



The Leadership Connection

**Sept. 21
2024**

This year's Leadership Connection tracks 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.

CHECK-IN starts at 8:00am

Tracks run from 8:30am - 5:00pm.

Participants will choose one track and stay with it all day with lunch provided.

For more info please contact the GLC office:

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Register by Sept. 16th

Faith Covenant Church

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Michigan
48331

Choose one Track

Ramelia Williams

Safe Sanctuaries

Peter Sung

The Post-Church Church

Garth McGrath

Church Chair Training

Track #1

Safe Sanctuaries

Led by - Ramelia Williams

**Director of Ministry Initiatives
Love Mercy Do Justice**

The Serve Locally team of the Covenant has launched a new training for pastors, ministry leaders, and leadership teams to increase efficacy in response when a congregant or community member comes forward to break silence about abuse that has happened to them or someone they know.

Studies show that 25% of women and 10% of men experience violence in intimate partner relationships with emotional, physical, and spiritual consequences. This means the people in the pews and the community surrounding your churches have been affected.

This 8-hour training will equip leaders to pastor a people who have experienced trauma from the injustice of abuse. From developing a theology of abuse, to talking about how trauma impacts victims and survivors, to learning how to partner with advocates in your community to bring holistic healing, to learning how to respond to victims who share their stories of abuse, leaders will acquire best practices for providing spiritual and practical support.

There is an online pre-learning requirement before attending the training. The online training is a self-guided introduction to this topic that will allow all participants to begin at the same level of learning. It takes approximately two hours or less to complete the pre-learning. Participants will receive a certificate of completion at the end of the online training to document this learning opportunity. Please create an account on the Evangelical Covenant's learning platform (<https://covchurch.talentlms.com/index>) and complete the "Advocacy for Victims of Abuse Online Training" module under Love Mercy Do Justice.

This seminar will be limited to 25, on a first come first served basis of those who have completed the pre-learning requirement. The deadline for completing the pre-work and turning in a copy of the certificate (to peg@greatlakes.cc) is September 18, 2024.

Track #2

The Post-Church Church

Led by - Peter Sung
serves the PacNW Conference
and the ECC/SSC

The American church appears to be undergoing a radical paradigm shift during these post-pandemic and politically polarized years. Living and loving in this moment begins with you, the local church. What is happening in America? What changes have you noticed about the church in the last few years? What changes do you think you need to personally make to better understand and reach the culture?

This seminar track is based on the book, *The Post-Church Church: The Shift from Program and Place to People and Practice* by Peter Sung. It will consist of 6 hrs of presentation and discussion led by Peter Sung, followed by 2 hrs of guided reflection led by GLC Spiritual Director, Matt Ness.

Peter Sung is a psychologist, an executive coach, an author, and a professional speaker as well as a former church planter and denominational leader. He lives in the beautiful Pacific Northwest with his family where he enjoys learning, running, hiking, and his many other hobbies.

Track #3

Church Chair Training

Led by - Garth McGrath
GLC Superintendent

Serving as Chair of a local church is a high calling with a lot of responsibility. It can also be uncomfortable, anxiety-producing, and stressful, especially if you haven't served in the role before... or if you were never formally trained. To help Chairs of Covenant Churches across North America flourish in their role, the ECC has assembled a team of seasoned Covenant Church leaders to equip Church Chairs for their unique role and have provided the training in various contexts over the past couple of years. People who have gone through the training (including many GLC Church Chairs) have commented that the training is superb and has been very helpful to them. We are offering the training again using a combination of video recordings of live sessions (in the GLC) with the experts - followed by time with experienced resource people for Questions and Answers.

- *Lead a meeting – The nuts and bolts of leading a fruitful, efficient Council/LT Meeting*
- *Lead Pastor / Chair relationship – This relationship sets the tone for the entire church*
- *Conflict Transformation – How to address conflict in healthy ways*
- *Governance – The importance of understanding and following your Constitution & Bylaws*
- *Finance – Understanding the numbers and making sure you are doing it right!*

Who should attend:

Current Church Chairs, Vice-Chairs, and nominees for the role of Chair in an upcoming church election

Registration:

\$30 per person

Register by Sept. 16th

Mail this form and a check made out to The GLC
21840 West Nine Mile Rd
Southfield, MI 48075
or you can register on-line at:
www.greatlakes.cc

First Name

Last Name

Church Name

City

State

Email Address

Cell#

Choose one Track

- Track #1 Safe Sanctuaries
- Track #2 Post-Church Church
- Track #3 Church Chair Training

Any food allergies we need to be aware of?
