

Topic Descriptions

Team Building | Three Topics

Christ called us to make disciples in all the world. One of the main barriers churches face are internal relationship dynamics that overshadow the main focus of the church's work. When we work on these issues, the light of the Gospel shines more clearly to a world that is desperate for answers.

Incorporating People of other Backgrounds

Learn some practical ideas on how to become more effective in incorporating non-Anabaptist background people into our churches. Identify unintentional little (and not so little) things that can communicate that people are not truly welcome.

Engaging International Students and Scholars

Over 1.3 million students & scholars come to North America each year to study and work. What are some ways to engage this largely unreached people group?

A Mother's Place in Church Planting

Priscilla was a key part of the church planting team in Corinth. Wives and mothers can also play an important role in church plants today. This topic will address lessons learned, trials, and triumphs of a wife and mother on a church planting team.

Sharing Your Faith Through Hospitality

Women are essential to evangelism and disciple-making. Learn some tips, hear some stories, and discover methods based on decades of experience.

Church Governance and Leadership

It is one thing to start a church. It is quite another to keep it going in a healthy direction. What are some good principles for leaders?

Equipping Young Adults in Making Disciples

Do you have singles and young couples in your church who would be glad to disciple others if they only knew how to do it? Learn how to show them by word and example.

Facing Fears, Objections & Hesitations in Church Planting

Which concerns, fears and objections are legitimate? How do we answer them? The purpose of this session is to face these honestly and to give thoughtful answers.

Planting a church in Houston, TX

Sometimes the reason we don't consider launching more churches is because we aren't sure how to do it. This topic will recount the vision and process of planting this church, from its inception to the actual move.

Evangelism Tool: Teaching Bible Survey Classes

Most people you meet in church planting could be described as *biblically illiterate*. This workshop will

present a curriculum as well as training to lead an 8 session "Message of the Bible Survey Class" in your ministry field.

Nurturing a Culture that Inspires Christian Growth
Does your church have a culture that inspires Christian growth? Are people from a variety of cultural and religious backgrounds able to grow together in the Lord at your church?

Making our Churches "Sending Churches"

From the beginning of the early church, and in many eras since then, it was assumed that healthy churches should be growing and sending laborers to start more churches. This topic will establish the New Testament foundation for this important concept.

Registration for this event is required!

Attendance is limited to 125 people.

Church Planters Forum & Retreat Pricing

Adults & Children 11 and older = \$65

Children (4-10) = \$32.50

Price includes food and lodging.

Campsites are available at a reduced rate.

One-Day Seminar Pricing

(no lodging / 2 meals included)

Adults & Children 11 and older = \$12

Children (4-10) = \$6

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"Strengthening the Vision for Worldwide Church Planting"

Forum & Retreat for Church Planters

Wednesday, June 10

5:30 – 6:15 PM - Check-in

- Find a room or campsite and settle in.
- No evening meal provided.

6:30 PM - Announcements & Introductions

- Introduce yourself and your family
- Tell us about your church or your church's vision

8:00 PM – Snack (everyone brings something to share)

Thursday, June 11

7:00 Prayer Meeting 1: *Prayer for more laborers*

7:45 Breakfast

8:30 Prayer Meeting 2:

9:30 Song, Scripture Reading, Announcements

9:45 **Team Building** – Norm Miller | Dryden, ON *What is our Aim and Vision?*

10:45 Break

11:15 **Breakout Session**

- *Incorporating People of other Backgrounds*
– Allen Roth | Brooklyn, NY
- *Engaging International Students and Scholars*
– Harry Argo | Virginia Beach, VA

12:30 Lunch

2:00 Announcements & Prayer

2:15 **Team Building** – Norm Miller *Developing a Church Planting Team*

3:45 Break

4:15 **Ladies Session**

- *A Mother's Place in Church Planting*
– Lucinda Allgyer | Hamilton, OH

5:30 Supper

7:00 **Panel Discussion** - Featuring new church planters from VA, MI, IL & TX.

The Forum and Retreat continues on Friday!

1 Day Seminar for Church Leaders

Friday, June 12

7:00 **Prayer Meeting 1:** Prayer for more churches

7:45 Continental Breakfast

8:30 **Prayer Meeting 2:**

9:00 Song, Scripture Reading, Announcements

9:15 **Team Building** - Norm Miller *Building Trust Within the Leadership*

10:20 **Breakout Session**

- *Sharing Your Faith Through Hospitality*
– Julie Argo | VA | (Ladies session)
- *Church Governance and Leadership*
– Finny Kuruvilla | Boston, MA

11:20 Brunch

12:20 Announcements / Offering & Prayer

12:30 *Equipping Young Adults in Making Disciples* – Harry Argo

1:30 **Breakout Session**

- *Facing Fears, Objections and Hesitations in Church Planting* – Allen Roth
- *Planting a church in Houston, TX*
– Tim Miller | Baltic, OH

2:30 Break

2:45 **Breakout Session**

- *Evangelism Tool, Teaching Bible Survey Classes*
– Jason Allgyer | Hamilton, OH
- *Nurturing a Culture that Inspires Christian Growth* – Ernest Eby | State College, PA

3:45 Break

3:55 *Making our Churches, "Sending Churches"* – Paul A. Miller | Walnut Creek, OH

4:50 **Closing & Prayer**

5:00 Supper

(Please leave the buildings by 6:00 PM)

*Most topics last 45 minutes
with an additional 15 minutes for questions.*

Purpose and Goals

Church Planters Forum and Retreat

- Provide a forum for two-kingdom Christians to strengthen a vision for indigenous church planting around the world, including church planting in or near North American cities.
- Provide a setting for church planters to learn from each other and avoid pitfalls common to this work in God's Kingdom.
- Nurture an atmosphere that will revive and bring fresh vision to church planters who are experiencing burnout or disappointment.
- Develop relationships among church planters that will discourage suspicion and competition.
- Provide a non-urban retreat for urban workers and families.

What kind of church planting is in focus?

Establishing churches with the intention that numerical growth will come from evangelizing and discipling local people, particularly the unchurched.

Who is invited?

We welcome anyone who is actively involved in church planting, those who are preparing for church planting, and any pastors and overseers.
--Contact the coordinator if you have questions.--

Request from the Planning Committee

Those planning this *Church Planters Forum and Retreat* intend to promote an atmosphere that respects the roles of church authority, practical applications to scripture, disciplined church life, and brotherhood accountability. We ask that attendees show deference to these persuasions.

An offering will be taken for *Penn Valley Christian Retreat*.

The *Church Planters Forum* relies on donations to cover speaker reimbursements.