



2019 CNH District Missions Conference Break-Out Sessions Information Sheet

Choose two sessions from the list below.

The following sessions will be offered morning and afternoon.

→Allowing Jesus Speak at Your Next Board/Congregation Meeting (John Denninger)

This is a presentation on the discovery of using ancient tools to allow our congregation to hear God speak to us as we make significant decisions. One of the tools we will use and experiment with is lectio divina.

→The Failure Model for Healthy Leaders (Dust Kunkel)

Dust Kunkel and his wife, Jan, as a young couple, worked in a home for abused and neglected children for two years. It changed his heart permanently and re-oriented his concept of healthy leadership to a failure model: brokenness, vulnerability, and facing failure are crucial for any leader who practices a theology of the cross. Participants will receive gear for their own journey to face failure — in themselves and others — courageously so they can grow healthy and help others grow too.

→WHY are we NOT doing what we KNOW we should be doing? (Stella Yau)

Think through the theology of sacrifice and stewardship. If we cannot step away from ministry occasionally to take care of ourselves and intentionally form healthier habits, we may be saying in some sense that what Christ did is not sufficient. Jesus already died for the church, so we can take ourselves down from the cross and trust God to do his work. In addition, what does it look like to be in a healthy community and relationships for mission? To be unique, different, yet united under the cross? Is God colorblind or colorful? Are we willing to let God do His work in us so that His light truly shines in and through our differentness and sameness?

→You Don't Have to Be BIG to Multiply (Peter Meier)

Healthy congregations, whether they are large or small, understand the Mission of God and align their plans and actions accordingly. We'll look at God's Mission, talk about the difference between addition and multiplication growth, and see how God works even through the small things.

The following sessions will be offered once in the morning.

→7 Missional Activities for Congregations (Terry Tieman)

Jesus has called all of us to be fishers of people. And everyone knows that you can catch more fish with a net than a pole. Find out how your church can mobilize its members to work together in 7 net-fishing activities that are guaranteed to catch fish!

→Bring from the Outside or Build from the Inside? Healthy Leadership Development in Your Congregation
(Abi Tesfaye and Paul Lauaki)

Who can we find to teach Sunday School? What about leading the youth? And the church music? We spend a lot of hours trying to find people equipped to fill leadership roles in our congregations. When we don't find people that fit the job description, our first reaction is to look elsewhere. What if, instead of spending our time trying to bring in leaders from outside the congregation, we focused on building leaders from inside it? Join Abi Tesfaye and Paul Lauaki as they share practical ideas and concrete examples of ways to raise up and develop new leaders from within your congregation.

→Building and Leading Healthy Multiethnic Teams (Dawit Bokre and Aaron Putnam)

The make-up of your church's neighborhood looks different than it did 20 years ago. The make-up of the congregation still looks the same. What to do? Join LINC Bay Area leaders Dawit Bokre and Aaron Putnam for ideas on how you can diversify your church and take concrete steps to build and lead healthy and impactful multiethnic teams.

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→Healthy for Mission – By Living a Life Balanced through Reconciled Relationships (Cordell Schulten)

In order to be healthy and whole to engage Christ's mission, we are graciously granted Christ's gift of reconciliation both with God and with others in our family, our neighborhood, our workplace and our communities. Experiencing Christ's reconciliation enables us to reach out to others with the ministry of reconciliation as we follow Jesus in His mission to reconcile the world to Himself. (2 Corinthians 5:18–19)

→Shining the Light on Disability Ministry – (Panel, Disability Ministry Task Force)

Participate in a discussion on how the church can be “healthy for mission” among people with disabilities and their families. The discussion is led by a panel of the CNH Disability Ministry Task Force’s newly created **Contact Person Program**. Learn more about this program and explore how your congregation can participate. “Let your light shine before others so that they can see your good works and glorify your Father in Heaven” (Matthew 5:16).

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→ Healthy for Mission – By Living a Life Balanced through Restful Retreats (Cordell Schulten)

In order to be healthy and whole to engage Christ's mission, we are also graciously granted Christ's gift of rest for our souls and our bodies. Restful retreats, individually and with others, through both periodic occasions of extended time away from our regular routines and also through even brief periods of quiet, reflective solitude in the midst of our daily schedules, provide opportunities to experience true rest in Christ that fortifies us to follow Him in His mission to reconcile the world to Himself. (Matthew 11:28–29)

→Making Disciples (Like Jesus Did) (Terry Tieman)

The principles Jesus presented 2,000 years ago constitute the basic job description for making and multiplying disciples in fulfillment of his Great Commission...and they still work today! Learn how to apply the methods that Jesus taught and modeled and start making reproducing disciples, just like Jesus did!

→Mission “Trip” to Your Home Church and Community (Gene Eckert)

Gene Eckert will lead the discussion of how to plan a mission “trip” to your community. Gene is a member of Holy Cross, Los Gatos, CA, and their congregation has been blessed through many overseas mission trips to the Czech Republic, Thailand, Vietnam, and Taiwan. In 2016, their team returned from one of those trips and proposed that they try a similar focused mission “trip” to their home congregation and surrounding community. Holy Cross has been blessed to host “Home Mission Time” in 2017 and 2018 and are looking forward to hosting another “trip” in April 2019. This ministry has been a group effort of the Holy Cross Mission Committee, their pastors, and the leaders of the congregation. At this session, learn about goals and experiences from their community “trips.”

Keynote Speakers

John Denninger, President, Southeastern District, LCMS: "Tools for Those with Spiritual ADD (Attention Deficit Disorder)"

Terry Tieman, Executive Director, Transforming Churches Network: “The Greatest Why of All”