Wed 1:30 - 2:30 PM</p>	<p>Effective Ministry in Small and Rural Communities A majority of Nazarene churches in our region find themselves in smaller or rural communities. These churches are in many ways the backbone of our denomination. Come and listen to a team of experienced and passionate leaders, all of whom have served in small or rural communities on our region. You will learn key insights into the dynamics of small and rural church congregations, explore practical growth strategies, and talk about how to juggle the realities of bi-vocational ministry.</p> <p>PANEL</p>
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<p>Wed</p>	<p>Making Disciples on a College Campus Near You</p>

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<p>1:30 - 2:30 PM</p>	<p>We know that college students are a strategic mission field. Having invested so much into our own children and teenagers, if they choose to attend a non-Nazarene college or university surely we'd want to provide some resources for them to continue to be disciplined. Plus, we have a tremendous opportunity to reach thousands of students who may never visit our churches. If your church has a passion to reach and disciple students on a college/university campus near you come and find out a few simple ways to engage students on that campus. In this workshop we will discuss the why and how of a campus ministry that transforms college students to transform the world.</p> <p>Chris Bean, the leader of the panel workshop, is the coordinator of Campus Mission and is serving as a campus minister on the Southwest Ohio District at the University of Cincinnati.</p>
<p>Wed 1:30 - 2:30 PM</p>	<p>Incarnational Leadership Leadership is a critical element for a missional ministry in a missional church, but we often encountered by secular leadership models that fail to recognize the nature of Christian leadership as incarnational. This workshop, sponsored by the NTS Center for Pastoral Leadership, will point to Christ as the model <i>par excellence</i> of missional leadership.</p> <p>Jesse Middendorf serves as Executive Director of the Center for Pastoral Leadership at Nazarene Theological Seminary. He is well acquainted with the challenges of ministry from his years in the parish, as a district superintendent, and as a general superintendent. In addition to his continued activity as a preacher, he also speaks frequently at district gatherings, educational events, and conferences about the critical issue of incarnational leadership, pastoral ministry, and church health.</p>
<p>Wed 1:30 - 2:30 PM</p>	<p>Inspiring Legacy Giving Through legacy and estate giving, an individual can have an impact on the world long after they have entered heaven. Learn how to structure your yearly church calendar in a way that teaches the principles of generosity and stewardship.</p> <p>Mark Lail has directed the Church of the Nazarene's Stewardship Ministries team since 2008 and is a key liaison for the denominational funding plan, Funding the Mission.</p>
<p>Wed 1:30 - 2:30 PM</p>	<p>Pastoral Theology Essentials Sustained and healthy pastoral ministries are rooted in a biblical, pastoral theology. What are the essential components of this kind of pastoral theology? How do these core components connect to the everyday pressures and priorities of congregational care and formation? Exploring these questions will form the content of this workshop.</p> <p>Jeren Rowell is superintendent of the Kansas City District and author of the recent book: <i>Thinking, Listening, Being: A Wesleyan Pastoral Theology</i>.</p>

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<p>Wed 1:30 - 2:30 PM</p>	<p>Planning to Reach Immigrant Communities Listen to the story of how one Nazarene church decided to change its focus and mission and began reaching the immigrant community around them. Learn what steps can be taken to help your church make an impact on neighbors of diverse language, race, economic, and cultural backgrounds. Our purpose will be to demonstrate how any church, large or small, can embrace one of the greatest missional opportunities of our lifetime.</p> <p>Teresa Stecker is the Executive Director of ICCOM-PASSION, an approved Nazarene Compassionate Ministry Center in Iowa City, IA, including the BIA accredited Immigrant Resource Center.</p> <p>Michael Lynch is pastor of the Iowa City Church of the Nazarene, and has led churches for nearly 40 years.</p>
<p>Wed 1:30 - 2:30 PM</p>	<p>The Sanctifying Work of Silence: The Holiness Pastor at Prayer When we pray that paradoxical line in the Wesleyan covenant renewal service—“Let me be full, let me be empty; let me have all things, let me have nothing”—what are we asking of God? In a theological and experiential tradition that emphasizes the “full” and “all things” dimensions of holiness, silence provides the necessary counterpart for a prayer practice that sanctifies entirely. This workshop is sponsored by NTS.</p> <p>Doug Hardy serves as Professor of Spiritual Formation and Director of Doctor of Ministry Programs at Nazarene Theological Seminary where he helps students who are preparing for pastoral ministry to pray as they learn. Beacon Hill Press of Kansas City has recently published two of Doug’s small group studies geared for use in local churches: <i>Christian Disciplines: Creating Time & Space for God</i> (2013) and <i>Prayer: Sharing Intimate Space with God</i> (2015).</p>
<p>Wed 1:30 - 2:30 PM</p>	<p>Theological Coherence, Spirituality, and Religiosity among North American Youth: A Brief Survey of the National Study of Youth and Religion (NSYR) Are American youth alienated from organized religion? Is their theology confused? Does their notion of spirituality have anything to do with the historic Christian faith? Dr. Christian Smith (University of Notre Dame) and Dr. Lisa Pearce (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill) have conducted 15 years of sustained research into these questions through the NSYR. According to the NSYR, youth value religion and spirituality, but need faithful families, congregations, and other social networks to show them the way. During this presentation, participants will review NSYR findings and will consider practical strategies for discipling youth.</p> <p>Mark Hayse is Professor of Christian Education at MidAmerica Nazarene University, where he also coordinates Faculty and Staff Development, directs the undergraduate Honors Program, and co-directs the Center for Games and Learning. Mark believes that theology (at its best) serves a public good—to inform and empower the work of the Church as it participates in the mission of God for</p>

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Wed 3:00 - 4:00 PM	<p>A Transformational Online Experience for Discipleship and Ministry Training Discover a way to implement a discipleship process that can result in the development of ministry leaders in any local church through a free, interactive website. You will see why thousands of laity have utilized this website to help them grow in their walk with Christ and how it can be tailored for any local church context. In addition, learn about the new coaching initiative for both children and youth workers. In this workshop you will also learn about a discipleship mobile app, powered by go Tandem. Learn how your church can have their own, private labeled mobile app for FREE. Discover why well over 400 Nazarene churches and ministries and more than 12,000 users are using this app.</p> <p>John Comstock has served most of his ministry in support roles for the local church. While working for the Mapping Center for Evangelism and Church Growth, he helped churches utilize technology to build relationships. While working for the Billy Graham Crusades, he supported local churches in their evangelistic efforts. He has been working with the Global Ministry Center for eleven years in SDMI and coordinates the resources for The Discipleship Place.</p>
Wed 3:00 - 4:00 PM	<p>An Invitation to Explore the Sacraments and Liturgy within our Nazarene Heritage The tradition of free worship in Nazarene history is well documented. Yet in recent years some Nazarene churches have attempted to incorporate a more historically informed liturgy in their worship services and a higher view of how the sacraments can enhance congregational unity and participation in God’s grace. Come listen in on two pastors’ conversation about these important issues from both a theological and pragmatic point of view.</p> <p>Philip Hamner is pastor of Overland Park Church of the Nazarene. He is completing his doctoral work at The University of Manchester in Doctrinal Theology.</p> <p>Steven Johnson is pastor of Nall Avenue Church of the Nazarene. He recently completed his doctoral work in Wesleyan Theology at The University of Manchester.</p>
Wed 3:00 - 4:00 PM	<p>Emulating the Compassion of Christ It has been said that every local church must be a center of compassionate ministry. This workshop focuses on how every church congregation can engage their community and the importance of a proper theology of compassionate ministry</p> <p>Jeremy Height serves in Indianapolis, Indiana, as the Director of Church Relations at Shepherd Community Center, a Nazarene CMC. He is passionate about equipping local churches to engage their communities through compassionate ministry.</p>

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<p>Wed 3:00 - 4:00 PM</p>	<p>Evangelicalism, Fundamentalism and the Inspiration of Scripture One of the recent areas of emphasis for our church has been that of “clear and coherent theological identity” among our leaders and churches, especially in our view of Scripture. Indeed, from the beginning days of our denomination, the differences between a Fundamentalist and an Evangelical view of inspiration of Scripture have not always been understood. Today this issue is still often a source of confusion. This workshop will offer a passionate yet clear explanation of our denomination’s description of biblical inspiration through a plenary model as opposed to an inerrancy position. The differences between these points of view are critically important to our future as a denomination and to our day-to-day study of God’s Word. We will explore how hermeneutics and ultimately Scriptural authority are wrapped up in this historical-theological dialog.</p> <p>Randy Cloud is chair of the Department of Christian Ministry and Formation at MidAmerica Nazarene University, teaching church history and biblical hermeneutics. Prior to his work at MNU, he was the Director of Sunday School and Discipleship Curriculum for the Church of the Nazarene.</p>
<p>Wed 3:00 - 4:00 PM</p>	<p>Ministry to Blended Families After more than two decades of working with blended families and stepfamilies, Jim will share the primary ways that churches and congregations can minister to today’s fractured families. Learn ways to reach and include these families in your church fellowship.</p> <p>Jim Pettitt has served the Church of the Nazarene as Senior Pastor, Director of the Christian Counseling Center of Wichita, KS, adjunct professor of Pastoral Care and Counseling at Nazarene Theological Seminary, and Coordinator of Marriage and Family Ministries at the Global Ministries Center in Lenexa, Kansas. He is currently Associate Professor of Psychology at Johnson County Community College in Overland Park, KS.</p>
<p>Wed 3:00 - 4:00 PM</p>	<p>Preventative Maintenance: A Guide to Ethical Christian Ministry Based upon his forthcoming book, Charles will present an overview of Christian ethics in a manner that informs theologically sound practices in Christian ministry. This workshop seeks to create an environment that fosters long-term mentoring relationships in Christian ministry by looking at best practices from a Scripturally-based perspective. Ministry practice in areas such as communication, conflict, worship/preaching, finances, and time management are addressed.</p> <p>Charles Christian has been a minister in the Church of the Nazarene for 25 years. His Ph.D. is in Systematic and Moral Theology, and he is the author of over 40 articles and book reviews, as well as the author of the forthcoming book on clergy ethics entitled <i>Preventative Maintenance</i> (Beacon Hill Press, Fall 2016). He is the lead pastor of the Church of the Nazarene in Cameron, Missouri and is adjunct professor of theology at MidAmerica Nazarene University.</p>

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<p>Wed 3:00 - 4:00 PM</p>	<p>Sustainable Sobriety and Christian Community: Overcoming Addiction with Connection This session will examine the phenomenon of addiction as an expression of disconnection with God, self and others, as well as the role of community in fostering sustainable sobriety. The neurobiology of addiction and interpersonal connection will be examined within a Wesleyan theological framework.</p> <p>Todd Bowman is Associate Professor of Counseling at Indiana Wesleyan University. Dr. Bowman received his doctorate in Counseling Psychology from Oklahoma State University in 2008 and has been practicing professional counseling since that time. He writes and presents on topics related to sexual health and sexually addictive behavior, including the publication of his first book, <i>Angry Birds & Killer Bees: Talking to Your Kids About Sex</i> (Beacon Hill Press, 2013).</p>
<p>Wed 3:00 - 4:00 PM</p>	<p>The New Jerusalem and the Mission of God's People: Reflections on Revelation Too often, our eschatology has been out of sync with the rest of our theology. Many Nazarenes view the book of Revelation as a kind of play-by-play script for end-time events. This workshop invites us to read Revelation differently—through the lens of the mission of God and our participation in that mission. We’ll look especially at how John’s visions of the New Jerusalem in Revelation 21-22 can help to shape the identity and mission of the church here and now.</p> <p>Dean Flemming is professor of New Testament and Missions at MidAmerica Nazarene University. He has spent more than twenty years as a missionary educator with the Church of the Nazarene in Asia and Europe. He is the author of several books, including <i>Contextualization in the New Testament</i>, which won a <i>Christianity Today</i> Book Award, and <i>Philippians: A Commentary in the Wesleyan Tradition</i>, recipient of a book award from Wesleyan Theological Society.</p>
<p>Wed 3:00 - 4:00 PM</p>	<p>The Practices and Promises of a Praying Church A church becoming a "house of prayer" doesn't happen naturally because you have good Christians in it. The distractions, busyness, and temptations to do otherwise abound. This seminar invites you to dialog with a pastor who is desperate to see the fingerprints of God over his own life, his family, the Church, and the mission field in which he serves.</p>

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	<p>David Sharpes is lead pastor of Olathe College Church of the Nazarene. He has pastored in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Arizona and was the District Superintendent of Upstate New York. He is a graduate of MNU, NTS, and Fuller Theological Seminary.</p>
<p>Wed 3:00 - 4:00 PM</p>	<p>Visión y Colaboración de Equipo El taller esta enfocado a los coordinadores hispanos/latinos para conversar acerca de una vision distrital y regional en el cumplimiento de la mision.</p> <p>Roberto Hodgson ha servido como director de Misiones Hispanas USA/Canadá desde al año 2002. Fue asignado como el director de Ministerios Multicultural en 2012 USA/Canadá.</p>
<p>Wed 3:00 - 4:00 PM</p>	<p>Working with Strong Laity: Implications for Leadership and Sociology God has gifted many congregations with strong lay leaders, but pastors and staff don't always understand how to best equip and use such lay leaders. This workshop sponsored by NTS Center for Pastoral Leadership will identify patterns of lay leadership in churches of differing sizes and cultures and offer best practices in utilizing the gifts of strong lay leaders.</p> <p>Jesse Middendorf serves as Executive Director of the Center for Pastoral Leadership at Nazarene Theological Seminary. He is well acquainted with the challenges of ministry from his years in the parish, as a district superintendent, and as a general superintendent. In addition to his continued activity as a preacher, he also speaks frequently at district gatherings, educational events, and conferences about the critical issue of incarnational leadership, pastoral ministry, and church health.</p>
<p>Wed 4:00 – 5:00 PM</p>	<p>FREE TIME DIALOG: “Faith and Politics” Moderated by Mark Hayse (Sponsored by MNU)</p>