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# WEEKEND AT A GLANCE

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 31

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9:00 am – 2:00 pm	School Field Trip: <b>Julia &amp; Kevin Garratt</b>	Hall A
12:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Exhibits Open	Hall B
12:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Prayer Room Open	Meeting Room 4-6
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Mini-Conference*	See page 14
1:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Seminars	See page 28
6:45 pm – 9:00 pm	Children's Programs	Meeting Room 8/15
6:55 pm – 7:00 pm	Parade of Nations	Hall A
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Junior Youth Rally: <b>604 Network*</b>	Meeting Room 1-3
7:00 pm – 8:50 pm	General Session: <b>Aaron White</b>	Hall A
9:00 pm – 10:30 pm	Film Festival Opening*	Ballroom A
10:00 pm	Exhibits Close	

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

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9:15 am – 11:00 am	Children's Programs	Meeting Room 8/15
9:30 am – 10:45 am	General Session: <b>Ken Shigematsu</b>	Hall A
11:00 am – 10:00 pm	Exhibits Open	Hall B
11:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Prayer Room Open	Meeting Room 4-6
11:00 am – 6:00 pm	Seminars	See page 28
11:30 am – 1:30 pm	Film Festival*	Ballroom A
1:15 pm – 3:15 pm	Children Programs	Meeting Room 8/15
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm	General Session: <b>Sandra Ryan</b>	Hall A
3:30 pm – 5:30 pm	Film Festival*	Ballroom A
6:45 pm – 9:00 pm	Children's Programs	Meeting Room 8/15
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	General Session: <b>Julia &amp; Kevin Garratt</b>	Meeting Room 1-3
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Youth Rally: <b>604 Network*</b>	Hall A
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Film Festival*	Ballroom A
9:15 pm – 10:30 pm	Arts Café: <b>Humility and Hunger</b>	Meeting Room 1-3
10:00 pm	Exhibits Close	

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# This Year's Theme — Altar Vision

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## **What's the significance of the theme?**

Over the last several years, we've been advocates for the belief that we're all called to participate in Christ's mission. At last year's conference, we hope that you were challenged to consider how you can be a disciple that makes disciples. As we were praying about 2020, we felt that the Lord was asking us to come to the altar and get his vision for his mission. What does that look like? When you boil it down, it begins with surrender.

## **What does it look like to live a life surrendered to Christ?**

The apostle Paul uses expressions like "living sacrifice" (Romans 12:1,2) and "poured out" (Philippians 2:17) to describe the all-or-nothing nature of life lived for Jesus. Jesus is worthy of all our love and adoration. Loving him is our highest calling as Christians and our greatest joy.

In return, we experience the love of Jesus like a spring of water that bubbles up in us and flows outward touching our families, church communities, neighbourhoods, and jobs. This water is life. It brings healing and reconciliation and wholeness.

Unfortunately, many of us have "stones" in our lives blocking the flow of life-giving water. If you desire to experience more of the life of Jesus, then please join us this year for a journey of consecration that will culminate at Missions Fest Vancouver 2020.

## **How can I participate in consecration?**

It is no surprise that all of us follow Jesus imperfectly, but we're asking God to reveal to each of us any areas of our lives that need to be adjusted and recommitted to Jesus, so that he can rule and reign in us. We believe that where the spring looks like a trickle, there could be a flood!

Please be encouraged that leaders in the city have been interceding for this process of consecration to stir our hearts since May 2019. Since last November, we've been posting weekly devotionals and articles on [www.missioncentral.ca](http://www.missioncentral.ca) that you may find useful. Above all, take the time to be with Jesus and ask for a greater revelation of who he is and how he wants you to follow him – then obey!





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## WELCOME FROM THE DIRECTOR



Welcome to Missions Fest Vancouver 2020. This is a special year for us: the last year that we'll be operating the conference under the name Missions Fest. I'd like to thank our Staff, Board, Volunteers, Sponsoring Churches, and Exhibitors for their support. I'd also like to thank those who laid a foundation that has lasted 37 years. What a wonderful legacy!

Moving forward, we anticipate serving the Church in many of the same ways we have in the past. Our desire is to see the people of God mobilized to reach the world with the good news of Jesus. There are still many people who have never heard of Jesus and don't know a Christian. Do Canadian Christians have a role in the future of mission? Undoubtedly, we do! However, our participation in mission is changing. We are far beyond the days of "The West to the rest". We can't claim to be a Christian nation, if we ever could. We can't count on our Christian language to be understood outside the walls of the church. What can we count on? Only Jesus!

To be effective in mission, our churches need to be filled with people who love Jesus passionately, and who will follow him wherever he leads. These Christ followers must be surrendered to Jesus as Lord of their lives. Scripture promises that we have been given fullness in Christ (Col 2: 6-23). Will we live into that fullness? Will we let Jesus transform us? If we do, without a doubt, the world will be transformed.

This weekend marks the culmination of a process that started in May 2019. We felt the Holy Spirit leading us to consecrate ourselves to knowing, hearing and obeying Jesus. Our prayer is that we would come together this weekend to offer ourselves as "living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God" (Rom 12:1). May our minds be "renewed" (Rom 12:2), so that we can be filled with a vision of our awesome God and reach the nations in his name!

Come this weekend, not to receive, but to offer yourself on the Altar.

*John Hall*  
Executive Director

## Welcome from the Board



On behalf of the Board at Mission Central, I would like to welcome everyone to this year's conference!

A big "Thank you" to all that have made it possible for us to gather again in the heart of Vancouver. It takes many willing volunteers, staff, exhibitors, speakers, bands, film enthusiasts, sponsoring churches, financial supporters and other folks diligently praying, not just now, but all-year-round. It is both very special, and unique, to see Christians being united in vision and called to serve our Lord in this way. Many of us, more closely involved with the work all-year-round at Mission Central, have encountered significant spiritual warfare leading up to the conference, an indication that we are making an impact as a community of believers by being on mission together!

This year's theme of "Altar Vision" will impact us all as we continue to seek the Lord's guidance for us individually, but also for us corporately as the body of Christ.

I like the word "Vision". To me it speaks of looking outward, looking away from self to something bigger, pressing forward to an adventure! Remembering people who were important in our lives, we sometimes say: "Oh, he or she was a great visionary!" We make this statement with fondness and admiration and often with appreciation for having known such a person.

What about the word "Altar"? This word, mainly found in the Old Testament, speaks to me of two things: A place that reminds us of God's work and a place to seek God's presence.

There are many ways we can look at our theme of "Altar Vision," here is just one — I see the "Vision" as God's plan to establish His ever-expanding Kingdom, inviting us all to be part of it. Now that is a real adventure! The "Altar" is the starting point of entering into that Vision. We alter from being self-centred to being Jesus-centered, as we remember His completed work of salvation. We are called to seek His presence through daily surrender to His will -individually, as well as corporately. What greater Visionary is there to follow but King Jesus?

I invite you to participate in this conference with an open mind with a desire to explore the theme of "Altar Vision" — may the Lord speak to us all and equip us for His work of mission wherever we find ourselves.

Thank you again, for being here — may the Kingdom of God be advanced through this conference!

*Tony Sanz*  
Chair, Board of Directors

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# Plenary Speakers



**Kevin & Julia Garratt** have thirty years of overseas non-profit Christian global work experience in aid, community development, young leader equipping and mentoring and Christian social enterprise. They presently divide their time between North America and southeast Asia where they continue to serve in restricted access nations using their new platform [nation-to-nation.com](http://nation-to-nation.com). They are widely sought-after speakers since their release

from captivity in 2016. Kevin is a gifted communicator and presenter who shares stories with passion, humour and spiritual insight. Julia is an author, teacher, curriculum designer, and passionate inspirational speaker who calls people to a deeper faith. They have shared their story in England, Ireland, Switzerland, Sweden, Scotland, Canada, United States, South Korea, Myanmar, Northern India and Thailand. The Garratt's story mirrors the present political tit-for-tat arrest of two Canadians in China, Michael Korvig and Michael Spavor; an effort to pressure Canada to release Chinese Huawei executive Meng Wenzhou, before extradition to the United States. They continue to be sought after by reporters in Canada, the United States, Australia, England and others regarding their take on the situation and the human cost of false political imprisonment.



**Aaron White** is the National Director of 24-7 Prayer Canada. He has been a pastor, missionary, justice worker and prayer instigator in the Downtown Eastside of Vancouver for the past 16 years, where he lives with his wife and four children in a community home. He is the co-author of *Revolution* and *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Kingdom of God*; co-creator of The Creative Way Down discipleship resource; and author of the upcoming book *Recovering: From Brokenness and Addiction to Blessedness and Community*.



**Ken Shigematsu** is the Senior Pastor of Tenth Church in Vancouver, BC, one of the largest and most diverse city-center churches in Canada. He is a recipient of the Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Medal awarded to Canadians in recognition for their outstanding contribution to the country. Before entering pastoral ministry, he worked for the Sony Corporation in Tokyo. Ken is the author of the national bestseller *Survival Guide for the Soul*. Ken lives in Vancouver with his wife, Sakiko, and their son, Joey.



**Sandra Ryan** is the Director for Global Mission at The Peoples Church, Toronto. Previous to this ministry, she served for twenty-three years as an officer in The Salvation Army. Her first ministry appointment was in a First Nations village in Northern British Columbia where she experienced the strength and beauty of real community. In 1991 she was appointed as part of a six-person team to re-

start the work of The Salvation Army in the former Soviet Union. Along with committed Russian team members she started community-based churches in Russia for nine years before returning to Canada in 2000. Back in Toronto, she had the privilege of living and ministering in the gateway community of Regent Park for 12 years during the challenge and opportunity of neighbourhood revitalization. Presently, Sandra oversees the local and global outreach for The Peoples Church Toronto. In this role she has the privilege of leading her international congregation to be gospel-centered, globally-engaged followers of Jesus.



**Jay Ewing** is the Pastor of Spiritual Formation at Tenth Church in Vancouver, BC. He is passionate about seeing people come to know Christ and be spiritually formed into whole and healthy followers of Jesus. Jay is also a practicing Spiritual Director. Prior to ministry, he worked as a Mental Health Care Counsellor and was the Centre Director for A Rocha Canada's BC Field Study Centre with his wife, Milissa.



**Milissa Ewing** is the Pastor of Family Ministries at Tenth Church in Vancouver, BC where she provides leadership for Tenth Kids, Creo Student Ministries, and Tenth Parents. Milissa is passionate about partnering with parents to see the next generation of kids follow Christ with their whole lives. Milissa has a background in education as both a public and private school teacher, and as a director of children's programs for disadvantaged children. Milissa co-directed the A Rocha Field Study Centre.



# General Sessions

## Lament: Do We Trust God?

Aaron White, in his article says: "Lament could be thought of as prayer in the form of complaint, protest, the honest expression of pain, sorrow, doubt, accusation, anger, or rage. Yet this prayer is offered within the context of deep faith, trust and hope." (see page 20)

Our ability to surrender to God is dependent on how much we trust him, and lament is often the gateway.

**Call to Action:** Trust God today with your deepest disappointments and challenges. Invite Jesus into the hidden places in your heart as you pour yourself out to him.

**Leader:** Aaron White



## Confession: What Separates Us From God?

It says in 1 John 1:9: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Our job is to confess. Confessing our sins to God is a requirement for forgiveness, confessing to others sets us on the path to healing. Confession combined with repentance puts us in a right relationship to God and other people.

**Call to Action:** Allow the Holy Spirit to search your heart and bring to light sin that separates you from God and others.

**Leader:** Ken Shigematsu, Jay Ewing, Milissa Ewing



# Worship



## Worship with church: untitled and Friends

This year's worship team is being led by Pedro and Marelly Mota from church: untitled. This dynamic couple have led worship for several years at Missions Fest Vancouver and we're excited to have them back. They'll be bringing along friends from around the city who are passionate about lifting the name of Jesus high.



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## **Rest: Have We Experienced God as Our Provider?**

Living by faith is a journey of rest. It's not just for Abraham and missionaries, its for all of us. Learning to rest in God is central to being a Christian, but often overlooked. To paraphrase Matthew 6:32,33: "Your heavenly Father knows what you need. He provides, and frees you up from worry, so that you can devote yourself to seeking his Kingdom..."

**Call to Action:** Ask the Holy Spirit to show you areas in your life where you need to rest and ask for an increase of faith.

**Leader:** Sandra Ryan



## **Thankfulness: When Do We Worship God?**

A thankful heart is evidence of our awareness of God's faithfulness and provision, even in the middle of trouble. Often the word 'praise' and 'thankful' get used interchangeably in the Psalms. Consider the words of David in Psalm 86:12, "I will praise (thank) you, O Lord, my God, with all my heart; I will glorify your name forever. For great is your love toward me..."

**Call to Action:** Begin each day with thanksgiving. Don't sugar-coat your difficulties but remember God's faithfulness.

**Leader:** Julia and Kevin Garratt



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## **Bez Arts Hub/Mirror Arts**

Mirror Dance is a pre-professional program which trains, mentors, and disciples young adults towards a career in teaching, performing, and creating dance. It is all a part of the broader Mirror Arts Program (film, music, dance), an exciting new launchpad for emerging artists which has a focus on collaboration, mentorship, and artist entrepreneurship. This invaluable series of training courses are designed to equip young artists for a viable career in the arts and works in partnership with Langley's Bez Arts Hub and Dance Barn Studio. Come and chat with us for more info at our booth in the Exhibit Hall or check us out online at [www.mirrorarts.ca](http://www.mirrorarts.ca).

# Big Ideas Presentation Schedule

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"Big Ideas" are new and/or innovative ways to look at missional opportunities. We want to inspire you to ask questions of your own situation and maybe spark collaboration and conversation from what you hear. Take the time to meet with the presenters and ask questions.

**Location: Hall B, end of 700 row**

## Friday:

5:00 pm      Bye Bye Malaria – Update on eliminating malaria  
6:00 pm      Tenth Church – Growing vision for global mission

## Saturday

2:00 pm      REED – Introducing Resist Exploitation, Embrace Dignity  
4:00 pm      SIM – The Faithful Witness Project  
6:00 pm      Training Leaders International – Introducing TLI

# Children's Program

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**Presented by Child Evangelism Fellowship, Booth 524**

## Room 15

This program will take children on a missions adventure around the globe to investigate what God is doing in the world. Kids will leave with a greater understanding of mission and of the people around them – neighbours, teammates, and classmates. They will be excited to learn how they can be missionaries now and how God can use them in the years to come.

**PARENTS PLEASE NOTE:** Registration of each child in each session is necessary and begins 15 minutes before each session. It is also important that the parents allow their children to participate to the completion of each registered session. In cases of emergency, the parents will be contacted immediately.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** Please be considerate of the presenters and other children by not interrupting a session to take your children out before the session ends. If you are more than 15 minutes late you may be asked to pay \$5.00 for every 15 minutes per child.

## Schedule:

Friday Evening: Grades 1-6	6:45 pm – 9:00 pm
Saturday Morning: Grades 1-6	9:15 am – 11:00 am
Saturday Afternoon: Grades 1-6	1:15 pm – 3:00 pm
Saturday Evening: Grades 1-6	6:45 pm – 9:00 pm

**Please pick up your children promptly after each session.**

# Prayer at MFV



## Interactive Prayer Stations –

### Level 2, Outside Room 13 & 14

Many of us are uncertain how to pray or don't feel comfortable praying in a group. An interactive prayer station gives you prayer points and a tactile prayer experience which makes praying more engaging for many.

#### Stations include:

- Justice, Healing, and Reconciliation Among First Nations, by NAIM (Booth 039)
- Environmental stewardship and our role in the world, by A Rocha (Booth 301)
- The Persecuted Church, by Open Doors (Booth 002)
- Unreached People, by Missions Fest Vancouver
- Bibleless People, by Pioneer Bible Translators (Booth 418)

## Intercession – Room 6

Join our teams of Intercessors who will be praying for mission in the world and the conference. Drop in to join the prayer team as they pray at set times throughout the weekend.

Time	Description
9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Prayer walk. Meet at 9:00 am.
12:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Friday
11:00 am – 10:00 pm	Saturday

## Personal Prayer Ministry

### by the Healing Rooms – Room 4

If God is speaking to you this weekend about participating more intentionally in his mission, but you don't know where to start; if you need healing or want to know God's comfort... we have trained prayer teams from the Healing Rooms Vancouver who would love to pray with you. Feel free to drop in.

# Arts Café



## Humility and Hunger

Wild. Passionate and unashamed of Jesus! We are a group of missionaries and musicians based out of Youth With A Mission Perth writing worship music to capture the missional heart of God. Over the past couple of years as we've travelled from Asia to Europe, we've witnessed a generation that is hungry to know the truth and life that is found in Jesus. Our vision, everywhere we go, is to see this generation respond to the call of God and be catalysed to boldly live out their faith.





# 2020 Mini-Conferences

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Mini-Conferences are opportunities for you to learn from experts who are collaborating to help you go deeper into a subject than can be done in a seminar, and to develop a practical response that can be tied back to your community.

## **Making Disciples in Hard Places**

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## **The Journey There: Following God's Heart to the Least Reached**

Level 2 Meeting Room 13

### **Who should attend?**

Anyone curious, considering, called or preparing for cross-cultural missions.

#### *Description:*

Who are the least reached of the world? How do we follow God's heart to them? Could God be calling you to a "difficult" place? In this interactive "goers" track you'll meet experienced practitioners from multiple agencies who will engage with your questions and help you take the next steps in your journey.

#### *Educational goals/outcomes:*

As a participant in this track you will:

- understand God's heart for the least reached of the world
- see how you can overcome the challenges of going to hard places
- envision how you can become a fruitful disciple maker among the least reached
- be equipped to take your next step of engagement

## **The Sender's Passion: Making Disciples Here, There and Everywhere**

Level 2 Meeting Room 14

### **Who should attend?**

Pastors, church missions committees and anyone who has a heart for sending.

#### *Description*

Where is your church on its missional journey? How can you move from possibility to priority to passion? How can we learn from those we have sent to serve cross-culturally? In this interactive senders track, you will meet experienced practitioners from multiple agencies who will engage with your questions and help you and your church take the next step in your sending journey.

#### *Educational goals/outcomes*

As a participant in this track you will:

- understand the characteristics of a missional church
- learn about global missions strategies and consider how to apply them locally
- learn how to do short-term missions well in order to produce long term fruit

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# Youth and Young Adult Rally with 604 Network

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(Formerly known as Chapel)

**The 604 Network exists to bring this generation in the lower mainland together.** The heart behind this network is that relationships would be made and strengthened between pastors, local church leaders and young people from different churches and different denominations across our cities.



## **Junior Youth Rally with Jeremiah Modino**

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**Friday / 7:00PM / Meeting Room 1-3 / \$10**



## **Youth Rally with Kim Moran**

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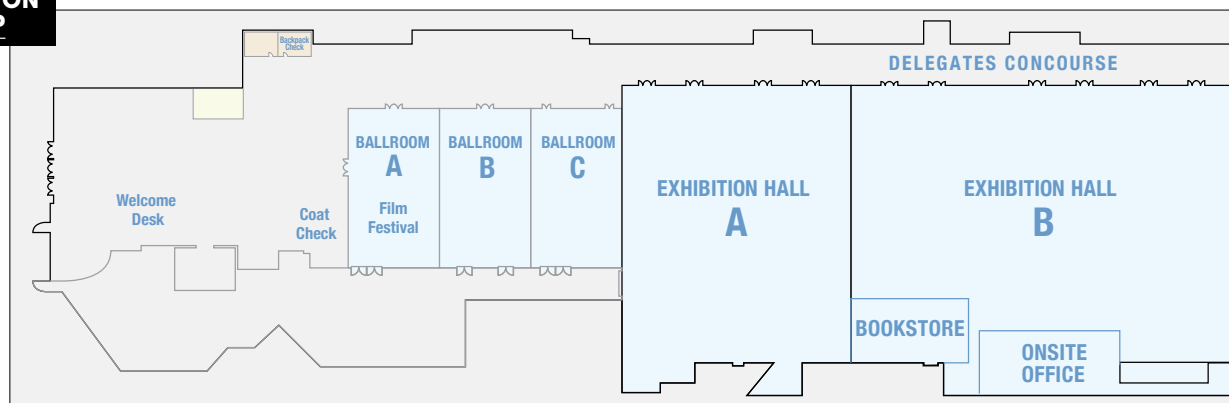
**Saturday / 7:00PM / Hall A / \$15**



**Kim Moran:** Kim and her husband Clark are the lead pastors at APA Church in Abbotsford. They've been the lead pastors there for the past three years and they were previously the campus pastors at Summit Pacific College. They've also been youth pastors in Ontario. Both Kim and Clark have a deep passion for the local church and for the next generation.

# Finding your way around

## CONVENTION LEVEL MAP



## SEMINAR LEVEL MAP



## Missions Fest Vancouver is held in the Vancouver Convention Centre East

**Audio Recordings:** Audio recordings of our main speakers are available for purchase in the lobby of the Convention Centre or online at: [missioncentral.ca](http://missioncentral.ca)

**Bookstore:** The official Missions Fest bookseller, Pilgrim Book & Bible, is in Booth 15 in Exhibition Hall B. The books of plenary speakers and mission agency representatives, along with other mission-oriented books are available for purchase.

**Donations:** Missions Fest Vancouver relies on donations to make the weekend possible. If you value the impact that Christians make around the world, please support this ministry.

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**Food Locations:** Convention Centre concession stands with seating are located at the rear of Exhibition Hall B. Waterfront Centre Food Court: Downstairs at the south end of the VCC lobby: Pita Express, McDonalds, Starbucks etc.

**Missions Fest Information Location:** Near the escalators in the VCC lobby on street level and the Missions Fest on-site office at the rear of Hall B.

**Lost and Found:** VCC lobby at Coat Check

**Parking:** Public parking lots are located at the foot of Seymour, West Cordova, Granville and Howe St, as well as under the VCC and the Waterfront Centre. School buses may park for free on Waterfront Road in spots designated Tour Bus.

**Phone:** For January 18-20 only, calls to Missions Fest will be forwarded to our temporary office in Exhibition Hall B. 604-524-9944

**Registration:** All attendees 18 and older need to register for the conference. Advance online registration is recommended. Pick up wristbands in the lobby and be sure to leave a little extra time to get to your events.

**Tickets:** All tickets are available online at: [missionsfestvancouver.ca/tickets](http://missionsfestvancouver.ca/tickets) or in the lobby.





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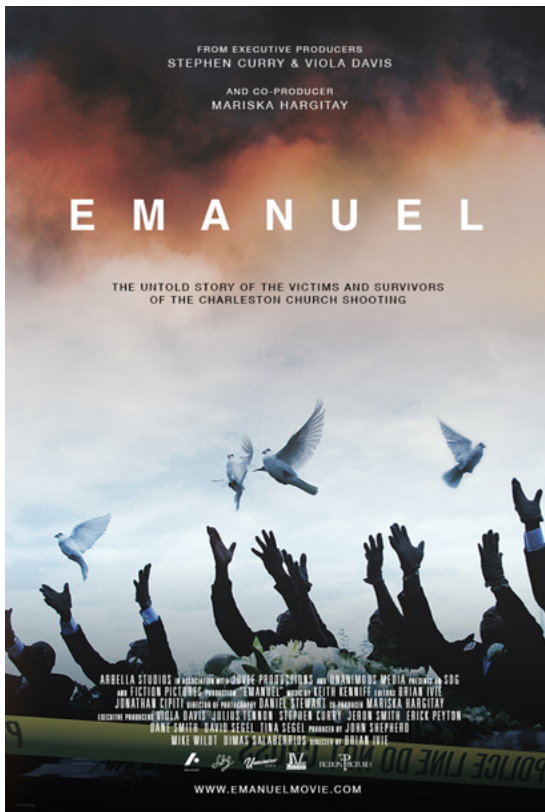


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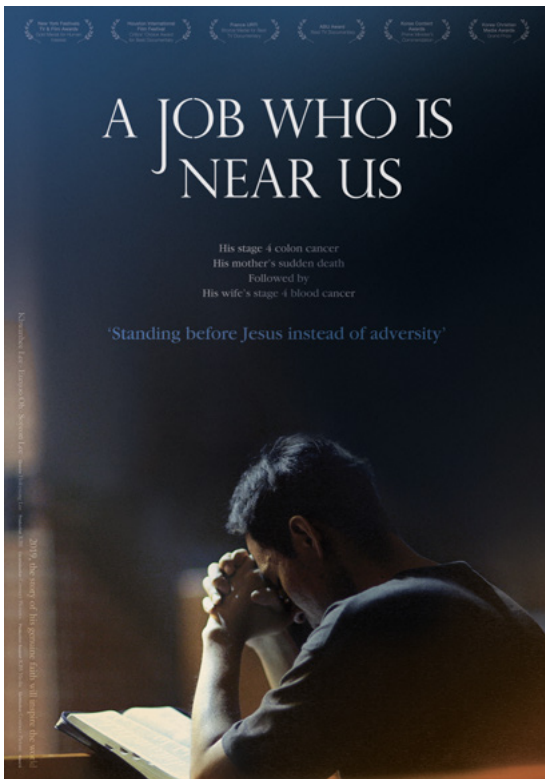
## OPENING PRESENTATION: FRIDAY 7:00 PM

### *Emanuel* (74 MIN)

Director-screenwriter: Brian Ivie / Executive producers: Stephen Curry, Viola Davis, Erick Peyton, David Segel / Producers: Dimas Salaberrios, John Shepherd, Mike Wildt

From the director of the transformational documentary *The Drop Box* (2014), this new film is a stunning examination of the mass shooting that claimed nine lives during a prayer service at a historic African-American church in Charleston, South Carolina. Providing an unvarnished account of racism and the terror of that tragic evening, *Emanuel* is also a story of unthinkable forgiveness and the provocative power of grace. With personal testimony from survivors of the shooting and family of the victims, this film will challenge you to consider how faith relates to justice and what it might mean to surrender to God's vision of restoration.

For more info: [emanuelmovie.com](http://emanuelmovie.com)



## CLOSING PRESENTATION: SATURDAY 7:00 PM

### *A Job Who is Near Us* (84 MIN)

Producer: Woong-dal Song / Director: Ho-Kyung Lee

Remarkably intimate and raw, this documentary journeys with a young family as they struggle through three years of incomprehensible physical suffering and seek God's purposes even as death looms. As with the Biblical story to which the title of this film alludes, no easy answers are given to the problem of pain, and yet this story of faithfulness draws us into deep considerations of God's goodness and presence. This is an emotional experience not to be missed.



## SATURDAY: 11:30 AM

### *A Journey to Forgive (75 MIN)*

**Director: Sung-soo Lee / Producer: Sung-soo Lee**

In this award-winning documentary (Audience Choice at the International Christian Film Festival; Silver Remi at WorldFest Houston 2019), a multigenerational group of Christians cycles from Seoul, South Korea, to Tokyo, Japan, with the hope of bringing healing to a route and relationship still marred, for many, by historic injustices. Though interspersed with animated assessments of theology and past events, this film is, at heart, a personal story of resilience — relational, spiritual, and physical. At times harrowing, the journey asks of riders and viewers alike: what lengths might we be called to go to embody God's forgiveness?



## SATURDAY: 3:30 PM

### *Jesus in Athens (91 MIN)*

**Director: Peter Hansen / Producer and writer: Darren Carlson**

As thousands upon thousands of refugees arrive on the shores of Greece, fleeing war-torn countries and the devastation of their homes, many of the most vulnerable people in the world are encountering Christianity for the first time. This film provides an on-the-ground look at the work being done among local churches in Athens to represent Jesus to those seeking a new life.

For more info: [jesusinathens.com](http://jesusinathens.com)

Interested in helping Refugees or Ministry to Muslims check out the following seminars:

Saturday 11 AM - Sandra Ryan: Migration and Mission - God at Work in the Global Movement of People



### **"What is Human" (5 MIN) and "What is the Value of Human Life" (4 MIN)** *from The Human Project*

**Director and Producer: Jake Bergen / Writer and creator: Andy Steiger**

Drawn from a teaching series co-produced by Apologetics Canada and Power to Change, these potent short films cut to the heart of fundamental questions about human identity and dignity. In "What is Human," a victim of genocidal violence demonstrates sacrificial love by caring for a child from the tribe that murdered her family. In "What is the Value of Human Life," a young woman living with a physical disability grapples with doubts about her worth even as she experiences the love of her family.

**Talk-back with Andy Steiger,  
Richard Szmuto, Jake Bergen**

For more info: [human.apologeticscanada.com](http://human.apologeticscanada.com)



# Lament: Can we do better than *“Thoughts and Prayers?”*

Aaron White

I absolutely believe in praying for people, but there is something about this common response to tragedy that really sticks in my throat these days.

Now, I understand the anger from the world regarding this phrase and have seen the multiple memes and self-righteous posturing around “actually doing something” rather than just praying, and quite frankly I don’t buy that approach either. I think there are people who respond to tragedies with “thoughts and prayers”, and there are people who respond to “thoughts and prayers” with their own politically-motivated, self-congratulatory keyboard activism, keyboard activism. Nobody really gets to the heart of the pain and sorrow that people are experiencing. It all seems insincere, dismissive, and opportunistic. And it does not inspire any kind of commitment to accompanying people in the depth of their agony.

This situation exists because we have forgotten how to lament.

Lament is a common form of prayer in all cultural and religious traditions, not least in the Hebrew prayer book. There are more “Lament

Psalms” than there are “Praise Psalms” (roughly 45% of the Psalms involve lament). A Lament Psalm, according to Gail O’Day, involved Israel formally addressing God with a complaint and a petition, which seems a little too bold for our pious tastes. The Lament continues by giving God a motivation for action and expressing the belief that God would hear and respond with mercy. Lament could be thought of prayer in the form of complaint, protest, the honest expression of pain, sorrow, doubt, accusation, anger, or rage. Yet this prayer is offered within the context of deep faith, trust and hope. The Psalmist usually starts praising God for his faithfulness before the lamentable situation is even fully resolved. Psalm 4 affirms that God has granted relief *when I was in distress*. Psalm 23 declares that God has set a table for me *in the presence of my enemies*. This faithful hope and trust does not necessarily remove the lamenter from the situation, but allows him, her or them to deal with it courageously, and to lend courage to others as well. It is this faith, hope, and courage that keeps the lament from descending into a whine.

True lament refuses abstraction and romanticism. It deals with the real, the particular, the specific. It mourns and rages and hopes at THIS moment, in THIS circumstance. It insists upon flesh and blood and brick and mortar. It embodies. One of the great dangers of modern religion is the retreat to theoretical prayers and theoretical answers to prayer. We do not lament well because we are not willing (nor encouraged) to go deep enough into our own pain, anger and disappointment. In this we lack courage. We do not lament well with others because we are not willing (nor encouraged) to go deep enough into the brokenness of our neighbours. In this we lack love. And we do not lament well to God because we are not willing (nor encouraged) to go deep enough in our prayerful, and often doubtful, wrestling with him. In this we lack faith.

Embracing and practicing lament can therefore teach us to better love God, love our neighbour and love ourselves. It requires and produces honesty and vulnerability. It creates the necessary conditions for empathy. And it begins, exists, and is fulfilled within the idea that God hears and knows our suffering, and is faithful to answer our cries and meet us in our need.

Jesus prays a lament on the cross, when he cries out the opening lines of Psalm 22: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" It is a troubling question, as are all laments. But he does not end with the anguished scream of protest. Jesus also prays out the last line of Psalm 22: "He has done it!" (It is finished!) This means that Jesus inhabits the whole of Psalm 22 on the cross - the pain, the doubt, and the questioning, as well as the faithful, hopeful, victorious resolution. Jesus demonstrates to us how to pray and live lament, through the worst of possible circumstances.

So how do we practice lament? On a personal level, we need to become willing to sit with our sadness and disappointment. This does not mean being trapped in our misery. It means that we develop the courage to avoid denying, repressing, or shoving our pain away. Instead, we acknowledge and lament pain, and then ask for the ability to hand it over to the Lord with faith, hope and gratitude. This is hard, but we can begin to practice this with all our emotions, including happiness. This is one of the ways we learn the essential discipline of detachment, and the fruit of contentedness.

When we practice personal lament, we can also learn to engage in communal lament. This is something we have found necessary in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside, a community extremely familiar with suffering. We have started setting aside time in our Holiness Meetings for communal lament. Expressing disappointment, sorrow and anger is very important, but we are often afraid to do so in prayer or worship. So, we open up space for people to bring their pain, sorrow, doubt, and even anger before God. And then, like Job's friends (before they got all preachy) we take time to weep alongside one another, or to respond with holy, faithful, compassionate fury, or with deep, body-wracking sobs and cries. There are times when we even dare to scream, "Enough of this!" God is not intimidated by our honesty and vulnerability.

We do this because we believe, and have experienced, that shared pain is somehow lessened, just as shared joy is increased. We cannot know the deep experience of joy until and unless we are willing to experience the deep well of lament.

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Lament is not despair; it is careful observation of a fallen world matched with accurate and appropriate response. It is this that clears the way for unreserved joy.

One of the most important stories in our Church's history illustrates this. We were meeting for prayer while going through a painful and confusing season, and asking one another if our marginalised friends were really welcome in the heart of our supposedly loving and incarnational fellowship. Did we really listen to the voice of the Lord through the cries of the oppressed and broken in our midst? We prepared to engage in silent prayer to consider the matter. As we began, we heard the loud, obnoxious cries of our friend Leena, newly released from jail, who had decided to attend our gathering. As she walked up the stairs, noisily crying, complaining and inquiring, we knew there would be no silent prayer. She crashed into our meeting and began approaching each person in the room to give them a hug and to yell: "I love you!" Ten full minutes later she finished by sitting down in the very centre of our circle. Leena is the most marginalised woman we know, the least welcome everywhere, the embodiment

of pain. That night she came to us with her brokenness, her need, her lament, her insistence, and her love. She spoke the words of God over us, and showed us what it means to have a heart close to Jesus. Leena showed us that God offers more to us than "thoughts and prayers". He offers his presence. He hugs us, and he tells us that he loves us.

Portions of this article can be found in Aaron's upcoming book: *Recovering From Brokenness and Addiction to Blessedness and Community*, with Baker Academic Press.

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# Mission in Love

Sandra Ryan

God created the world in love. Had sin not entered the world, love would have been expressed only in companionship, kindness, joy – all the wonderful bright faces of love. But sin did enter the world, and in this new and broken context love took on new redemptive aspects which we have come to understand as mission. The brokenness of the world is not the defining characteristic of our mission, the love of God is. God did not send his Son into the world to fix the world, but to love the world. God's unswerving purpose is to love and to free us to love, but what does love look like in a broken and sinful world? This is the question that must define our mission.

From the beginning of his ministry Jesus was quite clear about his mission. In Luke 4 he claims the fulfillment of Isaiah 61

*"The Spirit of the Lord is on me,  
because he has anointed me  
to proclaim good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners  
and recovery of sight for the blind,  
to set the oppressed free,  
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."* Luke 4:18,19

Mission must not only seek to do what Jesus did, but to have the heart motivation that compelled him. Just as promised in the gospel of Luke, Jesus' life was spent loving as expressed in his mission to free the cap-

tives, set the oppressed free, and preach good news to the poor. The mission of Jesus is lived out in transformative love as expressed in compassion, justice, and evangelism.

## **Compassion is love in the context of need, pain, and sin.**

From the time sin entered the world, God's love has been unfailing.

*"The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin" Exodus 34:6,7* He hurts for those who are suffering because of sin and seeks to bring hope and healing. This is where mission must always begin.

In Mark 1 Jesus recognizes one who is captive as he stares into the face of a man beset by leprosy - captive in his own wasting body, condemned to live in exile never coming into the light.

*A man with leprosy came to him and begged him on his knees, "If you are willing, you can make me clean."*

*Jesus was filled with compassion. He reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" Immediately the leprosy left him and he was cleansed. Mark 1:42-44*

It is clear from his response that Jesus sees a person to be loved, not a problem to be solved.



The phrase which describes Jesus' emotional reaction to seeing the man's condition is a gut-wrenching desire, nothing even close to pity. He feels the man's pain deeply and gets involved personally as he reaches out and touches his diseased body. What is quite confusing about this act of missional love is the warning that follows his healing.

*Jesus sent him away at once with a strong warning: "See that you don't tell this to anyone. Mark 1:44*

This is not a unique response in Jesus' acts of compassion. There are several noted accounts of Jesus telling people not to tell anyone about what he has done. This man's healing wasn't an agenda for Jesus, or a method to accomplish a greater goal. If Jesus was healing the man in order to prove something, to get word out that he was the Messiah – the warning would make no sense. The motivation for mission will inevitably show itself in how the mission is accomplished. It is obvious when we are a problem to someone, something to be fixed instead of a real person with real need in real pain. The principles of missional compassion are laid out clearly in the book *When Helping Hurts* by Steve Corbett and Brian Fikkert. For anyone seeking to love compassionately it is a necessary read.

Unfortunately, the church hasn't always gotten this love right. Our missional zeal has allowed us to turn acts of compassion into a means to an end. We help people in order to share the good news with them. The words "in order to" can never go after "we help" if it is a truly compassionate act. Because godly love is unconditional, and compassion is love in the context of need, pain, and sin.

## Justice is love in the context of broken structures, systems, and relationships

Sincere compassion always leads to justice because in the context of love relationships we are all transformed. Tony Campolo is known for explaining the difference between compassion and justice this way, "Compassion is helping the guy who got beaten up and robbed. Justice is asking, how can we make this stretch of road safer?" Followers of Jesus were called to live in just relationship to one another, caring for the poor and vulnerable in their midst, and developing healthy inclusive community. Justice has come to have such a narrow meaning in our times. Marching in demonstrations and signing petitions cannot be the extent of our missional justice. Acts like these keep justice at arms length, and love is never only an arms-length experience.

When Jesus is petitioned to arbitrate in the theatrical trial of a woman caught in adultery, the petitioners planned on Jesus' compassion, but were blindsided by his justice. As they expected, Jesus declares her to be guilty. What they did not expect is that he would go on to say, "...but you are guilty too." That's what justice looks like. Jesus does not condone the actions of the woman, but also confronts the men themselves. In all-encompassing love, Jesus calls them to contemplate how they as men can live differently so that women are not put into these situations of sin. Jesus admits that she needs to change, but so do her accusers.

Mission team experiences are often cited as turning-points in people's discipleship journey. These experiences immerse people in compassion, but should also lead participants to ask, "How must my life change now that I have experienced the pain and need of others?" and "How can I live in such a way as to be part of the ongoing solution to their need?" Those are transformational questions of love, because mission is a relationship, not the provision of a service. The tough reality of justice is that we are complicit in the pain and suffering in people's lives. The redemptive reality of missional justice is that we can make a difference simply by how we live. Although it is important to give compassionately to feed the hungry, we also need to change the way we shop and the way we eat if we hope to address the systems that

keep people hungry. This is love in the midst of broken systems and relationships.


## Evangelism is love in the context of lies, doubts, and accusations

Mission begins with compassion, grows into justice, and is made clear and complete with evangelism. We are anointed also to proclaim good news. We use the adjective 'good' because our people are immersed in 'bad' news, particularly the poor. People desperately need to hear the truth. People are longing to be taught what is right and good. As Paul says in his letter to the Romans "...how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?" *Romans 10:14*. To speak of the love of Jesus, and to teach God's commandments for holy living is essential, but this truth must be spoken in the context of compassion and justice. When mission is narrowed to be only proclamation then it is not love. Truth without compassion is judgement. Truth without justice is hypocrisy.

Jesus taught as "one with authority..." *Mark 1:22*. Every word he spoke was saturated with the authority of his compassionate actions and just life. The man who lived with leprosy needed to hear Jesus' words, "I am willing" for the healing to reach his heart as well as his body. The woman needed to hear that no one condemned her in order to continue to live in the freedom that Jesus had given her. She needed to be instructed to make new, life-giving choices.

God's unfailing love isn't quenched by the reality of our sin and brokenness. This love expresses itself in mission, transformed into a passionate, holistic response to his people. This is the love that God calls us to experience and the mission he calls us to share through compassion, justice, and evangelism. ■

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# Mission and the Future

*The goal of  
the conference  
will be to call  
people to deeper  
discipleship...*

John Hall

## Where we've been

Missions Fest Vancouver is the largest annual mission conference in North America, gathering 10-15K attendees over a weekend in the heart of Vancouver. We are a Canadian Council of Christian Charities certified charity and have served as a networking hub for churches, mission agencies and missionally minded individuals for over 35 years. We gather the big 'C' church around Christ's mission - to redeem and reconcile all creation to himself. We believe that everyone has been sent by Christ to participate in the Great Commission (Mt 28:19).

But, we need to take into consideration changes in our cultural landscape.

## Challenges Facing Mission Today

From the mid-eighteenth century to the 1960's, Colonialism and Christendom influenced the advancement of the Gospel around the world. The 'Traditional Model' of missionary sending typified during this era was someone from the West who packed a bag and went to a foreign country. In the 1960's the concept of the *Missio Dei* began to emerge in missional thought (the idea that God has a church for his mission). Mission that emerged during this period was much more holistic. The Lausanne Covenant (1974) sums up the posture of this shift in the statement by John Stott, "evangelization required the whole church to take the whole gospel to the whole world." With the rise of Globalization in the 20<sup>th</sup> century mis-

sion is now everyone to everywhere. Many churches and mission agencies unknowingly support the 'Traditional Model' of mission, which focusses the church on global mission. It inadvertently marginalizes the local church's role in mission, mobilizes a small percentage of the church, and relegates the remainder to praying and giving. Hence, mission agencies end up fighting apathy and disillusionment as they struggle to mobilize a new generation for local and global mission.

The church in Canada is also facing a crisis of discipleship. The markers of mature discipleship are measurable and are lacking. There are two reasons that come to mind to explain this crisis in part. First, the role of mission in helping to mature disciples has long been overlooked. Second, there seems to be a disconnect between the goal of the church to create mature disciples and the goal of mission agencies, which is to help mature disciples participate in mission.

*Who will pray, "Send me"?*

## The Question

As an organization how can Mission Central come alongside the church and help create mature disciples and at the same time develop a missional vision in the disciples we encounter?

## Our Solution

Mission Central is developing content to help all disciples discover their missional calling and grow skills to live into the fullness of Christ. In addition to what you will discover year-round, our annual conference will be oriented towards discipleship and mission.

It may be a bit of a generalization, but everyone has a vocation. Using a framework based on spheres of societal influence (education, business, government, religion, family, media, arts, health care) we want to develop affiliation-based networks. The younger generation rally to networks. The spheres correspond to almost everyone's vocational calling, which are a wonderful place to start for developing a missional vision. Between the conference and networks, we will be able to engage a broad market on an essential Christian issue - discipleship.

The goal of the conference will be to call people to deeper discipleship through an affinity group that resonates with everyone. The conference will step forward from Missions Fest's legacy and continue to use the Vancouver Convention Centre space.

Local pastors and leaders will be invited to help shape the content of the missional discipleship conference creating a grassroots movement and connecting it to the regional church community.

Year-round connection and relationships will be fostered through networks which will become places that facilitate the free exchange of ideas while breaking hierarchical or patron-client relationships. The network can be fed meaningful content by mission agencies to keep conversation flowing and people maturing.

### Our goal is to:

- Increase conversation on challenging discipleship issues. Work at reintegrating discipleship and mission.
- Find new ways for all Christians to participate in mission.
- Build bridges between missional experts, churches and Christians.
- Give the ministry a national platform.

Join us in the conversation.

We'd love to hear from you at [jhall@missioncentral.ca](mailto:jhall@missioncentral.ca)

## WHAT'S NEW WITH MISSION CENTRAL

We've been busy in the last year developing Mission Central into a hub for collaboration and network development.

**Articles** – We update our articles often with current missional content. Find innovative ideas, relevant theology and read about change agents who are making a difference in the world.

**Prayer** – Pray with us! Join us at prayer meetings throughout the year or online. Check events for details.

**Resources** – We feature organization which produce resources which you may find helpful in your missional journey such as Linking Global Voices. One way that mission is changing is through the growth and influence of networks. Check out Linking Global Voices to find your tribe.

**Store** – Our store features the historic recordings from Missions Fest and will feature this year's recordings too.



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*Pray for followers of Jesus to be bold  
in sharing the hope that they have in him.  
The story of Jesus at work in our lives  
is powerful.*



# Hope that Never Gives Up

Julia and Kevin Garratt

*Wisps of life before prison circulated the cell. We celebrated every fragment of outside news. Our stories wove together in moments of comfort and compassion that soothed the guilty and the innocent. And every day we hoped for kindness.*

—Julia & Kevin Garratt, *Two Tears on the Window*, p.212

Few British-born Canadian children raised in Montreal, dream of working in China. I did. At 12 years old in a church basement prayer room, kneeling on the floor beside a chair, I remember the moment the minister walked by and put his hand on my head. “Julia, when I was your age God spoke to me and it determined the direction of my life.” I never forgot.

Kevin’s walk with Jesus began in University. After a personal encounter during a retreat, he invested every free moment reading the Bible, studying, and finding Christians to mentor and coach him as a young

believer. He eagerly shared about his new life with strangers, friends and family.

His call to China came in 1983 when a man shared his story and told him China needed teachers. After a surprise phone call, Kevin and I realized God had planted a China-seed in both our hearts and with a deep love for each other and God, we married and accepted invitations to teach English at the National University of Defense Technology as the first English teachers since 1949.

Armed with bachelor's degrees, youthful idealism and convinced it was God's idea and not just ours, we were excited and eager. Despite our inexperience for this daunting task, God was prepared. The poster tucked in our suitcase said:

*I don't know all the answers,  
but I know someone  
who does.*

From the start our Chinese hosts showed kindness and hospitality as we poured our hearts into teaching English alongside teachers and students just recovering from the Cultural Revolution. We watched many firsts, like the first refrigerator arriving on campus by three-wheeled bicycle, as China began to modernize.

Over three decades we taught in local universities and started community development and social enterprise projects that could be replicated by nationals. We also served as training and meeting places to build friendship and bridges in small communities. We disciplined small groups of young adults and cheered them on as they launched into entrepreneurial endeavours or community development projects with Jesus at the core.

Chinese showed incredible grace and we saw God's character revealed in unexpected ways. We were challenged in areas where our Western cultural upbringings had left us lacking. God grew our faith in small steps, always making Himself known as long as we were intentional, listening, and willing to join His plan.

We shared many moral values with our host nation, but our source of hope baffled many. Whether partnering with a government orphanage or school, establishing a family centre or buying food from the local market, we devoted ourselves to demonstrating and explaining what a relationship with the living God looks like—how it guides and informs our decisions and is our source of daily wisdom and strength. Our mandate was and is 1 Peter 3:15 *"In your hearts honour Christ the Lord as holy, always be ready to give an answer to everyone who asks, for the hope that is in you, yet do so with gentleness and respect."*

We met incredible Chinese Christians like Dr. Wu, who shared their precious stories with us and introduced us to persecution and suffering. Dr. Wu spent 7 years in prison for his faith. He led us to a rubber factory filled with faithful believers — all blind. They touched our hands and cheeks and prayed for us that we would be lights in their nation. What wonderful family God gives us!

God was never surprised by the unexpected plot twists in our story so when the Chinese Ministry of State Security abducted us in 2014, accusing us of spying and disseminating national security secrets, He was ready. As life became 6 months of grueling interrogations, isolation, imprisonment and 775 days of intense suffering, God was by our side.

Responding to our persistent cries for help, and the prayers of many worldwide, God invaded our most painful days in the cell with moments of deep intimacy. Our Father, Friend, Comforter, Saviour was with us with a song or word or sign of His deep love for us.

One dark day in the cell's outdoor cage, Kevin held onto the bars with tears streaming down his face. "I can't do this any longer. God, I can't." Then staring at the drab dirt just beyond the cage wall he saw one single bright, yellow dandelion. "God put it there for me. It changed everything and I could endure the suffering." (Garratt, *Two Tears on the Window*, p.211)

Holding onto hope and having our ears tuned to God's voice has been the lifeline through our 32-year China journey including what we now call our two bonus years. God's seminary comes in many ways and

suffering is part of the course. During our final curtain years in China, God met us in profound ways and shaped us for today's chapter.

Looking back over 32 years in China, including 8 years assisting with community development in North Korea, we see that the Christian life is an altar life. It starts at the altar where we humble ourselves and say, "Jesus I can't do this life without you, come and show me your way." And then it continues every day as we come with thankful hearts and say again, "Not my will but yours be done." It is not a chore; it is a joy! Painful and mysterious at times but God equips us with all the resources of the kingdom of heaven—fruit and gifts of the Spirit—so that we are perfectly outfitted for every God-designed plan for us.

We are designed for our unique stories. God is who He says He is. God does what He says He will do. God is ever-present (*Ps. 46:1*) and always at work (*John 5:17*). He trusts us with difficult seasons, walking through them with us while inviting us into a much larger story about the saving of many lives. (*Gen. 50:20*). His mercy makes a new way when we step out of sync at times. As long as we listen and obey what the Spirit of God says, the mystery of the good news will reach people of all nations no matter how unreachable some appear.

We consider it a joy to call Chinese and North Koreans our friends. So many have enriched our lives and helped shape our four wonderful children. Now they are stepping into their stories woven together with the threads of many nations.

Our work is not complete until we meet Jesus face to face. Paul reminds us that "our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory which far outweighs them all." (*2 Cor. 4:17*)

God always waits for us at the altar of our hearts. As new doors open for community development in Myanmar and sharing with reporters, governments, prisoners, and people needing a fresh taste of God's goodness and mercy, we step through, honoured to carry His presence. ■



## SATURDAY

## DISCIPLESHIP

**11:00 AM** Discipleship that Transforms

Room 09 Jorge Lin  
Evangelical Free Church of Canada

**12:30 PM** Missionary Discipleship through chosen and unchosen singleness

Room 09 Panel Members: Sandra Crawford,  
Min-Soo Kang, Kenny Leung,  
and Maria Moulder - Facilitator:  
Eric Westeberg - Mission Central

**3:30 PM** Accountability to Grace

Room 09 Steven Sharpe  
Lower Pacific District of  
the Evangelical Free Church of Canada\*

**5:00 PM** Disciple Making in the context of Community

Room 09 Jay McIntyre  
Capernwray Quebec Bible Centre • Booth 112 \*

## INTO THE NEIGHBORHOOD

**11:00 AM** Lasting Change: When Prayer and Presence Meet in the Community

Room 10 Shane and Alana Powell  
Moveln • Booth 713 \*

**12:30 PM** A Drunkard and a Glutton: Being Holy And On Mission

Room 10 Andrew Sherwood  
West Coast Christian Fellowship

**3:30 PM** Changing Neighbourhoods: Impact of Immigration

Room 10 Lorne Hunter  
Outreach Canada Ministries  
(CNMM, CMKN) • Booths 801, 822\*

**5:00 PM** Making the city a better place and bringing good news to the poor

Room 10 Fari Maghami  
Coastal Church

## JUSTICE: SOCIAL/ENVIROMENTAL

**11:00 AM** Human Trafficking Survivors Discover Their Worth

Room 18 Brian McConaghy  
Ratanak International • Booth 219 \*

**12:30 PM** How Can We Help Children Without Families?

Room 18 Kristjen Hull  
Abba Canada Foundation

**3:30 PM** Disciplining with a Climate Change Lens

Room 18 Gary Hewitt, Nelson Lee, and Monica Tan  
Earthkeepers

**5:00 PM** Refugees, Christians and the Exchanged Life

Room 18 James Grunau  
Journey Home Community Association • Booths 215, 216\*

## MUSLIM MINISTRY

**11:00 AM** Ministry to Muslims (Muslim Women Mindset)

Room 16 Amani Mustafa  
AH Ministries International • Booths 105, 104 \*

**12:30 PM** How to share the good news with a Muslim

Room 16 Habib Abdo  
Every Nation Church Vancouver

**3:30 PM** The unseen face of magic in the lives of Muslims

Room 16 Brian Dale  
OMF International • Booth 511 \*

**5:00 PM** Loving a Mosque Community Together

Room 16 Lorna Johnston  
Loving Muslims Together • Booths 801, 822\*

## WORK AND FAITH

**11:00 AM** Why Missional Business

Room 17 Eric Ma  
MSI Canada • Booth 613 \*

**12:30 PM** In the Marketplace with the King

Room 17 Dennis Landon  
Prairie College • Booths 527, 522 \*

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## Plenary Speakers' Seminars – Saturday, Meeting Room 11

**11:00 AM** Sandra Ryan, People's Church  
Migration and Mission – God at work in the global movement of people

Any global perspective on mission will see that the people of the world are on the move and Emmanuel God is in their midst. Together we will explore how God is at work through global migration, both throughout history and in our present politically-charged immigration reality. We will also discuss some very practical and effective ways the Church can, and must, strategically journey with people to make migration ministries fruitful.

**12:30 PM** Kevin and Julia Garratt, Nation to Nation  
(Christian) Social Entrepreneurship & Reaching the Hard Places:

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**3:30 PM** Bruce Luo, Partners International  
(Seminar in Chinese with translation to English)

## 主題-Title: “今日宣教中國”- Mission China Today

宣教異象: 以中國家庭教會為主的宣教運動, 從來沒有因為任何的社會或政治環境的改變而停止。相反, 即使近年來, 因為國內宗教條例的制定, 所導致的一系列的負面影響, 也沒有阻止中國教會在現今的普世宣教中, 所逐漸承擔起的“差派教會”的角色。例如: 在城市裡建立不同模式的間教會; 讓500多個未得群體都聽到福音; 以及向海外差派跨文化宣教士等等, 都是中國教會的願望。

Global vision: The mission movement of the House Church in China has never changed nor stopped due to social or political instability. On the contrary, in recent years the negative impact of the new religious regulations has speeded up the House Church's goal to be a sending church in global mission. Their current goal for instance is to plant churches in cities; to preach the gospel to over 500 unreached people group in China; and to send thousands cross-cultural missionaries overseas in the future.



## FRIDAY

1:00 PM

**Involvement in Missions: from Perspective to the Practical**

Room 07 Greg Young  
*Engineering Ministries International Canada • Booth 906*  
 Whether you are a student, in mid-career, or transitioning a life-time of work and experience into the mission-field, we will explore how to identify opportunities, establish "fit", and unpack the rewards and challenges of entering God's work of redemption in your community and around the world.

**The Sacrifice of Serving Across Cultures: Not the One you Expect**

Room 08 Kara Bergstrom  
*Columbia Bible College • Booth 911*

When serving across cultures we expect homesickness and language learning challenges. We don't always foresee the pain of losing our former identity as we become bi-cultural. Hear stories and examples from 20 years of sending College students. Learn how to re-enter as bi-cultural Christians.

**Intercession: The Manner of Mission**

Room 09 James Eagles  
*Intercede International • Booth 003*

The Lord Jesus Christ has called us to Go into all the World. A very important part of that Call is to first Go to Him in prayer. We need to realize what the scripture says about us, His Body and who He is. Then equipped with that knowledge, we enter the Mission Field of Intercession.

**Reaching the Unreached**

Room 10 Janelle Keller  
*The Maranatha Evangelistic Association •*

Hear how churches have been planted among the indigenous people who live in the mountains of Oaxaca, Mexico by empowering and training nationals to do the work.

**Strengthening the Mission Through Spirit-Led Leadership**

Room 11 Mark Maxwell  
*Prairie College • Booths 527, 522*

Christian organizations should set the standard as the best places to work. Though Christian organizations are not immune to poor culture because of our fallen world. Learn how Biblical leadership can be contrary to the conventional and how to follow the Spirit's lead through tough decisions.

**The Existential Identity Crisis of Millennials**

Room 12 Gordon Carkner  
*Outreach Canada Ministries (CNMM, CMKN) • Booths 801, 822*

Millennials, one of the largest generations yet, are struggling with daunting existential concerns, both personal and cultural. This session will outline key issues of this identity crisis, and offer direction to recover their hope and sense of calling.

**Global Revival: A Massive Turning to God in a Hostile World**

Room 16 Ron Pearce  
*Empower Ministries • Booth 915*

Do you need some good news? Listen and be inspired as Ron shares remarkable stories of millions being transformed by the power of God. Hear firsthand reports from Ethiopia, China, Israel and many more countries! The global Church is thriving despite intense persecution. Come and be challenged.

**Why The Bible Is Unique**

Room 17 Heinz Lycklama  
*Apologetics Forum of Snohomish County •*

The Bible is like none of the 300+ "holy" books in the world. It provides sound evidences and convincing proofs of God's Word in history, prophecy, archaeology, and science. The Christian Faith is based on the Bible, matches reality, and can be shared with confidence on the mission field.

**Why Indigenous Peoples Must be First**

Room 18 Beverly Hadland  
*Crossroads Christian Communications Inc. •*

Bev will give an overview of the Indigenous Peoples before the Europeans arrived; life with treaties and life in the last 75 yrs. It will bring a clear mandate from the Truth & Reconciliation Commission and what Christian youth can do to make a difference.

**How to Witness - Jewish Evangelism**

Room 19 Laura Barron  
*Jews for Jesus Canada • Booth 212*

If you can witness to a Jewish person you can witness to just about anybody! Gain valuable tips on presenting the gospel to Jewish friends and learn insights into various objections to the gospel as well as conversation techniques, understanding Jewish sensitivities and more!

## FRIDAY

2:30 PM

**Seeing God through different worldview lenses**

Room 07 Mark A Naylor  
*Northwest Baptist Theological College & Seminary • Booth 415*

Submission to Christ requires a right orientation to God. Contrasting worldviews— Hindu (monistic), Western (dualistic: natural / supernatural), Biblical (dualistic: God / creation)— reveal the submission others have within their belief system and clarifies our submission to the God we serve.

**Emerging Trends in the Bible Translation Movement**

Room 08 Roy Eyre  
*Wycliffe Bible Translators of Canada • Booth 422*

1 in 5 people in the world still do not have the Bible in a heart language. Some of them are here in Canada. How is the indigenous church taking ownership of the work of Bible translation? Come learn about the process of translation and trends emerging in the global Bible translation movement.

**Strengthening Faith with Science**

Room 09 Lester Marr  
*Reasons to Believe • Booth 032*

The heart cannot exalt in what the mind rejects. Science is our ally, providing reasons to believe in God and the Bible. Christians can use science to defend and strengthen their faith. Revelations from nature provide new insights into God's love and power leading to full praise for the heart.

**On mission for the marginalized: Bible education in Canada's Prisons**

Room 10 Gordon Allert  
*Prairie College • Booths 527, 522*

23,000 men are incarcerated in federal prisons in Canada. This experience often becomes a turning point in their lives. They are hungry for programs that will help them transform their lives. The Prison Bible Encounter Program Leadership will share stories that have encouraged them over 3 years.

**Preparing Our Inner Selves For Cross-Cultural Ministry**

Room 11 Gord & Brenda Nickerson  
*Josiah Venture Canada •*

Cross-cultural ministry is most effective when it flows out of what the triune God is doing in our lives. This seminar will focus on practical ways to prepare our inner selves to be used by God, joining him in making disciples wherever he calls us... locally or globally.

**{Series: Muslim Ministry} Loving your Muslim Neighbor as God does**

Room 12 Fadi Sharaiha  
*SAT-7 Canada •*

This seminar will explore how to understand the background of people coming from the Middle East including the dominant religion, culture and history while discovering practical ways to share the Gospel with them.

**Young Japanese at Our Doorsteps: A Case Study**

Room 16 Ted and Mari Fukusaku  
*Vancouver Japanese Gospel Church •*

Ted and Mari will present about how the church has been actively involved with its youth and young adult ministry, evangelism and discipleship of Japanese in Vancouver.

**Off the Streets and Into Our Hearts**

Room 17 Markku Kostamo  
*Himalayan Life Canada • Booth 406*

Through Himalayan Life's programs in Nepal, hundreds of kids have received a life away from poverty, drugs, garbage piles and violence. In turn, they've grown into adults whose lives are saturated with hope, joy, faith, purpose, and a future. Through God's love they are moving from NOT LIFE to LIFE!

**Hope in the Midst of Conflict: Ministry in Israel-Palestine**

Room 18 Beverley Timgren  
*HOPE Outreach of Canada, Inc. • Booth 408*

This seminar highlights stories of people in Israel-Palestine involved in peace-building, reconciliation and care for the marginalized. Despite the failure of political agreements, God has raised up people who responded to challenges, impacting their communities with hope in the midst of conflict.

**Local Ethnic Partnerships**

Room 19 Gord Schutz  
*Mountainview Alliance Church •*

Cultural markers and differences are important and can bring richness to relationships but also some challenges. This seminar will explore the power and unity of the gospel, as well as the story of a church partnership with a Mandarin population church from Burnaby.

## FRIDAY

4:00 PM

**Serving Seafarers through Changing Times**

Room 07 Gary Roosma  
*The Mission to Seafarers • Booth 708*

Intentional outreach to seafarers aboard freighters has been happening for some 200 years. But shipping has changed through all those years. How seafarers ministry adapted to these changing circumstances is the topic of this seminar.

## FRIDAY

4:00 PM

**Business and Mission**

Room 08 R Schlitt  
OMF International • Booth 511

In today's world, business gives the opportunity to demonstrate and speak about our faith. Business opens door to people otherwise not reached where good business is welcome when other entry is not.

**The Cup, The Cross and the Gospel**

Room 09 Eugene McDonald and Joshua Kim  
Discipleship International • Booth 206

When we fully comprehend the cross, including the wrath of God in its full capacity, it becomes a driving force for us to offer our bodies as a true living sacrifice wholly and pleasing to God. We will desire to live a surrendered Christian life without limits for the gospel.

**Being Intercultural People of God**

Room 10 Sherman Lau  
Mission Central • Back of Hall B

This seminar seeks to equip the attendee with the knowledge and skills to grow their cultural intelligence in order to reach across cultures locally and globally with the Gospel.

**Living with an Eternity Vision**

Room 11 Heather Ewald  
First Baptist Church-Redmond •

This seminar/workshop will explore practical ways to spread the Gospel in every situation you find yourself in. It's a hands-on experience, with take home items. Jesus gives us an assignment – Mt. 28:19 – everyone you meet has an eternal soul. You'll be challenged to live life with "Eternity Vision".

**"For such a time as this." The Missional need for Women to Lead**

Room 12 Rhoda Klein Miller  
Oakridge Adventist Church •

In a denomination conflicted about women clergy, God chose this reluctant, unqualified lady to be the first female Lead Pastor of a Seventh-day Adventist church in BC. Hear her journey seeking Biblical affirmation and be inspired by her experiences discovering greater capacity for missional reach.

**From Surrendering to Becoming while Aging Purposefully**

Room 16 Gwen Lam  
Baptist Housing Ministries Society • Booth 607

Who am I? What is the purpose of life, especially in my "golden" senior years? God continues to call older adults and the elderly to partner in His mission. Even when our bodies fail and our hairs turn gray, God's calling redefines usefulness and value in human life and His relationship with us.

**Devoted Canadians (and Others) Impacting Europe for the Gospel [In German language with translation]**

Room 17 Dieter Trefz with Rob Harris as translator, seminar in German  
Kontakt Canada Ministry Association • Booths 817, 805, 818, 806

When true Christ followers – Canadians and others – devote themselves to Christ's cause at the altar, powerful effects are felt on the mission field. Even desperately lost post-Christian Europe has been powerfully impacted by these dynamic believers in the past, and that trend continues today.

**Blessing or Curse? Ministry Partner Development**

Room 18 Mike Woodard  
FamilyLife Canada • Booth 920

"I want to be a missionary but I could never ask for money!" Sad but this attitude keeps many from the mission field. This workshop will give perspective and practical steps toward developing a strong and consistent team of prayer and financial donors.

**How to empower international students to become effective cross-cultural ministers**

Room 19 Jillian Chong and Andrew Lee  
International Student Ministries Canada • Booth 106

Almost 80% of all international students leave Christian fellowship after returning home. A shift in mission paradigm will help us better equip students to not only survive but thrive as ministers of the gospel. Action steps to discern the needs of students and develop them as leaders will be shared.

## SATURDAY

11:00 AM

**The Acoustics of Evangelism: How Missions Become More Effective When We Learn to Listen Well**

Room 07 Daniel Gilman  
Ravi Zacharias International Ministries Canada • Booths 059, 036

The Bible envisions missions as a response to the questions people ask, but our lives are filled with a ton of noise. This makes hearing people's heart questions incredibly difficult. Explore 1 Peter:3 and its insights on effective evangelism along with research on the art of listening well.

**{Series: Discipleship} Discipleship that Transforms**

Room 09 Jorge Lin  
Evangelical Free Church of Canada •

Jesus has called us to live out the Great Commission, which has created a global disciple-making movement. However, obstacles get in the way of today's Christians to become a great commission disciple-maker. Come and discover the journey towards transformation and discipleship.

**{Series: Into the Neighborhood} Lasting Change: When Prayer and Presence Meet in the Community**

Room 10 Shane and Alana Powell  
Moveln • Booth 713

God opens doors to new beginnings when we pray. He also calls us to be present, meeting the needs of our community. When our presence and prayers intersect, God's life-changing gospel takes root. Through personal stories and real-world examples we'll show you how God is working in our midst.

**Migration and Mission – God at work in the global movement of people**

Room 11 Sandra Ryan [Plenary Speaker]  
People's Church •

Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went... Acts 8:4. Any global perspective on mission will see that the people of the world are on the move and Emmanuel God is in their midst. Immigrants, migrant workers, international students, and refugees are not only eager recipients of the good news, but very often the most effective messengers of the good news as well. Together we will explore how God is at work through global migration, both throughout history and in our present politically-charged immigration reality. We will also discuss some very practical and effective ways the Church can, and must, strategically journey with people to make migration ministries fruitful.

**Navigating a Sexually Explicit World**

Room 12 Scott Neufeld  
Journey Canada •

This seminar will explore the traditional Christian sexual ethic and the dis-integration of sex in modern culture. Personal stories will be shared of navigating a sexually explicit world and choosing Christ.

**Tools and Resources to Assess and Strengthen Your Church's Missions Program**

Room 13 Rob ("Mags") Magwood  
SEND International of Canada • Booths 510, 515

This seminar is for "Senders" – those who help identify, prepare and support the "GOers". We will review a high-level framework for pastors and other church leaders to assess their cross-cultural engagement. Key topics include: the Missions Committee, the Missions Policy and Short-Term Missions.

**Understanding Indo-Canadians and their faith**

Room 14 Marcel Morneau  
Pioneers • Booth 040

BC has become home to the highest concentration of Sikhs in the world, outside of India. But who are they, and what do they believe? And what is the difference between Sikhism, Islam and Hinduism? Aren't they all from India?

**{Series: Muslim Ministry} Ministry to Muslims (Muslim Women Mindset)**

Room 16 Amani Mustafa  
AH Ministries International • Booths 105, 104

This seminar will be presented by woman of Muslim origin, who will shed light on the life of Muslim women who are the key to the house hold. Through exploring the family life, religious practices and struggles to relate to God, we will then be able to be equipped with tools to relate to the Gospel

**{Series: Work and Faith} Why Missional Business**

Room 17 Eric Ma  
MSI Canada • Booth 613

Many missionaries around the world are starting businesses, from Asia to the Middle East. Why is this happening all over the world? This seminar will present the opportunities missional business offers, profile some of these companies, and discuss some of the challenges faced by its practitioners.

**{Series: Social and Environmental Justice} Human Trafficking Survivors Discover Their Worth**

Room 18 Brian McConaghy  
Ratanak International • Booth 219

Honouring government and police agencies in a hardened post-genocide environment is an unlikely component of working with human trafficking victims. Learn how God is miraculously opening doors, changing perspectives and restoring the lives of trafficking survivors in Cambodia.

**Not only survive but thrive. How to equip international students before returning.**

Room 19 Izumi Araki  
International Student Ministries Canada • Booth 106

The key for returnees ministry is equipping. How we equip them before they return makes a huge difference. If we are serious for thriving rather surviving, which means sending missionaries to their home countries, we must recognize the key factors in making the greatest impact to this demographic.

## SATURDAY

12:30 PM

**Practical Ways to Engaging First Nations People of Canada**

Room 07 Philip Lee  
*Serving In Mission (SIM) • Booths 502, 501*

Philip will share stories of living with the Cree people over the past 5 years and the practical ways he has learned to engage the youths, the elders, and the business community.

**{Series: Discipleship} Missionary Discipleship through chosen and unchosen singleness**

Room 09 Panel Members: Sandra Crawford, Min-Soo Kang, Kenny Leung, and Maria Moulder -  
 Facilitator: Eric Westeberg  
*Mission Central • Back of Hall B*

Little exposure is given in churches and other Christian circles to how singleness shapes a person's sense of mission and community and to the value that single people offer to community and Mission. Participants in this panel will share their journeys around chosen and unchosen singleness in.

**{Series: Into the Neighborhood} A Drunkard and a Glutton: Being Holy And On Mission**

Room 10 Andrew Sherwood  
*West Coast Christian Fellowship •*

In this seminar Andrew will share his experience and what he's learnt about living holy while being a close friend of sinners in a low income neighbourhood. Come hear stories of the Holy Spirit moving powerfully and many people opening up to Christ.

**(Christian) Social Entrepreneurship & Reaching the Hard Places: Fostering change in global communities with sustainable and replicable solutions, even when they're hard places.**

Room 11 Kevin and Julia Garratt [Plenary Speakers]  
*Nation to Nation •*

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**Graveyard to Vineyard transformation**

Room 12 Abraham Elavatta  
*Emmanuel Christian Fellowship Centre • Booth 313*

Indigenous church planting has expanded into five States of North India with 50 churches and 1600 house churches. This seminar will talk about the challenges and efforts of church planting in India and why persecution a blessing.

**Worship that Sends**

Room 13 Stacey Gleddiesmith  
*Columbia Bible College • Booth 911*

In gathered worship, we often "dismiss" our congregation rather than "send" them. When we do this, we not only fail to connect gathered worship with daily life—we fail to call people into God's work. This seminar will examine the theology of "sending" and provide practical skills to do this well.

**Bringing God Into Everyday Conversation**

Room 14 Lydia Nigh  
*Serving In Mission (SIM) • Booths 502, 501*

People desperately need God. We love Jesus and He wants us to introduce Him to the world and though it's scary, you've decided to step out and speak up. This seminar will give you practical ways to be winsome, to start conversations and bring God into those conversations.

**{Series: Muslim Ministry} How to share the good news with a Muslim**

Room 16 Habib Abdo  
*Every Nation Church Vancouver •*

You have Muslim friends in your neighborhood or work, and you are wondering how to share the good news with them. In this seminar, ideas will be shared on how to start a spiritual discussions with Muslims. You will also hear some stories about what God is doing in Vancouver.

**{Series: Work and Faith} In the Marketplace with the King**

Room 17 Dennis Landon  
*Prairie College • Booths 527, 522*

Business is both a means of common grace to promote human flourishing and a powerful platform for sharing the love and hope of God with society. In an increasingly secular (domestic) and closed (global) world the Church will need to learn to empower and deploy disciples of Christ in the marketplace.

**{Series: Social and Environmental Justice} How Can We Help Children Without Families?**

Room 18 Kristjen Hull  
*Abba Canada Foundation •*

Did you realize that there are millions of children around the world and right here in Canada, that don't have a family? The Bible tells us (James 1:27) that God wants us to get involved by caring for the waiting children here in Canada and the world. Come learn how you can care for unparented children.

**Start Slow/Small to go Fast/Big in Disciple Making**

Room 19 Don Klaassen  
*Outreach Canada Ministries (CNMM, CMKN) • Booths 801, 822*

Disciple Making Movements are sweeping through some of the most gospel resistant areas. Canada has yet to see a large movement. Learn what has to change and what we as Christians need to place on the altar for God to work in Canada, as well as how to sacrifice immediate results for long term gain.

## SATURDAY

3:30 PM

**Engaging Atheists, Agnostics and Nones with the Beauty of the Gospel**

Room 07 Jonathan Luesink  
*Avant Ministries Canada • Booth 514*

This continuum of unbelief is growing. How shall we engage these beloved with the gospel – wrestle them to the ground with logic, or love them by listening for landmines, rocks and hidden Velcro? "The purposes of a person's heart are deep waters, but one who has insight draws them out." (Pr 20:5)

**{Series: Discipleship} Accountability to Grace**

Room 09 Steven Sharpe  
*Lower Pacific District of the Evangelical Free Church of Canada •*

Accountability to Grace ensures intentions are clearly set and met, with authenticity and transparency; without shame or blame. Accountability to Law ensures that we find faults; then count and cleanse. God's grace is dispensed through his people for life-giving transformation, healing and wholeness

**{Series: Into the Neighborhood} Changing Neighbourhoods: Impact of Immigration**

Room 10 Lorne Hunter  
*Outreach Canada Ministries (CNMM, CMKN) • Booths 801, 822*

Immigration has played a major role in Canada's history. Between 2008 and 2017, 2.66 million permanent residents arrived Canada. Buddhist, Sikh, Hindu and Muslim places of worship are established. Combining Census data and places of worship onto maps will help us see our neighbourhoods differently.

**Mission China Today (Seminar in Chinese with Translation to English)**

Room 11 Bruce Luo [Plenary Speaker]  
*Partners International • Booth 024*

Global vision: The mission movement of the House Church in China has never changed nor stopped due to social or political instability. On the contrary, in recent years the negative impact of the new religious regulations has speeded up the House Church's goal to be a sending church in global mission. Their current goal for instance is to plant churches in cities; to preach the gospel to over 500 unreached people group in China; and to send thousands cross-cultural missionaries overseas in the future.

**Panel Discussion: How Can We Inspire City Officials with God's Shalom?**

Room 12 Jonathan Bird  
*Union Gospel Mission • Booths 007, 006, 005, 004*

Municipalities increasingly want churches to use our properties and people to help them create flourishing urban environments for the common good. We should say yes. But first, how can we get them to value the vital roles spirituality and religious observance play in forging the common good?

**Surrender Beyond No Man's Land: taking a stand for Christ in the Gaza Strip**

Room 13 Linda Todd  
*Christian Mission to Gaza • Booth 810*

This is a compassionate and Biblical look at our brothers and sister who struggle to take a stand for Christ in one of the world's hottest hot zones, the Gaza Strip, and how the ministry of Christian Mission to Gaza is supporting them. We will include a taped visit with Dr. Hanna Massad

**The Gospel and The Altar in Hostile Areas of Latin America**

Room 14 Samuel Hernandez & Russell Stendal Jr  
*Colombia Para Cristo Society • Booth 503*

Come and hear first hand accounts of what the Lord is doing in the most dangerous places of Colombia and Venezuela with the most unlikely people.

**{Series: Muslim Ministry} The unseen face of magic in the lives of Muslims**

Room 16 Brian Dale  
*OMF International • Booth 511*

Practices of magic within Muslim communities in SE Asia will be looked at, with real stories of what cross-cultural workers encounter in living among and sharing Christ with them. This seminar will also explore what equipping is needed to be ready for these encounters.



## SATURDAY

3:30 PM

**{Series: Work and Faith} Do you think your daily work is part of God's mission and vision? What does scripture actually say?**

Room 17 Wilson Chan  
Institute for Market Place Transformation •

The workplace is not only the primary location where spiritual formation takes place. It is a crucial arena where we actualize the vision and mission of God. This seminar explores the biblical basis and practical outworking of this.

**{Series: Social and Environmental Justice} Disciplining with a Climate Change Lens**

Room 18 Gary Hewitt, Nelson Lee, and Monica Tan  
Earthkeepers •

This seminar will present the connection between Gospel, Discipleship, and Climate Change as well as key facts about climate change and how the Gospel is calling us to respond. Time will be made for questions and prayer.

**Biblical Theology of Risk**

Room 19 Claus Burchert  
Concilium Inc • Booth 814

Jesus teaches us that sharing the Gospel with a lost world is a higher priority than one's own safety and comfort. In fact, serving the Lord and being obedient to Jesus' commands is a risk worth taking! How does the Bible define risk and how do we count the cost of serving?

## SATURDAY

5:00 PM

**The Best (and Worst!) ESL Volunteers: Success and Failure in Developing a Pathway to Jesus for Immigrants**

Room 07 Rick Love  
Love New Canadians • Booth 721

This seminar will focus on the success and failures volunteers have experienced while working with new Canadians in the last 14 years. We will discuss how the values we adopt while working with immigrants greatly affect student attendance and volunteer satisfaction with this ministry.

**{Series: Discipleship} Disciple Making in the context of Community**

Room 09 Jay McIntyre  
Capernwray Quebec Bible Centre • Booth 112

In the world of shrinking attention spans and ability to relate socially how do we reach the culture and make

disciples? It is important for young people to own and belong to life giving communities. When we create and engage in these communities, we join Christ's work of formative disciple making.

**{Series: Into the Neighborhood} Making the city a better place and bringing good news to the poor**

Room 10 Fari Maghami  
Coastal Church •

This seminar will explore the experience of helping rebuild community by living in the heart of Downtown Eastside Vancouver, sharing the gospel, partnering with other local ministries and starting a new social enterprise Cafe.

**Sexual misconduct: Safeguarding Christian organisations**

Room 11 Kirsten Pontalti, Judi Fairholm, Andrew Morin. Facilitator: Claudia Rossetto  
Mission Central • Back of Hall B

Sexual misconduct is pervasive wherever there are power imbalances. Yet Christian communities and organisations often minimize these risks. This panel discussion provides evidence of the problem, a pastor's story of the pain, and tools for preventing and reporting misconduct in your organisation.

**Supporting Mission by Learning to Pray More Creatively**

Room 12 Paul Covert  
Kontakt Canada Ministry Association • Booths 817, 805, 818, 806

Do your prayers sound and feel the same every day? Do you need more variety in your prayer? Paul Covert has written a book highlighting 52 Creative Ways to Pray. In this seminar, he will walk us through some of these creative ways to pray in a very practical and interactive presentation.

**Mission on the altar: carrying our cross as a best practice in both local & global mission**

Room 13 Lynn Chotowetz  
Hands at Work in Africa (Canada) Society • Booth 804

Human nature is to be the hero of our story. Carrying this into mission work is fruitless and damaging. True local & global mission is a call to lose our lives, and the missionary is in a backstage role. Examples from Africa & Canada show the cross leads both to effective development and True Life

**Ancient Mysteries Revealed: Rediscovering Hospitality in a Western Context**

Room 14 Craig Kraft  
OC Global Alliance (One Challenge) • Booths 801, 822  
Our society has simplified hospitality to the entertaining friends and family or greeting people at the church door and offering a cup of coffee. We will examine the historical importance of hospitality in the early church and how the ancient art could be the key to mission in 21st Century Canada.

**{Series: Muslim Ministry} Loving a Mosque Community Together**

Room 16 Lorna Johnston  
Loving Muslims Together • Booths 801, 822

There are around 650 mosques across Canada, each serving a community of Muslims who gather for prayer/other events. Like never before, churches can engage in cross-cultural ministry in their neighbourhood beginning with prayer. Come explore a simple plan to begin to pray for your mosque community.

**{Series: Work and Faith} Coffee & Confession: Priesthood and the Marketplace**

Room 17 Grady Buhler  
St. Timothy's Anglican Church •

Every Christian is called to be "bi-vocational" by fulfilling their baptismal vocation in the world. Though bi-vocational ordained ministry has potential pitfalls, it also has potential benefits, both for the local church and for the minister.

**{Series: Social and Environmental Justice} Refugees, Christians and the Exchanged Life**

Room 18 James Grunau  
Journey Home Community Association • Booths 215, 216

The refugee journey is not unlike that of the Christian pilgrim: experiencing the exchanged life – losing much to gain much. Is the Canadian Church ready to embrace an Altar Vision in welcoming refugees? Come and hear stories of the loss and gain of both refugees and those that journey with them.

**Setting Free the Oppressed in Europe**

Room 19 Howard Moore  
Greater Europe Mission • Booth 508

Human Trafficking in Europe has been in existence for centuries but has become more acute since the fall of the Iron Curtain. This seminar will explore the roots and the scope of sex trafficking in Europe today and what believers are doing to combat this social evil.



Worship during 2019 conference with Chapel Band

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## BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY

**Friday 2:30 PM** Strengthening Faith with Science

Room 09 Lester Marr  
Reasons to Believe • Booth 032

**Friday 4:00 PM** Business and Mission

Room 08 R Schlitt  
OMF International • Booth 511

**Saturday 12:30 PM** Practical Ways to Engaging First Nations People of Canada

Room 07 Philip Lee  
Serving In Mission (SIM) • Booths 502, 501

**Saturday 12:30 PM** {Series: Work and Faith} In the Marketplace with the King

Room 17 Dennis Landon  
Prairie College • Booths 527, 522

**Saturday 3:30 PM** {Series: Work and Faith} Do you think your daily work is part of God's mission and vision? What does scripture actually say?

Room 17 Wilson Chan  
Institute for Market Place Transformation

GOING GLOBAL –  
CROSS CULTURAL MISSION**Friday 1:00 PM** The Sacrifice of Serving Across Cultures: Not the One you Expect

Room 08 Kara Bergstrom  
Columbia Bible College • Booth 911

**Friday 2:30 PM** Preparing Our Inner Selves For Cross-Cultural Ministry

Room 11 Gord & Brenda Nickerson  
Josiah Venture Canada

**Friday 2:30 PM** Seeing God through different worldview lenses

Room 07 Mark A Naylor  
Northwest Baptist Theological College & Seminary • Booth 415

**Friday 4:00 PM** How to empower international students to become effective cross-cultural ministers

Room 19 Jillian Chong and Andrew Lee  
International Student Ministries Canada • Booth 106

**Friday 4:00 PM** Serving Seafarers through Changing Times

Room 07 Gary Roosma  
The Mission to Seafarers • Booth 708

**Friday 4:00 PM** Blessing or Curse? Ministry Partner Development

Room 18 Mike Woodard  
FamilyLife Canada • Booth 920

**Friday 4:00 PM** Devoted Canadians (and Others) Impacting Europe for the Gospel [In German language with translation]

Room 17 Dieter Trefz with Rob Harris as translator, seminar in German  
Kontakt Canada Ministry Association • Booths 817, 805, 818, 806

**Saturday 11:00 AM** Not only survive but thrive . How to equip people before returning

Room 19 Izumi Araki  
International Student Ministries Canada • Booth 106

**Saturday 11:00 AM** {Series: Work and Faith} Why Missional Business

Room 17 Eric Ma  
MSI Canada • Booth 613

**Saturday 11:00 AM** Ministry to Muslims (Muslim Women Mindset)

Room 16 Amani Mustafa  
AH Ministries International • Booths 105, 104

**Saturday 11:00 AM** Tools and Resources to Assess and Strengthen Your Church's Missions Program

Room 13 Rob ("Mags") Magwood  
SEND International of Canada • Booths 510, 515

**Saturday 5:00 PM** Mission on the altar: carrying our cross as a best practice in both local & global mission

Room 13 Lynn Chotowetz  
Hands at Work in Africa (Canada) Society • Booth 804

## GOSPEL PROCLAMATION

**Friday 1:00 PM** Why The Bible Is Unique

Room 17 Heinz Lycklama  
Apologetics Forum of Snohomish County

**Friday 1:00 PM** How to Witness - Jewish Evangelism

Room 19 Laura Barron  
Jews for Jesus Canada • Booth 212

**Friday 1:00 PM** Global Revival: A Massive Turning to God in a Hostile World

Room 16 Ron Pearce  
Empower Ministries • Booth 915

**Friday 2:30 PM** {Series: Muslim Ministry} Loving your Muslim Neighbor as God does

Room 12 Fadi Sharaiha  
SAT-7 Canada

**Friday 2:30 PM** Emerging Trends in the Bible Translation Movement

Room 08 Roy Eyre  
Wycliffe Bible Translators of Canada • Booth 422

**Friday 4:00 PM** The Cup, The Cross and the Gospel

Room 09 Eugene McDonald and Joshua Kim  
Discipleship International • Booth 206

**Friday 4:00 PM** Living with an Eternity Vision

Room 11 Heather Ewald  
First Baptist Church-Redmond

**Saturday 11:00 AM** The Acoustics of Evangelism: How Missions Become More Effective When We Learn to Listen Well

Room 07 Daniel Gilman  
Ravi Zacharias International Ministries Canada • Booths 059, 036

**Saturday 11:00 AM** Navigating a Sexually Explicit World

Room 12 Scott Neufeld  
Journey Canada

**Saturday 12:30 PM** Graveyard to Vineyard transformation

Room 12 Abraham Elavatta  
Emmanuel Christian Fellowship Centre • Booth 313

**Saturday 12:30 PM** Bringing God Into Everyday Conversation

Room 14 Lydia Nigh  
Serving In Mission (SIM) • Booths 502, 501

**Saturday 12:30 PM** {Series: Discipleship} Missionary Discipleship through chosen and unchosen singleness

Room 09 Panel Members: Sandra Crawford, Min-Soo Kang, Kenny Leung, and Maria Moulder - Facilitator: Eric Westeberg  
Mission Central

**Saturday 3:30 PM** {Series: Muslim Ministry} The unseen face of magic in the lives of Muslims

Room 16 Brian Dale  
OMF International • Booth 511

**Saturday 3:30 PM** Mission China Today

Room 11 Bruce Luo [Plenary Speaker]  
Partners International • Booth 024

**Saturday 3:30 PM** Engaging Atheists, Agnostics and Nones with the Beauty of the Gospel

Room 07 Jonathan Luesink  
Avant Ministries Canada • Booth 514

**Saturday 5:00 PM** {Series: Into the Neighborhood} Making the city a better place and bringing good news to the poor

Room 10 Fari Maghami  
Coastal Church

**Saturday 5:00 PM** Supporting Mission by Learning to Pray More Creatively

Room 12 Paul Covert  
Kontakt Canada Ministry Association • Booths 817, 805, 818, 806

JUSTICE (SOCIAL &  
ENVIRONMENTAL)**Friday 2:30 PM** On mission for the marginalized: Bible education in Canada's Prisons

Room 10 Gordon Allert  
Prairie College • Booths 527, 522

**Saturday 11:00 AM** {Series: Social and Environmental Justice} Human Trafficking Survivors Discover Their Worth

Room 18 Brian McConaghy  
Ratanak International • Booth 219

**Saturday 11:00 AM** Migration and Mission – God at work in the global movement of people

Room 11 Sandra Ryan [Plenary Speaker]  
People's Church

**Saturday 12:30 PM** {Series: Social and Environmental Justice} {Available Sat. only} How Can We Help Children Without Families?

Room 18 Kristjen Hull  
Abba Canada Foundation

**Saturday 3:30 PM** Surrender Beyond No Man's Land: taking a stand for Christ in the Gaza Strip

Room 13 Linda Todd  
Christian Mission to Gaza • Booth 810

## JUSTICE – (SOCIAL & ENVIRONMENTAL)

**Saturday 3:30 PM** {Series: Social and Environmental Justice} Disciplining with a Climate Change Lens

Room 18 Gary Hewitt, Nelson Lee, and Monica Tan  
Earthkeepers

**Saturday 5:00 PM** Setting Free the Oppressed in Europe

Room 19 Howard Moore  
Greater Europe Mission • Booth 508

**Saturday 5:00 PM** {Series: Social and Environmental Justice} Refugees, Christians and the Exchanged Life

Room 18 James Grunau  
Journey Home Community Association • Booths 215, 216

## LOCAL MISSION & CHURCH PLANTING

**Friday 1:00 PM** Reaching the Unreached

Room 10 Janelle Keller  
The Maranatha Evangelistic Association

**Friday 1:00 PM** The Existential Identity Crisis of Millennials

Room 12 Gordon Carkner  
Outreach Canada Ministries (CNMM, CMKN) • Booths 801, 822

**Friday 2:30 PM** Hope in the Midst of Conflict: Ministry in Israel-Palestine

Room 18 Beverley Timgren  
HOPE Outreach of Canada, Inc. • Booth 408

**Friday 2:30 PM** Youth and Young Adult Ministry

Room 16 Ted and Mari Fukusaku  
Vancouver Japanese Gospel Church

**Friday 2:30 PM** Local Ethnic Partnerships

Room 19 Gord Schutz  
Mountainview Alliance Church

**Friday 4:00 PM** Being Intercultural People of God

Room 10 Sherman Lau  
Mission Central

**Saturday 11:00 AM** {Series: Discipleship} Discipleship that Transforms

Room 09 Jorge Lin  
Evangelical Free Church of Canada

**Saturday 11:00 AM** Understanding Indo-Canadians and their faith

Room 14 Marcel Morneau  
Pioneers • Booth 040

**Saturday 11:00 AM** {Series: Into the Neighborhood} Lasting Change: When Prayer and Presence Meet in the Community

Room 10 Shane and Alana Powell  
Moveln • Booth 713

**Saturday 12:30 PM** {Series: Into the Neighborhood} A Drunkard and a Glutton: Being Holy And On Mission

Room 10 Andrew Sherwood  
West Coast Christian Fellowship

**Saturday 12:30 PM** Start Slow/Small to go Fast/Big in Disciple Making

Room 19 Don Klaassen  
Outreach Canada Ministries (CNMM, CMKN) • Booths 801, 822

**Saturday 12:30 PM** {Series: Muslim Ministry} How to share the good news with a Muslim

Room 16 Habib Abdo  
Every Nation Church Vancouver

**Saturday 3:30 PM** Panel Discussion: How Can We Inspire City Officials with God's Shalom?

Room 12 Jonathan Bird  
Union Gospel Mission • Booths 007, 006, 005, 004

**Saturday 3:30 PM** {Series: Into the Neighborhood} Changing Neighbourhoods: Impact of Immigration

Room 10 Lorne Hunter  
Outreach Canada Ministries (CNMM, CMKN) • Booths 801, 822

**Saturday 3:30 PM** {Series: Discipleship} Accountability to Grace

Room 09 Steven Sharpe  
Lower Pacific District of the Evangelical Free Church of Canada

**Saturday 5:00 PM** {Series: Discipleship} Disciple Making in the context of Community

Room 09 Jay McIntyre  
Capernwray Quebec Bible Centre • Booth 112

**Saturday 5:00 PM** The Best (and Worst!) ESL Volunteers: Success and Failure in Developing a Pathway to Jesus for Immigrants

Room 07 Rick Love  
Love New Canadians • Booth 721

**Saturday 5:00 PM** Ancient Mysteries Revealed: Rediscovering Hospitality in a Western Context

Room 14 Craig Kraft  
OC Global Alliance (One Challenge)

**Saturday 5:00 PM** {Series: Muslim Ministry} Loving a Mosque Community Together

Room 16 Lorna Johnston  
Loving Muslims Together

**Saturday 5:00 PM** {Series: Work and Faith} Coffee & Confession: Priesthood and the Marketplace

Room 17 Grady Buhler  
St. Timothy's Anglican Church

## PREPARING FOR AND SUPPORTING MISSION

**Friday 1:00 PM** Intercession: The Manner of Mission

Room 09 James Eagles  
Intercede International • Booth 003

**Friday 1:00 PM** Involvement in Missions: from Perspective to the Practical

Room 07 Greg Young  
Engineering Ministries International Canada • Booth 906

**Friday 1:00 PM** Strengthening the Mission Through Spirit-Led Leadership

Room 11 Mark Maxwell  
Prairie College • Booths 527, 522

**Friday 4:00 PM** "For such a time as this" The Missional need for Women to Lead

Room 12 Rhoda Klein Miller  
Oakridge Adventist Church

**Friday 4:00 PM** From Surrendering to Becoming while Aging Purposefully

Room 16 Gwen Lam  
Baptist Housing Ministries Society • Booth 607

**Saturday 12:30 PM** Worship that Sends

Room 13 Stacey Gleddiesmith  
Columbia Bible College • Booth 911

**Saturday 3:30 PM** Biblical Theology of Risk

Room 19 Claus Burchert  
Concilium Inc • Booth 814

## RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT

**Friday 1:00 PM** Why Indigenous Peoples Must be First

Room 18 Beverly Hadland  
Crossroads Christian Communications Inc.

**Friday 2:30 PM** Off the Streets and Into Our Hearts

Room 17 Markku Kostamo  
Himalayan Life Canada • Booth 406

**Saturday 12:30 PM** (Christian) Social Entrepreneurship & Reaching the Hard Places:

Fostering change in global communities with sustainable and replicable solutions, even when they're hard places.

Room 11 Kevin and Julia Garratt [Plenary Speakers]  
Nation to Nation

**Saturday 3:30 PM** The Gospel and The Altar in Hostile Areas of Latin America

Room 14 Samuel Hernandez & Russell Stendal Jr  
Colombia Para Cristo Society • Booth 503

**Saturday 5:00 PM** Sexual misconduct: Safeguarding Christian organisations [Intro with connexion between morality and Mission?]

Room 11 Kirsten Pontalti, Judi Fairholm, Andrew Morin. Facilitator: Claudia Rossetto  
Vancouver Eastside Vineyard Church

## Abdo, Habib

Habib was born in the Middle East with a heart to engage with local believers and connect with the Muslim community. He recently finished a Masters in Christian Studies at Regent College. Since graduation, he's worked in Vancouver with churches and organizations empowering believers to connect with refugees and newcomers.

Saturday 12:30 PM • Room 16

## Allert, Gordon

Gord's story is one of restoration and grace, that includes an experience with incarceration. His life was a model of success with a corporate executive position and church leadership until he was called to account for a situation brought on by wrong-thinking and bad choices.

Friday 2:30 PM • Room 10

## Araki, Izumi

Born in Hokkaido, Japan Izumi has lived in the UK as well as in Spain. In 2004, she came to Canada to study at Regent College. From there, Izumi began to serve in returnees ministry through crafting and the arts.

Saturday 11:00 AM • Room 19

## Barron, Laura

Laura and her husband, Andrew, are pioneers of the first overseas branch of Jews for Jesus in South Africa. Andrew is the director of Jews for Jesus Canada and Laura does editing work, special projects and events, and speaks on behalf of the organization.

Friday 1:00 PM • Room 19

## Bergstrom, Kara

As a language-learner overseas, writer, fundraiser, STM sender, translator, mentor, budgeter, trainer, leader of orientation and debrief, graduate of MA in ICS, and faculty/director of the ICS Program at the College level, Kara has a passion for transmitting her learnings to the next generation.

Friday 1:00 PM • Room 08

## Bird, Jonathan

Jonathan Bird is a Church Relations Specialist with Union Gospel Mission. He's tasked with catalyzing clusters of congregations to help rebuild the social architecture of the Lower Mainland by joining in God's holistic responses to poverty, homelessness, and addiction in their own neighbourhoods.

Saturday 3:30 PM • Room 12

## Buhler, Grady

Rev. Grady Buhler is the parish priest of St. Timothy's Anglican Church in North Vancouver and also the Coffee Quality Leader for JJ Bean Coffee Roasters. He feels called to minister Christ both in the traditional setting of the local church, and in the public sphere through secular employment.

Saturday 5:00 PM • Room 17

## Burchert, Claus

Claus retired from 26 years of Law Enforcement in Alberta in June 2006. In the past 13 years he has been deployed over 30 times with Samaritan's Purse-Canada in Security/Disaster response capacities. In 2014, he joined Concilium as a security trainer and is now Director for Canadian operations.

Saturday 3:30 PM • Room 19

## Carkner, Gordon

Gordon Carkner works at UBC as a meta-educator chaplain, where he raises meaningful points of dialogue on faith and culture among postgraduate students and faculty. He is the author of *The Great Escape from Nihilism* (2016), a reflective journey from skepticism to faith.

Friday 1:00 PM • Room 12

## Chan, Wilson

Wilson Chan is the Tentmaking Pastor at Richmond Grace MB Church and an Electrical Engineer with Roy Campbell Ltd. as well as the adjunct professor at Carey Theological College and Alliance Bible Seminary.

Saturday 3:30 PM • Room 17

## Chong, Jillian and Andrew Lee

Jillian Chong and Andrew Lee are former international students, who currently serve with International Student Ministries Canada. Jillian is the Leadership Director and is pursuing a Masters in Leadership at Fuller Theological Seminary. Andrew is a Regent College graduate and the Campus Director at Douglas College.

Friday 4:00 PM • Room 19

## Chotowetz, Lynn

Lynn chairs the Hands at Work in Africa movement of African churches responding to the ongoing AIDS and orphan crisis in sub-Saharan Africa. Lynn now also leads with his wife a new initiative engaging the Saskatchewan church with families in the local child welfare system.

Saturday 5:00 PM • Room 13

## Covert, Paul

Paul Covert is the author of *Threshold: Transformational Prayer; Transformational Prayer Leadership, & 52 Creative Ways to Pray: Ideas for Small groups, Individuals, and Prayer Gatherings*. He serves as Pastor of Prayer Development at two churches in Arizona and is on the board of Kontakt Canada.

Saturday 5:00 PM • Room 12

## Crawford, Min-Soo Kang, Kenny Leung, and Maria Moulder (Panel) - Facilitator: Eric Westeberg

1. As a young woman, Sandra Crawford was career driven, until she became the prodigal daughter returning to God at 35. With a heart for discipleship, she was eager to hit the mission field, but God had other plans. To face the challenges of singleness, she had to fully know God's love and her identity in Him.

2. Min-Soo Kang is the Youth and Young Adult Coordinator at Journey Canada. Before moving to Vancouver in 2016, Min-Soo received his MDiv at Tyndale Seminary, with a focus on young adults ministry. He served as a youth pastor in Toronto. Min-soo has a desire to walk alongside young people as they seek to live out Biblical truths with passion and integrity.

3. Kenny Leung. It is in those passionate moments of fanatic faith, you ask God, "Lord, have your way with me!" And when He gives you an answer, it's not always the way you thought it'd turn out. Kenny is a young adult being called to a life of celibacy, caught in the dance of wrestling and acceptance that comes with all presents that come from God.

4. Maria Moulder is a lay Catholic woman who professed vows of celibacy in February 2019. Discerning this call to singleness has since led her to a deepening in personal contemplative prayer and a call to bring prayer—communion with God—to others. Maria is also active in a Baptist church in East Vancouver.

Saturday 12:30 PM • Room 09

## Dale, Brian

Brian has served as a Muslim UPG in SE Asia for 16 years where he establishes, trains and mentors a team of foreign & national believers to serve this UPG. Brian helps set up development foundations to assist workers in having a viable identity. He now serves as a Field Leader, overseeing 15 ministry teams.

Saturday 3:30 PM • Room 16

## Eagles, James

James Eagles is President of Intercede International and an ordained minister of the Gospel, located in Fort Erie, Ontario. He has served with Intercede International for over 38 years visiting and ministering to international Mission boards reaching over 50 nations.

Friday 1:00 PM • Room 09

## Elavatta, Abraham

Abraham was raised in India in the Catholic faith. At one of the darkest points in his life and on the brink of suicide, he heard a voice. He opened and read the Bible. The verses from Eccl.7:16-18 came to him and the way the Lord graciously helped Abraham come to the understanding of His grace saved him. Abraham is now a missionary in Bihar State, which is known as "the Graveyard of Missions."

Saturday 12:30 PM • Room 12

## Ewald, Heather

Raised as a missionary kid in Germany by a personal evangelist, Heather learned early on to make and take opportunities to share the Good News. She graduated from Taylor University and attended Moody Bible. In 1972, she married her husband Roger and they have 6 adopted children. Their goal is to spread the Gospel daily in every day contexts.

Friday 4:00 PM • Room 11

## Eyre, Roy

Roy has a passion for developing leaders and casting vision. He has worked with Wycliffe US and is now President of Wycliffe Canada. Roy believes God has specifically given the Canadian Church a challenge: to help make God's Word accessible to every language group on the planet.

Friday 2:30 PM • Room 08

## Fairholm, Judi, Kirsten Pontalti, Andrew Morin (Panel). Facilitator: Claudia Rossetto

1. Judi Fairholm is a nationally and internationally recognized expert and practitioner on preventing violence against children. During her career with the Canadian Red Cross, she received numerous awards, including the International Florence Nightingale Award and the Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee and Diamond Jubilee Medals.

2. Alex Morin (pseudonym) is a long-time pastor serving an economically, socially and ethnically diverse church in the Canadian urban context. He will share from his experience walking his congregation through the effects of sexual misconduct in the clergy. He will explore the challenges and pitfalls encountered on the path toward healing and will offer some recommendations based on his community's experience.

3. Kirsten Pontalti is a researcher and policy advisor on issues related to children in low-income and fragile contexts. She holds a PhD from the University of Oxford. She co-leads Proteknon Group, an international consulting group focused on child protection and serves as a director for Vancouver Vineyard Church.

Saturday 5:00 PM • Room 11

## Fukusaku, Ted and Mari

Ted and Mari have been pastors at the Vancouver Japanese Gospel Church, the largest Japanese congregation in Canada, since 2001. The church has been very active in the area of evangelism and discipleship, especially with Youth and Young Adults.

Friday 2:30 PM • Room 16

## Garratt, Kevin and Julia [Plenary Speakers]

See bio on page 9.

Saturday 12:30 PM • Room 11

## Gilman, Daniel

Daniel is a global speaker for Ravi Zacharias International Ministries, where he shares the gospel across Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia and America. Previously, he served on Parliament Hill, combating human trafficking, while also pastoring at a church for university students.

Saturday 11:00 AM • Room 07

## Gleddiesmith, Stacey

Stacey Gleddiesmith is the Director of the Worship Arts Program at Columbia Bible College. Alongside her MDiv from Regent College, she has accrued over 20 years of experience leading worship. She is passionate about seeing the worship practices of the church transformed by careful biblical theology.

Saturday 12:30 PM • Room 13

## Grunau, James

James worked in church ministry before moving to Burnaby and engaging in the business world. In 2005, he helped found Journey Home Community (JHC), an initiative from his church home group to assist refugee claimant families. He is Exec Director at JHC and serves on the global Refugee Highway Partnership team.

Saturday 5:00 PM • Room 18

## Hadland, Beverly

A passionate advocate for Canada's First Peoples, Bev travels cross country with a message of hope and healing, raising awareness of physical, emotional and spiritual needs. She has visited 54 Indigenous communities in the past two years and has spoken in 13 countries to 3 million people.

Friday 1:00 PM • Room 18

## Hernandez, Samuel & Russell Stendal Jr

Samuel Hernandez and Russell Stendal Jr. are both third generation missionaries in Colombia and Venezuela. They work with massive Bible Distribution and as project managers of many other humanitarian endeavors in the country's most hostile areas.

Saturday 3:30 PM • Room 14

## Hewitt, Gary, Nelson Lee, and Monica Tan

1. Gary Hewitt is a retired economist and historian.  
2. Nelson is a professional engineer working in climate change mitigation and adaptation.  
3. Monica Tan is a public servant working with Indigenous Peoples.

Saturday 3:30 PM • Room 18

## Hull, Kristjen

Kristjen Hull is the director of ABBA Canada Foundation, which seeks to connect, equip and mobilize the Canadian Church to care for the orphans through adoption, foster care education and providing adoption grants.

Saturday 12:30 PM • Room 18

## Hunter, Lorne

Lorne gathers, organizes and disseminates relevant information church leaders need to make informed decisions and to be better equipped to disciple the nations coming to Canada. He has served with Outreach Canada Ministries as the Director of Research for 30 years.

Saturday 3:30 PM • Room 10

## Johnston, Lorna

Lorna has served with Outreach Canada for 16 years, with a primary focus on mobilizing the church to engage the diaspora in Canada. She chairs the Loving Muslims Together network. For more info, visit [www.lovingmuslimstogether.ca](http://www.lovingmuslimstogether.ca).

Saturday 5:00 PM • Room 16

## Keller, Janelle

Janelle is the Executive Director of Foundation For His Ministry, children's homes and outreach in 4 locations in Mexico. She lived in Oaxaca for 4 years before moving to work in California.

Friday 1:00 PM • Room 10

## Kim, Joshua and Eugene McDonald

Eugene is an Outreach Worker at Discipleship International, where he leads missions globally, focusing on teaching deeper understanding of the full Gospel. Joshua has been in pastoral ministry for 6 years serving as a youth pastor. His passion is helping Christian families have a Christian full gospel world view.

Friday 4:00 PM • Room 09

## Klaassen, Don

Don is a mobilizer and visionary who trains Christians to reach out cross culturally in their neighbourhoods. Don's M.A. in Communications equips him to inspire and resources those who desire to start a Disciple Making Movement in Canada through training events and coaching circles.

Saturday 12:30 PM • Room 19

## Klein Miller, Rhoda

Rhoda was an unlikely candidate to become an urban church pastor: country-bumpkin, educated in public schools, professional science educator. She has pastored Oakridge Adventist Church in Vancouver since 2016. She recently completed a Masters in Pastoral Ministry from Andrews University

Friday 4:00 PM • Room 12

## Kostamo, Markku

Markku Kostamo was raised in Nepal by missionary parents and now works with Himalayan Life, travelling to Nepal two to three times a year. Himalayan Life is working to protect, nurture and educate children in the Himalayas.

Friday 2:30 PM • Room 17

## Kraft, Craig

Craig is the Director of Outreach Canada. He has been involved in pastoral and missions ministry for the past thirty years in Canada and Southern Africa. Craig is currently doing doctoral studies focused on diaspora missiology in Canada.

Saturday 5:00 PM • Room 14

## Lam, Gwen

Gwen has been a long-term care home chaplain with Baptist Housing for 7 years. Before spiritual care ministry, she was pastor for 17 years. Gwen is an ordained minister and has engaged in missions to Japan and Taiwan. She is currently a student of the DMin program at ACTS Seminars.

Friday 4:00 PM • Room 16

## Landon, Dennis

Dennis has a BA in Outdoor Education and Leadership as well as a Master's degree in Business from Notre Dame University with a focus on Non-Profits. He served one year (2018-2019) as the Interim Executive Director of Frontier Lodge and is currently the Director of Business Education at Prairie College.

Friday 2:30 PM • Room 09

## Lau, Sherman

Sherman is the Agencies Coordinator at Mission Central. He is a graduate of Trinity Western University and his work experience includes IT, higher education and pastoral ministry. Since 2010, he has spoken and taught on the topic of Intercultural Ministry. He is currently pursuing a Doctorate in Intercultural Studies at Western Seminary.

Friday 4:00 PM • Room 10

## Lee, Philip

Philip serves with SIM Canada among indigenous communities in Northeastern Alberta. His area of focus is community engagement through regional economic development and business development with First Nations stakeholders and youths.

Saturday 12:30 PM • Room 07

## Lin, Jorge

Jorge is a Church Planter for the Lower Pacific District (LPD) of the Evangelical Free Church Of Canada (EFCC). He's currently planting a Church of All Nations at New Westminster EFC.

Saturday 11:00 AM • Room 09

## Love, Rick

Rick Love is the Director of Love New Canadians, a ministry that helps local churches develop pathways to Jesus for immigrants in their neighbourhood. Patti Love is Pastor of Intercultural Ministries at Foothills Alliance Church in Calgary. They have worked cross culturally for 24 years.

Saturday 5:00 PM • Room 07

## Luesink, Jonathan

Jon Luesink has been married to Jill for 27 years and they have 4 children. After pastoring in Chilliwack for 12 years, the Lord called them to lead a church planting team in Czechia as missionaries for 8 years. Jon now serves as the Director of Mobilization for Avant Ministries Canada.

Saturday 3:30 PM • Room 07

## Luo, Bruce [Plenary Speaker]

Bruce, born and raised in China now lives in Toronto, with his wife and son. He graduated from Tyndale Seminary with an MDiv in Global Mission and Intercultural Studies. He serves now as Area Director of E&SE Asia. Bruce has a heart to serve Canadian Chinese churches to advance Kingdom work through the cross-cultural ministry partnership.

Saturday 3:30 PM • Room 11

## Lycklama, Heinz

Dr. Heinz Lycklama served as Chairman of the Missions Committee at First Baptist Church Arlington for 10 years. Heinz is Founder and President of the Apologetics Forum of Snohomish County. He teaches SS classes and Bible Studies and speaks on Apologetics topics overseas as well as in North America.

Friday 1:00 PM • Room 17

## Ma, Eric

Eric Ma is currently the Executive Director of MSI Canada. Eric worked in the banking industry in Hong Kong and Canada for 30 years in a variety of consulting and management positions. He was called to ministry in 2002 and began serving in churches around Toronto, until he joined MSI in 2013.

Saturday 11:00 AM • Room 17



## Maghami, Fari

Pastor Fari spent 6 years working at UGM with some of the most marginalized members of the DTES community before becoming a campus pastor at Coastal Church. A few years ago, he and his wife moved their family into the DTES to lead the Eden team with the passion to share the Gospel and build community.

Saturday 5:00 PM • Room 10

## Magwood, Rob ("Mags")

Having served as a church-planter in Russia and Ukraine, Mags now guides SEND Canada's efforts to equip and support both GOers and SENDers. A strong advocate for collaboration and innovation, he hosts the Global Missions Podcast and is one of the principle designers of the Global Missions Toolbox.

Saturday 11:00 AM • Room 13

## Marr, Lester

Lester Marr is an engineer, is with Reasons to Believe (RTB) Canada, and is president of the RTB Vancouver Chapter. As a trained volunteer RTB apologist for 7 years, he has spoken to schools and church groups about Christianity and Science as well as hosting monthly Q&A sessions for skeptics.

Friday 2:30 PM • Room 9

## Maxwell, Mark

Born to missionary parents in Nigeria, West Africa, Mark earned a BA in Business Administration at Trinity Western University in Langley, B.C. in 1981 and an MBA in Finance at Baylor University in Waco, Texas in 1984. He is the current President of Prairie College and holds dual US/Canadian citizenship.

Friday 1:00 PM • Room 11

## McConaghy, Brian

Brian McConaghy's life has been an unlikely journey from RCMP Forensic Specialist to acclaimed human trafficking expert, with a life-long commitment to see hope and life transformation for trafficking survivors in Cambodia. His story has inspired people around the globe.

Saturday 11:00 AM • Room 18

## McIntyre, Jay

Jay currently serves as the Dean of Students at Capernwray Quebec, Jay has past ministry experience with Urban Promise Toronto, The Scott Mission, and Spring Garden Church. Jay and his wife, Michelle, have 3 children who bring excitement and joy to their lives on a daily basis.

Saturday 5:00 PM • Room 09

## Moore, Howard

Howard Moore has been involved in ministry around Europe as a member of Greater Europe Mission for 35 years. He ministered in France for 18 years and in Canada for 13 years as GEM Canada's Executive Director. He now serves as a representative for Western Canada.

Saturday 5:00 PM • Room 19

## Morneau, Marcel

As a missionary for over 15 years among the Indian immigrant communities in Canada, Marcel has also served as a missions mobilizer and missions coach. He is a dynamic communicator who hopes you too will see the endless opportunities to share Christ in Canada across cultures.

Saturday 11:00 AM • Room 14

## Mustafa, Amani

Ms. Amani Mustafa was born into a Muslim family in Egypt. At the age of 13, she had an encounter with Christ and a vision where she became a believer. For her decision, Amani went through persecution, was forced into an Islamic marriage and isolation by her family and friends.

Saturday 11:00 AM • Room 16

## Naylor, Mark

Mark spent 14 years serving an unreached group in evangelism and discipleship. He currently works in intercultural leadership development with an emphasis on disciple making and is on an editorial team to develop lessons for leadership training. He holds a DTh in Missiology.

Friday 2:30 PM • Room 07

## Neufeld, Scott

Scott Neufeld is the Vancouver Area Coordinator for Journey Canada. He is passionate about creating safe places for Christians to engage honestly with their struggles and to discover more of the love of Jesus. In 2014, he left the financial services industry to intern with Journey Canada and has been on staff since 2015.

Saturday 11:00 AM • Room 12

## Nickerson, Gord and Brenda

Gord & Brenda have served in missions (josiahventure.ca) since 1997. Their hearts resonate with JV's mission: to equip young leaders to fulfill Christ's commission in Eastern Europe. Gord is also the Sonlife BC Rep (sonlife.com), while Brenda is beginning ministry locally as a spiritual director.

Friday 2:30 PM • Room 11

## Nigh, Lydia

Lydia is a mentor, disciple and disciple-maker. She mentors and moves people closer to Jesus, one step at a time. Her vision is for people to respond to God's call to make disciples of all nations, both locally and globally. She is a Mobilizer with SIM Canada.

Saturday 12:30 PM • Room 14

## Pearce, Ron

When Ron Pearce accepted the Lord as a boy in Saskatchewan, he did so with a request to God that his life be anything but boring. After decades of following God around the world to the spiritual hotspots and equipping the national Church to grow, Ron can report his life has been anything but dull.

Friday 1:00 PM • Room 16

## Powell, Shane and Alana

God called Shane and Alana out of youth ministry in Northern Alberta to international ministry in the Lower Mainland, so they could better use Shane's degree in Global Ministries. They joined Moveln after hearing about their focus on building community and prayer among the unreached and urban poor.

Saturday 11:00 AM • Room 10

## Roosma, Gary

Gary ministers as chaplain to international seafarers who visit the Port of Vancouver. Previously he served as missionary for 23 years with OMF International, with a focus on ministry in Asia.

Friday 4:00 PM • Room 07

## Ryan, Sandra [Plenary Speaker]

See bio on Page 9.

Saturday 11:00 AM • Room 11

## Schlitt, R.

Richard is an International Director based in Hong Kong, where he oversees missionary care and strategy for the region. He has served 40 years Field Ministry, first in the Philippines and then across East Asia.

Friday 4:00 PM • Room 08

## Schutz, Gord

Gord became a pastor in 2006 and graduated with an M.Div. from Ambrose in 2014. He currently shepherds a church in a diverse, multicultural, and societal landscape. The congregation gathers three diverse ethnicities with one of whom has transformed into a partnership with a Mandarin congregation.

Friday 2:30 PM • Room 19

## Sharaiha, Fadi

Fadi, Executive Director of SAT-7 CA, lived majority of his life in Maine. He is a well known speaker and Expert in the MENA & intercultural leadership. He received a B.Sc. in Agriculture & Plant Production from the University of Jordan and further his education by obtaining his (MABS) from Jordan Evangelical Theological Seminary (JETS)

Friday 2:30 PM • Room 12

## Sharpe, Steven

Steven Sharpe is the Church Planting Director for the Lower Pacific District of the Evangelical Free Church Of Canada (EFCC), having planted churches in Kelowna and Ladysmith, BC. He now leads the LPD Residency Program, giving oversight to district church planters. Steve's passion is to equip kingdom-minded servants for the harvest.

Saturday 3:30 PM • Room 09

## Sherwood, Andrew

After years of seeking satisfaction in many of the world's pleasures, Andrew had a radical encounter with Jesus. Led by the Holy Spirit, he moved into one of Canada's poorest neighbourhoods. With the light of Jesus, he is glad to feel at home among addicts and prostitutes.

Saturday 12:30 PM • Room 10

## Timgren, Beverley

Beverley Timgren has served in Lebanon, Israel and Palestine for over 30 years providing dental care and teaching English. As she experienced conflict first hand, she knows the challenges of this region and has worked with locals involved in various ministries that share love, compassion and hope.

Friday 2:30 PM • Room 18

## Todd, Linda

In 2010 Linda made her 2nd visit to the Gaza Strip. During this visit she had the opportunity to live and work there. She attended Gaza Baptist Church and got to know some of her brothers and sisters in Christ there. Linda has a much needed perspective on the plight of Gaza's Christian community.

Saturday 3:30 PM • Room 13

## Trefz, Dieter

Dieter Trefz serves as Director of Kontakt Canada and is the International Director of Kontaktmission, active in 50+ countries. He leads the AEM Germany, representing 4500+ missionaries. He speaks from his decades of multi-national mission leadership experience.

Friday 4:00 PM • Room 17

## Woodard, Mike

Mike moved from a long career in student ministry to FamilyLife in 2011, where Mike currently serves as the associate national director. Married and in ministry for 40 years, he is a parents and grandparents with years of experience of developing and maintaining a team of prayer and financial donors.

Friday 4:00 PM • Room 18

## Young, Greg

Greg practiced architecture in Vancouver before joining EMI Canada in 2005 as a full-time, faith-support missionary. Today, he serves as Executive Director but continues to lead teams to aid ministries who otherwise cannot access engineering and architectural services.

Friday 1:00 PM • Room 07

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Burnaby

**Burnaby North Baptist Church**  
Burnaby

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Burnaby

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Gibsons

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Vancouver

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Nanaimo

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Vancouver

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Surrey

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Surrey

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Vancouver

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Vancouver

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Vancouver

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Bellingham

**Hillside Church**  
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Delta

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White Rock

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Delta

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Vancouver

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Vancouver

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Maple Ridge

**Marpole Baptist Church**  
Vancouver

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Langley

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**New West Community Church**  
New Westminster

**New Westminster Evangelical Free Church**  
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**Nordel Multicultural Christian Church**  
Delta

**North Shore Alliance Church**  
North Vancouver

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North Vancouver

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Coquitlam

**North West Langley Baptist Church**  
Langley

**Oakridge Adventist Church**  
Vancouver

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New Westminster

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Vancouver

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White Rock

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Vancouver

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Richmond

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Richmond

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Maple Ridge

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Delta

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Vancouver

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Vancouver

**Vancouver Chinese Lutheran Church**  
Burnaby

**Vancouver Chinese MB Church**  
Vancouver

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Vancouver

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New Westminster

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Vancouver

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Vancouver

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Vancouver

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West Vancouver

**Westwood Alliance Church**  
Coquitlam

**Westwood Community Church**  
Coquitlam

**White Rock Baptist Church**  
Surrey

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Burnaby



We champion Missions Fest because it connects us to the broader movement of people echoing the servanthood of Jesus. The encouragement, inspiration and training available through this event is beyond what we can provide as a single congregation.

*Rhoda Miller, Interim Lead Pastor at Oakridge Adventist Church*



Going to Missions Fest has been a wonderful experience for our members, especially youth and young adults. It has given them great spiritual impact as well as challenges.

*Ted Fukusaku, Senior Pastor, Vancouver Japanese Gospel Church*

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Committee	Young Tae Choi, Dylan Jenkinson, Izumi Araki, Lucas Lee, Marianne Mendgen, Gayoung Yang
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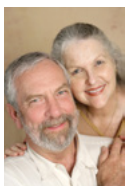
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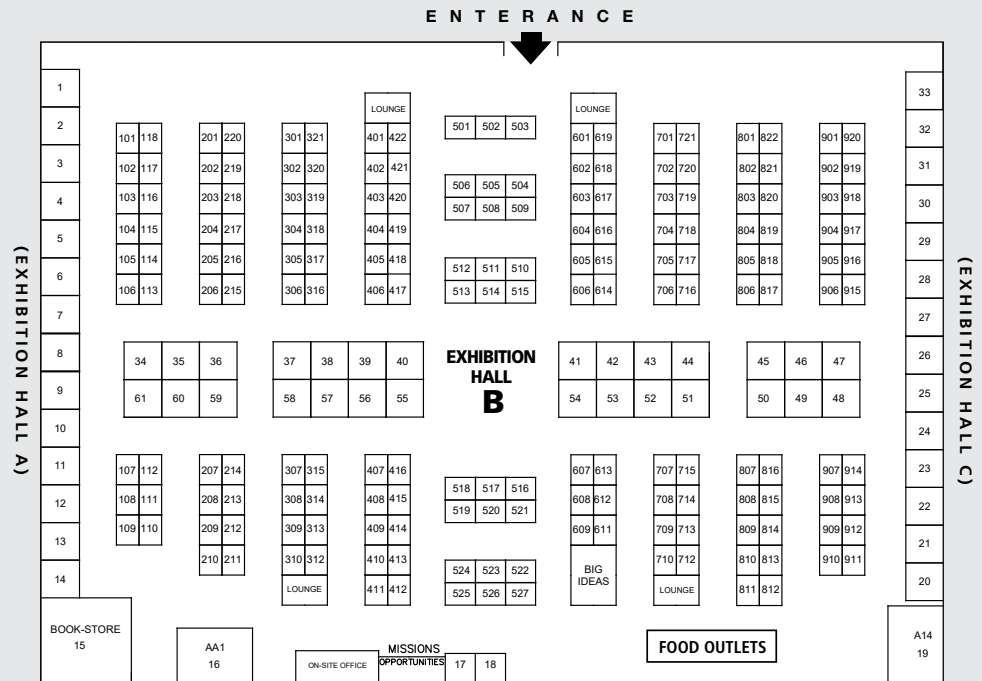


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