



The Leadership Connection

**Sept. 23
2023**

This year's Leadership Connection workshops will give attendees solid tools to increase their confidence and effectiveness as they lead churches in their quest to fulfill the Great Commission & the Great Commandment.

Who should attend a TLC?

Pastors, Church Chairs, Pastoral Staff Members, Council Members and Elders; Children's Ministry & Youth Ministry Leaders; Evangelism, Outreach & Mission Team Leaders; Men's Ministry & Women's Ministry Leaders; Anyone who senses God calling them to help lost people be found and hurting people be helped in the name of Jesus.

Faith Covenant Church

35415 W. 14 Mile Rd.
Farmington Hills,
Michigan
48331

Choose a Topic/Track

John Grandy
Peg Cichon
James Bryde
Jim Sanders

**Discipleship
Training**

National
Covenant
Properties

**Financial
and
Real Estate
Training**

Jalen Seawright
Youth and Gen Z
Laura Jackson
Children's Ministry

**Youth &
Children**

Alan Tumpkin
Mike Rice
Alex Rahill II
Alex Rahill Sr.
Bridgett Reynolds

**Sunday
Mornings**

CHECK-IN starts at 8:30am

Session One - 9:00 - 10:30

Session Two - 10:45 - 12:15

One hour lunch

Session Three - 1:15 - 2:45

Session Four - 3:00- 4:30

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Register by Sept. 15th

Sunday Mornings Track and/or Individual Workshops NCP Financial & Real Estate Training

Sunday Mornings

Alex Rahill II: Nuts and Bolts of Sunday Morning (9:00am - 10:30am)

What does your flow of service tell your people about what it means to be a disciple of Jesus? As the media writer Marshall McLuhan said, "The Medium is the Message". The way we do/say something is a major part of what we are communicating to our church, ourselves and to the world. Join me as we explore together what it looks like to use the structure of our service as one of our most powerful tools for forming disciples.

Alan Tumpkin: Everything but the Sermon (10:45am - 12:15pm)

One poll suggests that most people decide whether they will return to your campus within 6-10 minutes. There could be a myriad of reasons, but one stands out: "are we prepared for our guests from the parking lot to the pulpit?" This 90 minute workshop promises to offer skills and resources to ensure that your Sunday morning worship will be engaging and life-changing. Please come prepared to be enriched!

Alex Rahill: Sermon Preparation and Delivery (1:15pm - 2:45pm)

When You Talk, Are People Changed? As people who share God's Word that's our goal. We know God's Word is powerful. But if we are honest, we have often found ourselves communicating in a way that hasn't connected with the people we are actually ministering to. Join Alex as he shares principles from Andy Stanley's book-- Communicating for a Change and make your teaching/preaching ministry better.

Mike Rice: Sermon Series Preparation (3:00pm - 4:30pm)

There are 52 Sundays in a year and every one of them expects a sermon. For some, the prospect of figuring out how to fill a year's worth of sermons is overwhelming. But what if it didn't have to be? Join us as we consider what we can do to not just fill 52 weeks, but instead strategically plan series content for a calendar that will enable us to preach well and bless those God has given us to shepherd.

Financial & Real Estate Training

National Covenant Properties: Financial and Real Estate Training (9:00am-3:00pm)

Church financial management skills plus how church finances affect ministry and building use. ***Please See Attached Flyer.***

Discipleship Training Track and/or Individual Workshops

Discipleship Training

John Grandy: Discipleship Pathway (9:00am - 10:30am)

We all have a God-given desire to influence others and the best context for that to happen is one-to-one discipleship. Many churches have a passion to disciple people but don't have the process to do so. The Life Journey is a strategic process of disciple training for disciple making. This workshop will give you an in-depth look at a strategic discipleship pathway designed to mature disciples from being spiritually dead to spiritual parents through six life-changing, relational discipleship courses.

Peg Cichon: Navigating Church Conflict (10:45am -12:15pm)

Navigating conflict is a discipleship practice essential for spiritually mature Christians and leading healthy missional churches. In this session, you will practice conflict resolution and learn a spiritual discipline you can share with your church's leadership. In this session you will also hear about Missional Vitality's suite of conflict resolution and other tools for your congregation.

James Bryde: Discipleship through Small Groups (1:15pm-2:45pm)

Many churches want to have a more robust and meaningful small group program but struggle to figure out how to recruit leaders, get people to sign up, and how to choose curriculum that leads to growth. In this session we will talk about some strategies for how your church might begin to build, or tweak the system you already have, to help groups become effective and lasting. We will talk about recruiting, training, promoting, and choosing curriculum that helps lead to growth.

Jim Sanders: SHAPE - Spiritual (gifts) Heart, Abilities, Personality, Experience (3:00pm-4:30pm)

God created and shaped us in unique and wonderful ways for the purpose of preparing us to use our special abilities to transform our community, church, and world. In this workshop we will begin to identify our unique gifts and passions, to gain skills to replicate our training in our respective ministries.

Youth and Children Track Church Volunteer Workshop Visitor Retention Workshop

Youth & Children

Jalen Seawright: Next Gen and the Church (part 1 & 2)

The future of ministry to young adults, teenagers, and children—and the parents that raise them—is going to look a lot different from what we’ve done in the past. To that end, we must re-imagine our ministry paradigm to meet this vastly changing landscape. Join Jalen Seawright as he gives us skills and resources to meet the challenge.

Laura Jackson: Children’s Ministry (part 1 & 2)

In Matthew 28:19 Jesus commands us to go and be disciples who make disciples. In this workshop we will look at how to train and equip leaders, grow children in relationship with Christ, and how to equip families. Come join us as we look at different ways to make Children’s Ministry an important part of your church family.

Church Volunteers & Visitor Retention

Bridget Reynolds: You Belong: Creating Connections that Last (1:30pm-2:45pm)

As technology advances, the front door of our church is always open and there are opportunities for engagement. What rhythms and practices help people who come through our doors, whether virtually or in person, to stay connected and engaged? Come and explore impactful habits that empower people to feel a sense of belonging when they experience your church community.

Bridget Reynolds: Ground your Volunteers by Caring Well

(Volunteer Recruitment & Care (3:00pm-4:30pm))

Alas, you’ve just added a volunteer to their “sweet-spot” ministry team. Are you satisfied with the plan you have in place to help them flourish in their role? Maintaining the health and longevity of a volunteer doesn’t happen by chance. With a little intentionality, we can cultivate a culture where volunteers feel grounded and supported. This workshop will explore resources and techniques on equipping and caring for volunteers that will promote fruitful service within our ministry.

More than an investment.

We're Building for the Future.

As we partner together in ministry, we are very excited to offer this **financial and real estate training** as another tool and resource for you and your team as you continue to make a difference in your local community and Conference.

These trainings are designed for pastors, staff, treasurers and church leadership.

ATTENDEES WILL LEARN:

- How healthy and missional churches manage their finances
- How to structure your budget to make key ministry decisions
- The latest tax regulations for pastors
- Best practices to communicate the financial reports to leadership and the congregation
- How to use and interpret financial dashboards, to assess whether your facility is a tool for effective ministry
- Understand why capital fund-raising is good for your church.

TOPICS THAT WILL BE COVERED:

- What is the big deal with my church's financial statements and reporting?
- Aligning your budget to your ministry plans
- Ministerial compensation and taxation
- Fraud risk assessment and prevention
- Intro to Real Estate Services
- Why church buildings matter
- Capital fund raising

*Attendees will receive their church's financial dash board and an assessment of their internal controls if they register at least 3 weeks prior to the event (you will need to provide the last 3 years of financial statements).



LOCATION AND DATE:

Saturday, September 23, 2023

9:00am - 3:00pm

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35415 W 14 Mile Road

Farmington Hills, MI 48331

Hosted by:

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REGISTRATION DETAILS:

To register :

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PRESENTERS INCLUDE:



National Covenant Properties is pleased to partner with Capin Crouse for the financial training component of our seminar. Capin Crouse is a national, full-service CPA firm based in Indianapolis, IN that has served mission-focused not-for-profit organizations, churches and denominations, and higher education institutions since 1972.



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Stan's professional experience includes over 30 years in ministry operations, public accounting, government accounting, and missions. He provides strategic leadership of the firm's professional advisory and consulting services and serves as National Director of Church Denominational Services.



National Covenant Properties has been serving member churches of the Evangelical Covenant Church since 1970 to provide loans for new church construction, building acquisitions, and church additions. Currently NCP has over \$260 million in loans to more than 300 Covenant projects. Funds for these loans are obtained from NCP's sale of investment certificates.



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Rob is a go-to resource for real estate and loan expertise, bringing more than 25 years of experience to his role as a vice president of real estate services for NCP. He helps coach churches through the ins and outs of finding the right building for their ministry. Prior to joining NCP, Rob was associate director of Technical and Legal Services for the ECC, and a regional director for Habitat for Humanity. Rob holds a Bachelor of Arts in Religion and Psychology from North Park University and graduated with a Juris Doctor from DePaul University-College of Law.

Registration:

\$30/pp

25% discount if registering

4 or more people.

Fill out one form for
each person.

Mail this form and a check made out to GLC
or you can register on-line at:
greatlakesconf.wufoo.com/forms/q19rjaj715mmhgp/

Last Name

First Name

Church Name,

City,

State

Choose a Track or Individual Workshops

I am Choosing a Track (choose one track here - no further info needed)

- Track #1 Sunday Mornings
- Track #2 NCP Financial and Real Estate Training (9:00am - 3:00pm)
- Track #3 Discipleship Training
- Track #4 Youth and Children

I am Choosing Individual Workshops (Choose one per time slot)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 9:00am-10:30am | Discipleship Pathway |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 10:45am-12:15pm | Youth and Gen Z part 2 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1:15pm-2:45pm | Connections - Visitor Retention |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 3:00pm-4:30pm | Children's Ministry part 2 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3:00pm-4:30pm | Series Preparation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3:00pm-4:30pm | Volunteer Recruitment and Care |