

April 29-30, 2022
Columbus, OH
GLC Annual Celebration

That We May Be One in Christ

Annual Celebration Host Churches:



Sanctuary Columbus Church- Pastor Rich Johnson

Welcome Great Lakes Family to Columbus, OH --
I'm delighted to share our new church building with you. After almost nine years of being mobile, the generous Free Methodist Church invited us to a free five-year lease (began 2020) and a refueled mission to see people transformed by Jesus and united in service. I hope you will find this renewed space also sparks a renewal in your personal life, ministry partnerships, and church endeavors. May the Lord continue ordering our steps until his kingdom comes in full.

Faith Covenant Church- Pastor Tim Heintzelman

We at Faith Covenant Church in Westerville, Ohio, are excited about the opportunity to host this year's Annual Meeting of the Great Lakes Conference (Thursday, April 29-Saturday, April 30.) FCC was a church plant back in 1977 and the GLC's support during our early years was critical. We are, therefore, pleased to be able to welcome you back to our church! In 2000, FCC relocated to Westerville, a northeast suburb of Columbus. Westerville has a rich history of cultural activism. Otterbein University (just a couple miles north of the FCC) was founded in 1847 by the evangelist, Rev. Philip Otterbein. It was the first university in our country that was open to women without restrictions, the first to have a woman faculty member, and one of the first to admit students of color. Later, Westerville became a key station along the Underground Railroad and was at the center of our nation's temperance movement, becoming home to the Anti-Saloon League. More recently, Westerville has been recognized as one of our nation's friendliest cities while being honored with having one of the best park systems in the country! FCC is honored to bring a warm O-H-I-O welcome to you!



Superintendent Garth McGrath

It is my privilege to invite the churches of the Great Lakes Conference to send pastors and delegates to this year's Annual Celebration taking place in Columbus, OH, April 29 and 30. Our hosts will be Faith Covenant Church (Westerville, OH) and Sanctuary Columbus Church (Columbus, OH). We will celebrate the work God did in and through our churches in 2021 and look forward to how God will be working in and through our churches in 2022. This year's theme is "Unity". During the celebration we bring together pastors and lay leaders from all of our churches to worship God together, to be equipped for ministry, to hear about progress being made in church planting, missional vitality, leadership development and outreach, and to give thanks for the lives that are being touched and transformed by the power of the Gospel in and through the ministry of Great Lakes Conference churches. We will consider a budget that will fund our mission priorities and elect wise, skilled, gifted and spiritually mature women and men to serve on our Conference Board. And we will connect with other lay leaders and pastors in our sister churches – to encourage them and be encouraged by them. I look forward to greeting your delegates to celebrate our partnership in God's mission field known as the Great Lakes Conference.

Schedule

FRIDAY- April 29

9:00am-12:00pm Ministerial Association Annual Meeting (at Sanctuary)
12:15-1:30 Lunch (both locations)
1:45-3:15pm Workshops A (both locations)
3:30-5:00pm Workshops B (both locations)
5:30-6:30 Dinner (at Faith)

6:45-7:30pm Awards (at Faith)

7:30-9:00pm Worship Service (at Faith)

SATURDAY- April 30

8:30am-12:30pm GLC Annual Meeting (at Faith)

12:30pm Boxed Lunch to Go

Workshops

1. Developing a Culture of Evangelism in the Local Church- Pastor Tim Heintzelman (Faith Cov. Church, Westerville, OH) and Pastor Jesse Slimak (Bethany Cov. Church, DuBois, PA); at Faith Cov. Church (**FCC**)

Evangelism is at the heart of the ECC and is one of our core affirmations (new life in Christ.) However, it can become one of the more challenging aspects of a local church's ministry. Fortunately there are practical insights that we have learned which allows local churches to develop a culture of evangelism. This workshop will unpack those insights and coach people on implementing B.L.E.S.S. in their personal lives and in the church.

2. Rediscovering the Identity of the Church- Pastor Donearl Johnson and Pastor Brendon Dry (Life Church Auburn Hills, MI) and Jody Eidnes (GLC Office); at Sanctuary Columbus Church (**SCC**)

We learn in John 17 that our unity is important for the world to believe that God sent Jesus. And in Ephesians 2 we learn that people who are very different from one another can be built together into a dwelling place for God. But how can we who are all so different be unified and why would that unity be so amazing that if the world were to see it, they would believe? This workshop will help us to answer these very important questions by exploring the following:

1. What is the church and why does it exist?
2. What is unity in the church and how does it relate to the identity and mission of the church?
3. How does our personal identity affect the unity of the church and the way the church carries out its mission?

3. Intensional: Finding the Unity of Self-Leadership for Long-Lasting Ministry- Pastor Justin Bowers (New Community Cov. Church, Buckhannon, WV) at Sanctuary Columbus Church (**SCC**)

In the midst of our cultural chaos, how can ministry leaders find health and longevity? When depression, anxiety, and suicide are on the rise among pastors and ministry leaders, is there a path toward sustaining our missional calling? This workshop will explore the tensions of leadership and how purposefully engaging those tensions can lead us toward a thriving life of joy in the midst of challenges. We will consider what healthy self-leadership looks like as we continue to dream the dreams God has for us as missional leaders.

4. In Rhythm with the Creator- Pastor Joe Muzzi (Crossroads Community Church, South Lyon, MI) at Faith Cov. Church (FCC)

Psalm 19:1-4 The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge. They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them. Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.

It's spring time, between winter and the pandemic we have all been inside a little too much, wouldn't it be nice to get outside and enjoy God's creation? Join us for a brief time of introduction and instruction and then a trip over to Inniswood Metro Gardens. Admission is free and the gardens are just one mile from Faith Covenant Church. You will need to take your own car over to the gardens. There are six short paths ranging in distance from one tenth of a mile to six tenths of a mile, all trails are accessible. AND THE GARDENS ARE BEAUTIFUL, a wonderful reminder of the gift of God's creation. Once in the gardens you'll take the prayer and meditation instructions and complete them on your own. The group will return back to Faith Covenant Church for a short wrap up at the end. If the weather is not favorable, we will have a time of prayer and meditation at Faith Covenant.

5. Introduction to SPICES - Crescendo- Sootie & Vance Havens and Harold Spooner (Crescendo Coaches, Central Conference) at Faith Cov. Church (FCC)

Growing as 60+ (Boomers & beyond) is about leveraging experience, wisdom, and other resources to benefit next generations. It is about finding fulfillment in giving, not getting. The desired outcome is described in Psalm 1:3 (NIV). *That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither- whatever they do prospers.* SPICES symbolize what can emerge during the later years- a pleasing aroma permeating the very essence of life with added flavor and zest. As these dimensions are blended, a richness in vital living emerges and a crescendo can occur- a gradual increase to a strong culmination. We must make choices that align with our needs and interests as we pursue the desired outcome. Whatever choices, there must be a balanced approach. The acrostic, SPICES, provides the framework: **S**piritual **P**hysical **I**ntellectual **C**ommunity **E**motional **S**ervice. Please join us as your hosts, Sootie & Vance Havens and Harold Spooner, lead us through an introduction to the SPICES framework.

6. Introducing Children & Youth to Works of Justice- Sanctuary Columbus Church Children and Youth Team; at Sanctuary Columbus Church (SCC)

Children and youth are growing up more aware of differences and divisions than generations before them. Does helping them navigate this world and breaking the cycle of white supremacy make you nervous you will say the wrong thing? Come discuss resources and techniques to raise up a generation that has better understanding, better language, and better ways to love and take action as followers of Christ and anti-racists.

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Hotel Information*

Aloft Columbus Westerville

32 Heatherdown Dr.
Westerville, Ohio 43081
(614)-899-6560
\$115
Reference: GLC Annual Celebration 2022
Cut off date: 4/15/22 (by 5pm)

Hilton Garden Inn Columbus Easton

3600 Morse Rd., Suite A
Columbus, Ohio 43230
(614)-968-5200
1 King \$125; 2 Queens \$135
Reference: GLC Annual Celebration Apr2022
Cut off date- 4/6/22

Hampton Inn & Suites Columbus Easton Area

4150 Stelzer Rd.
Columbus, Ohio 43230
(614)-473-9911
1 King \$89; 1 King Studio Suite \$99
Reference: GLC Annual Celebration 2022
Cut off date- 3/27/22

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