

GLOCAL MISSION SUMMIT

on the Road to Witness





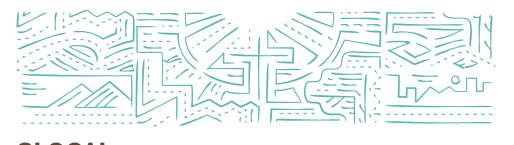
Welcome to the 2021 Glocal Mission Summit! We are so glad you have decided to join us "On the Road to Witness." Our prayer is that you will be encouraged, resourced, and find friends to walk the journey of mission and reimagining evangelism and discipleship in this changing world.

We believe God is moving in our neighborhoods even in the midst of COVID-19 and all the uncertainties we're facing! We hope to encounter Jesus as the disciples did on the road to Emmaus and learn alongside them to walk, ask, listen, and re-imagine our place in God's mission, both locally and globally.

May the Spirit empower you to be Christ's witnesses in your Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and to the ends of the Farth!

Sincerely,

The Glocal Mission Summit Planning Team





All times shown in EST/EDT

Thursday, May 13

7:00pm-7:30pm Check-In

7:30pm-8:30pm Welcome, Plenary: Jerusalem/Walk

Speaker: David Fitch, Storyteller Panel

8:30pm-9:00pm Table Conversation

Friday, May 14

10:30am-11:30am Plenary: Judea/Ask

Speaker: Rachel Beveridge, Storyteller Panel

11:30am-12:00pm Table Conversation

12:00pm-1:30pm LUNCH BREAK

1:30pm-2:15pm Plenary: Samaria/Listen to the other

Speaker: John Eigege, Storyteller Panel

2:15pm-3:30pm Breakout Sessions

Saturday, May 15

10:30am-11:00am Plenary: Ends of the Earth/Re-imagine, Re-interpret

Storyteller Panel

11:00am-11:30am Table Conversation

11:30am-12:00pm Plenary: Ends of the Earth/Re-imagine, Re-interpret

Speaker: Ruth Padilla DeBorst, Closing/Send Off





SUMMIT SCRIPTURES

Acts 1:8 (NIV)

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Luke 24:13-35 (NIV)

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him.

He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?"

They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"

"What things?" he asked.

"About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus."

He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

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As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.

When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.





PLENARY SESSION 1: JERUSALEM/WALK

Jesus begins by reminding us that God's mission starts at home. We are sent as Jesus to be an incarnational presence in our neighborhoods. This session unpacks mission in "Jerusalem" (Acts 1.8) and is related to "Jesus walking with them" (Luke 24.15).



Plenary Speaker: David Fitch

David Fitch is B R Lindner Chair of evangelical theology at Northern Seminary, Chicago. He is an ordained pastor in the Christian and Missionary Alliance and currently pastors (along with 3 other pastors) the Peace of Christ Church of Westmont IL, USA. He's been part of planting seven churches in his lifetime. He writes on culture, church and mission at Missio Alliance, Christianity Today, OutReach Magazine, and many other websites and academic journals. He is the author of several books such as Faithful Presence (2016), The Church of Us vs. Them (2019) and most recently What is the Church? (Herald Press 2021).





Karen Wilk

Dr. Karen Wilk is Go Local and Gospel Witness Guiding Team Lead with Resonate Global Mission. She serves on the Forge Canada National Team as their Neighbourhood Life Lead. She has a Doctorate in Missional Leadership and has been a pastor for 30+ years in Edmonton, Alberta, where she also enjoys being a wife, mom and neighbour!



David Lundberg

David Lundberg is a retired social worker and currently works parttime as a caseworker for Volunteers In Service in Grand Rapids. He has served on the Go Local Guiding Team at Shawnee Park CRC.



Taehoo Lee

Rev. Taehoo Lee was born in South Korea and grew up in Seoul. After studying philosophy in college, he went to a seminary to be a pastor. In 2003, he sensed God calling him to be a neighbor to the poor and moved to North Central, a predominantly African American neighborhood in Philadelphia. In 2006, he started a month-long summer camp for the children in the neighborhood. It has become a neighborhood tradition ever since. Although he does not have a "church" his neighbors view him as their pastor.



PLENARY SESSION 1 NOTES

PLENARY SESSION 2: JUDEA/ASK

Next, Jesus reminds his disciples to proclaim his gospel to the entire region, showing how important it is to join with what God is doing in the workplace, in the grocery store, around the neighborhood, and more. We are called to engage with the questions and challenges in our broader contexts. This session unpacks mission in "Judea" (Acts 1.8) and is related to "asking" (Luke 24.17-19).



Plenary Speaker: Rachel Beveridge

Rachel serves with Resonate Global Mission as the Cohort Coordinator. The Cohort is a year-long experience in which fellows are immersed in a new culture by serving with local mission organizations at the grassroots level. She is passionate about helping young adults discover God's intense love for this world, understand the deep injustices present in their communities, and live out their own unique vocation. Rachel lives in Guatemala with her husband Isra.



Storyteller Panel:

Sebastian Maldonado

Raised in Bogotá and based in Turtle Island, Sebastian completed his studies in philosophy and theology in Toronto where he currently works as a community leader and campus minister at LOGOS Community which is a ministry of the CRCNA at York University and the Jane-Finch corridor. Both his academic and community work have focused on engaging theologies of resistance and liberation aimed at dismantling colonial patterns of thinking in local Christian programs and offering BIOPIC youth in the city theological tools that would result in a practical commitment for the historical transformation of their communities.



Kurt Rietema

Kurt Rietema is the Senior Director of YF Neighborhood at Youthfront and leads Christian community development initiatives for the CRCNA in a diverse, under-resourced neighborhood of Kansas City. His work includes youth social entrepreneurship, short-term mission, intentional neighboring, and creating just housing and lending partnerships for immigrants.

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Sparrow Etter Carlson

Sparrow Etter Carlson is grateful to be able to spend her days in her neighborhood at the Aurora Commons and at home with her husband Andy and two kids, Cedar and Kipling. She is the cofounder of movements created to midwife spaces where precious human beings from all walks of life can live as though we belong to one another. Sparrow has been living with intention towards her neighbors who are unhoused, drug dependent, and involved in survival street based prostitution for 18 years. She is a member of the City of Seattle Adult Survivor Collaborative (ASC), End the HIV Epidemic Statewide committee and King County Just Access to Healthcare for Drug users committee.

PLENARY SESSION 2 NOTES





PLENARY SESSION 3: SAMARIA/LISTEN TO THE OTHER

Jesus' disciples would have taken note of being sent to Samaria, a place in their backyard populated by people different from them. How can we learn to listen and grow alongside people different from ourselves? This session unpacks mission in "Samaria" (Acts 1.8) and is related to "listening to the other" (Luke 24.19-27).



Plenary Speaker: John Eigege

John is a missionary from Nigeria to the United States. He loves seeing followers of Jesus catalyzed to join Christ in the renewal of all things. He is married to Chinyere, and they have two lovely daughters, Jaya and Enayi. When John isn't working, he enjoys playing, watching, and talking about football (soccer). John ministers bi-vocationally as a Community Chaplain with the Christian Reformed Church in Houston's historic Third Ward neighborhood, and as Ministry Director at Agape Development in the OST/ South Union neighborhood.



Storyteller Panel

Szabina Sztojka

Szabina Sztojka is Assistant Minister at St. Columba's International Church in Budapest. She has years of experience working with Roma communities in Hungary and earned her ThM degree at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia. Being Roma herself, the work of reconciliation is her passion, she facilitates Healing Hearts, Transforming Nations reconciliation events internationally as well as developing the ministry in Hungary. She completed the 2018 International School of Reconciliation (ISOR) in Rwanda and was a facilitator at the 2020 ISOR.



Andrew Beunk

Rev. Andrew Beunk has been serving as Lead Pastor at New Westminster CRC since 2009. During that time, a predominantly Caucasian congregation is evolving into a multiethnic, multilingual congregation that increasingly reflects the diversity of its neighboring community. Andrew and his wife Kim have three adult children who all enjoy camping and exploring the Creator's beauty in BC.



Laura Osborne

Laura Osborne is Coordinator for Interreligious Relations for the Reformed Church in America and Campus Pastor with International Campus Ministry at Western MIchigan University. She works with churches and individuals to connect to their neighbor of another faith. Laura loves connecting people, bridge building, peacemaking and however the Lord wants to work through me. She lives in Kalamazoo, MI with her husband and 3 school age girls.

PLENARY SESSION 3 NOTES



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PLENARY SESSION 4: ENDS OF THE EARTH/ RE-IMAGINE, RE-INTERPRET

The church is called to have a global perspective, investing in God's work everywhere. We are invited to return to our daily life and work with new eyes & hearts, sent by the Spirit to witness "Glocally." This session unpacks mission in the "ends of the Earth" (Acts 1.8) and is related to the opportunity to "reimagine and re-interpret" (Luke 24.28-35).



Plenary Speaker: Ruth Padilla-DeBorst

Ruth yearns to see peace and justice embrace in the beautiful and broken world we call home. A wife of one and mother of many, theologian, missiologist, educator, and storyteller, she has been involved in leadership development and theological education for integral mission in her native Latin America for several decades. She lives with her husband, James, in Costa Rica as a member of Casa Adobe, an intentional Christian Community with deep concern for right living in relation to the whole of creation.



Storyteller Panel

Mario Matos

Mario Luis Matos is an ordained pastor with the Christian Reformed Church in the Dominican Republic, graduated with a degree in Business Administration from Universidad Central del Este - UCE, and a master's degree in Theology and Education from Calvin Theological Seminary of Michigan. He has over 30 years of experience developing leaders for Church Planting, Evangelism, and Community Development ministries. He is Founder and Executive Director of the Sinergia Fundación de Liderazgo Trasnformador, the Leadership Foundation of Santo Domingo, which serves a network of congregations, schools, and other small non-profit organizations committed to love and serve their communities and seek their peace. Mario lives in Santo Domingo with his Wife Yolanda and their two children, Susana (21) and Magda (17).



John Lee

Joon Lee (AKA John Lee) is Executive director for Vision 800 Global and Executive Director of Latin American Leadership Center with World Mission University.



David Kromminga

David serves together with his wife, Mary Buteyn, as a Church Leadership Developer in Berlin, Germany, working primarily with refugees and other newcomers to Germany's capital city. An urban pastor for over 30 years, David loves connecting with people across cultures, building meaningful community with others, and communicating the good news to a wide variety of people. He and Mary have two adult daughters and a son-in-law.

PLENARY SESSION 4 NOTES



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TABLE CONVERSATION QUESTIONS

• The plenary speaker and the storytellers shared about God's mission in their place, their "Jerusalem," "Judea," "Samaria" or beyond. What does Jerusalem mean in your context? What does Judea mean in your context? What does Samaria mean in your context? How are the ends of the Earth represented in your context?

- What surprised, encouraged or challenged you in the presentations?
- What questions arose in you as you listened to the speaker and storytellers?

• How might the Holy Spirit be prompting you to respond as an individual, a family, or a congregation?

BREAKOUT PRESENTERS

A Church for All Nations: Leading a Multi-ethnic, Multi-cultural Community



Presenter: Mary Buteyn

Mary Buteyn serves as a Church Leadership Developer in Berlin, Germany, where she and her husband, David Kromminga, have planted a congregation with and for refugees and other immigrants from around the world. The common language of worship and fellowship is easy German. Her most significant accomplishment in life is raising with David two daughters who follow Jesus. She loves to read and hike—activities unaffected by Covid.

A New Day in Mission: Understanding Mission in the 21st Century



Presenters: Cory Willson and Moses Chung

Cory Willson is an Associate Professor of Missiology and Missional Ministry at Calvin Theological Seminary. He is the co-author of the recent book, Work and Worship: Reconnecting Our Labor and Liturgy and is passionate about matters of everyday life and lived theology. He lives with his wife and son in Grand Rapids, Michigan.



Moses Chung is director of mission innovation of Christian Reformed Church's Resonate Global Mission and former executive director of Christian Reformed Home Missions. He is an ordained minister in the CRC and earned a master of divinity degree from Calvin Theological Seminary and a doctorate (DMin) in missional leadership from Fuller Theological Seminary. He worked for nearly 20 years in parish ministry and church planting settings in Michigan, Southern California, and South Korea.

An Audacious Dream: An Introduction to Church Planting in the CRC



Presenters: Kevin DeRaaf and Marco Avila

Kevin is an ordained CRC pastor who served for 24 years in two Ontario, Canada churches. He is a former Regional Mission Leader for Resonate and currently serves a dual role in Resonate as the Acting Canada Director and Director of North America Regional Teams. He lives in Burlington, Ontario with his wife, Jacquie. He plays soccer and cornhole whenever he can.



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Marco Avila

Marco is the Eastern U.S. Regional Mission Leader for Resonate Global Mission. His focus is on forming, connecting and sending missional leaders globally and locally in collaboration with Mission-shaped congregations. He lives in New Jersey where he planted the New Horizon Church.

Becoming a Congregation that Connects with Your New Neighbors from Around the World



Presenter: Greg Sinclair

Greg Sinclair is a diaspora ministry leader with Resonate Global Mission. A former missionary to West Africa and a pastor, Greg is on the guiding team for the Journeys into Friendship network for ministry to refugees, immigrants, migrants, and international students. Greg's focus is supporting and coaching ministry practitioners. Greg lives in Hamilton with his wife Nelly.

Creation Care and Community Outreach



Presenter: Andrea Hernandez

Andrea Hernandez is from El Salvador and is currently a volunteer with The Cohort program of Resonate Global Mission. The Cohort is a year-long experience in which fellows are immersed in a new culture by serving with local mission organizations at the grassroots level. Andrea studied environmental health at the University of El Salvador and is currently developing a project around community organic gardening and composting in Costa Rica.

Developing and Multiplying Missional Communities



Presenter: Glenn Smith

Dr. Glenn Smith is married to Sandra and together they have three daughters, Jenna (1981), Julia (1983) and Christa (1986) and two granddaughters. Glenn did his graduate studies in Patristics at the University of Ottawa and his doctoral thesis in contextual theology at Northern Baptist Theological Seminary in Chicago. He has received an honorary doctorate from the Union des universités privées d'Haïti for his contribution to urban theological praxis in that country. For 37 years, he was the Executive Director of Christian Direction in Montréal. He and his wife are co-pastors of the missional communities at their church, La Chapelle.

Discerning Your Own Path in Mission



Presenter: Jessica Boy

Jessica Boy's role is to help others find their place in "mission" as Canada's Mission Resource and Placement Coordinator for Resonate Global Mission. Prior to coming on board with Resonate in 2016, she lived and worked as a missionary and counsellor in remote west coast Canadian communities. Physically, emotionally or spiritually, her heart is to help others get to where they'd like to be. She works remotely from her Nanaimo, BC home office.

Discipling and Mentoring Generation Z



Presenters: Steve Kooy, Victoria Sharpe, and Ryan Farell Rev Dr Steve Kooy is a campus pastor and director of Geneva House Campus Ministries which serves Queen's University, St Lawrence College, Loyalist College, and Royal Military College. A member of Gen X who feels like he is Gen Z, Steve loves investing in the next generation, raising up disciples of Jesus and training Kingdom leaders.



Victoria Sharpe is a member of Gen Z, a former intern at Geneva House Campus Ministries, and a recent graduate of Queen's University with a degree in psychology. She is currently working as a caretaker in different service centres dedicated to children and young adults and she plans to support the Gen Z programming at Geneva House from a distance as she begins her Masters in Psychology in New York City this fall.



Ryan Farrell is a Millennial, a former youth pastor of seven years, and a forever student. Currently he works as an Associate Pastor for Geneva Campus Ministries while he pursues ordained ministry with the CRCNA.

Engaging Our Neighbors in a Changing World



Presenter: Karen Wilk

Dr. Karen Wilk is Go Local and Gospel Witness Guiding Team Lead with Resonate Global Mission. She serves on the Forge Canada National Team as their Neighbourhood Life Lead. She has a Doctorate in Missional Leadership and has been a pastor for 30+ years in Edmonton, Alberta, where she also enjoys being a wife, mom and neighbour!





Evangelism for Everyone: It's Not the 80's Anymore



Presenter: Amy Schenkel

Amy Schenkel is the Great Lakes Regional Mission Leader for Resonate Global Mission. She is passionate about helping the church love God and love their neighbor. Previously she planted and co-pastored Monroe Community Church with her husband, Henry, and she continues to learn from the church planters she works with in her region today.

Every Member a Missionary



Presenter: Clarence Presley

Clarence Presley currently serves in the role of U.S. Western Regional Leader for Resonate Global Missions. Clarence is also the Lead Pastor and Founder of Word of Truth International Ministries, a unique ministry based in South Seattle / Tukwila that functions as a hub & spoke (sending ministry) with various gospel expressions and missional communities throughout S.King County and Pierce County in Washington State. Clarence is married to Athena and they are the proud parents of 5 beautiful children.

Forming a Missional Heart in Children and Young People



Presenters: Lesli van Milligen and Ron DeVries

Rev. Lesli van Milligen is Faith Formation Ministries CRC Regional Catalyzer for Eastern Canada—Winnipeg to Halifax. She is ordained in the CRC and has co-pastored in both Canada and the U.S. with her husband, Tom. Along with supporting local congregations in strengthening their cradle-to-grave faith formation practices, Lesli is passionate about building into the next generation of leaders through leadership workshops for youth, young adults, and church councils.



Ron has been working to strengthen youth ministry in the CRC for more than 20 years. As Youth Ministry Catalyzer for the CRC, his work focuses on supporting and equipping the denomination's youth leaders. Read more about Ron in this CRC News article and this interview. Ron is also FFM's Regional Catalyzer for Alberta, and serves as the Ambassador for ThereforeGo Ministries. Ron can help your church with strengthening faith formation with teens and youth, reaching today's young people, connecting with Classis Youth Ministry Champions, and more.

Healing Hearts: How Reconciliation and Forgiveness is Critical for Mission



Presenter: Szabina Sztojka

Szabina Sztojka is Assistant Minister at St. Columba's International Church in Budapest. She has years of experience working with Roma communities in Hungary and earned her ThM degree at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia. Being Roma herself, the work of reconciliation is her passion, she facilitates Healing Hearts, Transforming Nations reconciliation events internationally as well as developing the ministry in Hungary. She completed the 2018 International School of Reconciliation (ISOR) in Rwanda and was a facilitator at the 2020 ISOR.

Healing the Racial Divide



Presenters: Viviana Cornejo, Idella Winfield and Rudy Gonzalez

Viviana is the Racial Curriculum and Instruction Specialist for Race Relations. She began serving in the CRCNA in 1997, two years after she arrived with her family in the United States from Chile. She's passionate about teaching, researching, and digging into history. Sharing her knowledge with others is the fuel that keeps her doing the work of racial justice in the church, and everywhere she has the opportunity to talk about. She also enjoys photography, nature but most of all, her family.



Idella Winfield is the Church and Community Engagement Coordinator for the CRCNA Office of Race Relations. She has served in the denomination for 13 years and is passionate about racial justice. Idella coordinates programs, special projects, and church and community engagement initiatives for the Office of Race Relations.



Rudy Gonzalez is an Interim Organizational Antiracism Facilitator who serves the Christian Reformed Church in the United States. He consults with congregational and agency leaders in training and facilitating events for integrating antiracism ministry practices. As a team member of the Office of Race Relations, he works with CRCNA's vision to dismantle racism for God's diverse and unified family. Rudy retired as a CRC commissioned pastor in 2021. He previously served 15 years as a Church and Community Consultant in the Christian Reformed World Relief (CRWRC). Rudy and Vicki have been married 46 years and have 4 children and 8 grandchildren.





Micro Churches: A Church Planting Strategy for Today's Context



Presenters: Cody Zuiderveen and Scott Stark

Cody is a campus minister and the associate director for missional engagement with Campus Ministry at Grand Valley State University. He lives and works in Grand Rapids, MI, with his wife, Jessica, and their three kids.



Rev. Scott Stark is Campus Minister for Campus Ministry at Grand Valley State University (CM@GVSU). He has served at CM@GVSU for 11 years. Before that he served both in a local congregation in Holland and with a CRC campus ministry at Central Michigan University.

Mission as a Guest on the Land/Mission Starts with Listening



Presenters: Hearts Exchanged Team

Hearts Exchanged is a learning and action journey designed to equip Reformed Christians to engage with Indigenous people as neighbours and fellow image bearers. This co-learning setting models the sacred journey of reconciliation, preparing us as Christians to build relationships with Indigenous communities that are marked by mutual respect and reciprocity. Participants are transformed in their minds and hearts as they are invited into honest dialogue about the harms of colonialism, and encounter 'hearts broken' stories and experiences. The Hearts Exchanged team from the CRCNA's Justice & Reconciliation ministries will lead this breakout discussion on how listening and exchanging of hearts leads to communities of belonging.

Phygital: Planting Digital Churches



Presenters: Nathan "Chivo" Hawkins and Chestly Lunday
Nathan is Stadia West's Regional Executive. He implements
Stadia's overall strategy in the western U.S., focusing on partner
development for U.S. and global church planting. Before returning
to Stadia, Nathan played a key role in our Global Church Planting
strategy as a Compassion International Church Relations Director.
He also has first-hand U.S. church planting experience, having led
in a church plant re-launch in New Orleans post-Katrina.





Chestly Lunday

Chestly Lunday is host of the LEAD FULL PODCAST and is highly regarded as an international speaker, coach, and consultant helping people lead with impact in life and the workplace. As the founder and President of Aneeko, a leadership development organization training teens in Phoenix, Arizona, Chestly has over a decade of developing leaders from all walks of life. Chestly is on the cutting edge of innovation in the religious non-profit sector, currently launching KingCity, One of America's first on-demand, digital churches. You can follow him at chestlylunday.com or join his community by texting: "hello" to (480) 531.9015

Reimagining Church: Forward Thinking in Our Present COVID Reality



Presenter: Beth Fellinger

Beth Fellinger is the Christian Reformed Church's Regional Mission Leader for Eastern Canada. She has nearly 40 years of experience in pastoral ministry—in both urban and rural centers, in both large and small churches. She has had a hand in planting three churches, the most recent of which was the innovative Destination Church in St Thomas, Ontario. A frequent conference speaker, Beth's passion is to support, serve, and strategize with churches to help them develop their missional goals.

Self-care and Resilience in Tough Ministry Times



Presenters: Reggie Smith, Al Postma, Zach Olson, and Sean Baker

Reggie serves as the Director for Diversity. He served as Director of the Offices of Race Relations and Social Justice from 2016 to 2020. Before coming to denominational work, he served as copastor of Northside Community CRC in Paterson, NJ for almost two years. He was pastor of Roosevelt Park CRC in Grand Rapids, MI from 1994 to 2015. Reggie served in several capacities throughout the denomination such as adjunct seminary instructor at Calvin Seminary, a columnist for the Banner, and president of the board for Back to God Ministries International (now ReFrame Ministries). Reggie enjoys meeting new people and traveling to new locations to notice the hand of God at work in the world. Also, an avid fan of the Chicago Cubs baseball team.



Al Postma is the Classis Renewal Leader for Pastor Church Resources. His ministry goal is that every church and church leader in the Christian Reformed Church will be able to say they are better off because they are part of their classis (regional assembly). He has pastored a church in Thunder Bay, Ontario and now lives in Brantford, Ontario.

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Zach Olson serves as Ministry Vocational Consultant in the CRC's Pastor Church Resources ministry. Using the Birkman and other assessment tools, he coaches pastors and church staff to care for themselves well by identifying their unique needs as individuals in ministry. Zach lives in Grand Rapids, MI with his wife, Kasey, and four children.



Rev. Sean Baker served as pastor of Creston Christian Reformed Church in Grand Rapids, MI for ten years before accepting a call to serve as Ministry Consultant with Pastor Church Resources (PCR) of the Christian Reformed Church in North America. Sean, with the rest of the team at PCR, serves pastors, churches and classes as they seek to promote healthy relationships, encourage one another in ministry and discern next steps in seasons of growth, transition or challenge. Sean is married with three small children. He's passionate about helping Christians listen well to God and one another as they grow and serve in their local communities.

What Millennials Can Teach the Church about Mission and Ministry



Presenters: Geoff Van Dragt, Ashley Van Dragt, Calvin Chen Ashley, Calvin and Geoff are campus pastors at the University of Washington and church planters in Seattle's University District. They are planting in a neighborhood of extremes, where the city's most marginalized rub shoulders with students and upwardly mobile millennials. In the midst of it all, they are working to establish a diverse community that worships and serves in a way that manifests the love of Christ and draws people into the kingdom.

BREAKOUT SESSION NOTES





DWELLING IN THE WORD - HOW TO

Dwelling in the Word is a simple exercise that is rooted in the traditions of the church. It is a practice in which all the people of God can participate. It helps to cultivate and nourish a community rooted in listening to God and each other through Scripture.

1. Read

- Invite people to be open to the Spirit as they listen to the readings of the text and ponder these questions:
 - o As the text is read, where do you stop?
 - o Are there words, phrases or ideas which grasp you?
 - o How do you think the Spirit of God might be nudging you?
- Have two volunteers (male and female) read the passage aloud;
- After the first reading, pause for a brief time of silence;
- Read the questions again.
- After the second reading of the text, pause again for a longer period of silence.

2. Listen

- Find a partner. Where possible, consider someone you might not usually spend time with or do not know. Sit in a comfortable place together where you can hear one another.
- Each person has two minutes to respond to the questions. You
 may want to ask a question or two in order to understand what your
 partner is saying and take notes to capture his/her reflections. The
 focus of attention here is to listen attentively to the other.
- After two minutes, switch around and listen to the other person.

3. Listen Together

- After four of five minutes, come back together as a whole group.
- Invite people to share what they heard their partner saying (not their own questions or thoughts). This is actually much harder than we might first imagine! Rather than listen closely, the temptation is to anticipate what the other will say or jump in and share one's own thoughts.
- Wonder together as a group if there might be any specific ways the Spirit was speaking to you together through the text.

4. Reflect Together

 Take a few minutes to reflect together on what you are learning about listening.





GLOCAL on the Road SUMMIT to Witness

Thank you for participating in the Glocal Mission Summit. Some people are called across the world, and some people are called across the street. No matter where God is calling you, Resonate is here to partner with you, support you, and equip you to join with the Holy Spirit on mission.

For more resources or information about how you can take that next step to join God's mission in your own neighborhood and around the world, visit resonateglobalmission.org/glocal for resources related to the sessions you attended.

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