



2018 CNH District Missions Conference Break-Out Sessions Information Sheet

Choose two sessions from the list below.

The following sessions will be offered morning and afternoon.

→ Called Friends: Mentoring to Build Up Disciples (Jesse Yow)

From the perspective of a long-term leader who remains in a teachable posture, our friend, Jesse, shares from his experience. Jesus called His disciples “friends,” and that is what we call each other. Come as friends to explore the possibilities of mentoring as an intentional, relational approach to building up disciples of Jesus. How can we effectively mentor that person the Lord brings our way? How can we grow in Him with the help of a mentor? Learn effective approaches for mentoring and for being mentored, without too much structure and yet with concrete ideas for sharing the path ahead.

→ Disciples of Impact (Aaron Putnam and Dominic Rivkin)

LINC Ministries believe that every follower of Jesus Christ is called to impact their community with His Gospel. Discipleship is the Jesus-centered habits of our ordinary lives through which the Holy Spirit does extraordinary things. The LINC Impact Loop outlines a process from the very first moments of God engaging us in Christ all the way through to impacting others and multiplying His Kingdom. Join LINC Bay Area City Director, Rev. Aaron Putnam and LINC Ministries Executive Director, Rev. Dominic Rivkin as together we explore how God is creating Disciples of Impact in our cities.

→ Faith-Stretching Exercises (John Mehl)

Discover how cross-cultural ministry, even short-term, forces us to follow Jesus into ministry instead of informing Him what we will do. The changed world-views help us realize that there can be “right” and “wrong,” but there is also “different.” God often gives us the eyes to see “different” through faith stretching exercises...such as putting ourselves in positions where we must rely totally on Him. Mission of Christ Network has ideas for individuals and congregations to step up to the fun.

→ Getting Comfortable with Your Faith Story (Ted & Marty Hartman)

Spend a little time reflecting on your story of faith with a “Faith Time Line.” Then have some opportunities to share your “Faith Story” with several other people of faith. When is a good time to share your faith story? What if sharing our faith stories were part of our regular relationships at church? Spend some time in conversation on the dynamic of faith sharing. This interactive workshop is designed to have a safe environment to identify and become comfortable sharing our faith stories in a variety of contexts.

→ Historically Rooted | Culturally Aware (Blake Flattley)

(Planning Modern Liturgical Services for Your Community’s Context)

Explore what it means to be a historically rooted congregation while also being in tune with the community of which you are a part. We will bring real life examples and resources you can easily adapt for your context to the conversation.

→ How Can I Speak Out Loud About Jesus? (Vonnie Carlsen and Beverly Daily)

Can I follow the command to GO teach all nations? Can I be a disciple? Come learn how the Lord is using Kids Club to reach our communities with Jesus’ love. St. Philip in Dublin has successfully launched two clubs at St. Philip. The Lord has blessed our efforts in outreach and new families are attending our services and events. Imagine if your church would mobilize a team of volunteers to provide weekly academic enrichment and character development at a school in your community. Would you be a disciple then?

→ How to Invest Life in Others through Mentorship (Bolorhuu Ligden)

Bolorhuu will take us on a dive into his own passion and rationale for growing young leaders with an emphasis on developing those who stand as a bridge between cultures. Discover the ways we effectively mentor young leaders in our life. We will come to understand what this next generation needs and what are some challenges in mentor relationships. Come and share your mentoring story and learn together how to impact the next generation emerging leaders around you.

➔ **Mission to People with Disabilities: An Unreached Population** (Juanita Alarcon)

Instead of creating another program, let us examine what the church would look like if everyone, regardless of special needs or extraordinary abilities, were embraced as a fully functioning member of Christ's body. Families with special needs often share that they desire two things in their church: Accessibility and Acceptance. Learn the five steps to becoming an accessible and accepting church, irresistible to the disability community.

➔ **Pursuing and Engaging People from Different Backgrounds** (Melissa Karges)

How do we pursue and engage people from a different background or of a different generation? How do we make youth ministry about more than starting a youth group and planning activities? We'll be looking at years of trial and error on the mission field in Hungary to explore some of those questions, and see how Christ, as the center of our faith, lays the foundation for it all.

➔ **Where Have All the Millennials Gone? And whose Fault Is It?** (Paul Lauaki)

While the cultural and societal changes are still developing, one important fact for Christian churches has become clear. Young adults are not coming to church as they once attended. Young leaders are similarly missing from our churches as universities try to contend with a similar change in attitude and expectations from young adults. Join SOYL Leaders in a discourse about what churches can do in light of this shift.

The following sessions will be offered once in the morning.

➔ **How Does Jesus Disciple His Followers?** [Part 1 of 2] (Greg Finke)

When it comes to discipling people, we don't need to develop something new, we need to imitate something old. In this session, we will take a look at how Jesus discipled His followers in the gospels so that we can begin to reform our way to His way.

➔ **Tools and Usable Practical Helps for Joining Jesus on His Mission** (Jim Beyer)

Drawing heavily on things learned from Dwelling 1:14 and Greg Finke, Jim will share some personal and congregational experiences, tips, and "how to's" on how to put the "Joining Jesus on His Mission as an Every Day Missionary" into practice in a way that can help even the most timid Christian to take baby steps in joining Jesus. He will share how his congregation has taken several steps forward in joining Jesus by using the tools: Take Tens, Neighboring, Sunday Mission Minutes, Party Pails, Neighborhood Prayer Walks and Prayer Mapping. Jim will also share ideas on how to intentionally and consistently encourage your congregation to use the Finke, "Five Missional Practices."

The following sessions will be offered once in the afternoon.

➔ **How to Get Started with Social Media** (Doug & Colby Benton)

Have you wanted to become more active on Social Media, but don't know how to get started? In this breakout session, we will take a look at the first steps, best practices, and talk about how to engage with your community and attract new people.

➔ **What's Your Plan for Discipling Your People?** [Part 2 of 2] (Greg Finke)

In this session, you will receive tools and guidance to begin crafting your plan for discipling your family, friends, and fellow church members. Go home ready to start! [*This session builds on the morning session.*]

Keynote Speakers

Pastor Greg Finke, Executive Director, Dwelling 1:14, Houston, TX: "What is 'Discipling' According to Jesus"

Bolorhuu Ligden, Executive Director, Asia Leadership Development Network, Sacramento: "Mentoring the Next Generation" (Emerging Leaders in the Changing World)