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SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Friday January 27

Exhibits Open (Exhibition Hall A)	6:00 PM–10:00 PM
Prayer Rooms Open (Room 4, 5, 6)	6:00 PM–7:00 PM
Children's Program (Room 15)	7:00 PM–8:30 PM
General Session: Kevin Palau & Rick McKinley (Ballroom ABC)	7:00 PM–8:30 PM
Prayer Rooms Open (Room 4, 5, 6)	8:30 PM–10:00 PM

Saturday January 28

Early-Bird Devotional (Room 7)	8:30 AM–9:00 AM
Exhibits Open (Exhibition Hall A)	9:00 AM–10:00 PM
Prayer Rooms Open (Room 4, 5, 6)	9:00 AM–1:30 PM
Seminar Block A (Level 2)	10:00 AM–11:00 AM
Seminar Block B (Level 2)	11:30 AM–12:30 PM
Children's Program (Room 15)	1:30 PM–3:00 PM
General Session: Lisa Pak (Ballroom ABC)	1:30 PM–3:00 PM
Prayer Rooms Open (Rooms 4, 5, 6)	3:00 PM–5:00 PM
Seminar Block C (Level 2)	3:30 PM–4:30 PM
Children's Program (Room 15)	5:00 PM–6:30 PM
General Session: Steve Schroeder (Ballroom ABC)	5:00 PM–6:30 PM
Prayer Rooms Open (Rooms 4, 5, 6)	6:30 PM–10:00 PM
Seminars Block D (Level 2)	7:30 PM–8:30 PM
Youth/Young Adult Rally (Ballroom ABC)	7:30 PM–9:00 PM

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Sunday January 29

Worship & Communion (Ballroom ABC)	10:00 AM–11:30 AM
Prayer Rooms Open (Room 4, 5, 6)	11:30 AM–3:30 PM
Exhibits Open (Exhibit Hall A)	12:00 PM–4:00 PM
Seminar Block E (Level 2)	12:30 PM–1:30 PM
Seminar Block F (Level 2)	2:00 PM–3:00 PM
Children's Program (Room 15)	3:30 PM–5:00 PM
Closing General Session (Ballroom ABC)	3:30 PM–5:00 PM



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WELCOME FROM THE BOARD

On behalf of the Board of Mission Central, I'd like to welcome everyone to this year's SERVE & CREATE conferences. After two years on-line, we are back together in person - what a blessing!

We owe much gratitude to all those who made it possible for us to gather again in the heart of Vancouver. It takes many willing volunteers, staff, exhibitors, speakers, bands, film enthusiasts, sponsoring churches, financial supporters and many diligently praying, not just now but all-year-round. It is very special to see Christians being united in vision and called to serve our Lord in this way.

This year's theme of "Unity" is both timely and significant. For many of us, the pandemic made it harder and at times impossible to gather and to be together, leading to isolation and loneliness. As believers we are called to seek unity in vision and purpose, and that we cannot do alone. To achieve vision and purpose, we have to work together; and working together is most effective if we know each other. So, a call to unity is a call to get together, to reach out to fellow believers, to learn from one another, to pray and worship together and to rediscover the thrill of Kingdom work - a timely remedy for isolation and separation.

Being united as workers in the Kingdom of God is needed to be a credible witness to a world around us that has little knowledge of the love of God and his life-saving provision found in Jesus.

I invite you to enter this conference with an open mind and a desire to explore the theme of "Unity" together - may the Lord speak to us all and equip us for His work of mission wherever we find ourselves.

Thank you again for being here – may the Kingdom of God advance through this conference!

Tony Sanz
Chair, Board of Directors

WELCOME FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

"Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion."

—Hebrews 3:15

When I began at Mission Central in 2014 the ministry was called Missions Fest Vancouver. In that season, the Board recognized that the ministry could serve the body of Christ throughout the year, to raise the importance of mission and discipleship and be a catalyst for drawing God's people together – and so the vision for Mission Central was birthed. We now have regular meetings with mission leaders and pastors, regular articles on the theology and practice of mission, inspirational interviews, and two new conferences – CREATE & GROW.

The expansion has been made possible by a small faithful staff, a Board who gave sacrificially, Partner Churches and Agencies, and hundreds of supporters of the ministry. The work continues to bear fruit and impact the world with the gospel. I am deeply appreciative of the support and prayers that have been offered over the years.

I'm also immensely thankful for the opportunity to have served the Lord through the ministry of Mission Central for almost nine years, and I'm looking forward to a new adventure with Novo Canada starting in spring 2023. I have met and worked with so many wonderful people who love Jesus deeply. At the same time, I wonder, "Why aren't there more?" Jesus is so wonderful! If you know Jesus as your saviour, please humble yourself and make sure that you're honoring him as your Lord. He is worthy of your whole life – your time, your skills, your energy, your money. If you love him, obey him. God's love leads us to repentance, but his patience doesn't last forever.

John Hall,
Executive Director

PLENARY SPEAKERS



Kevin Palau
Luis Palau Association

Kevin Palau is President and CEO of the Luis Palau Association. Under his leadership, LPA has united tens of thousands of churches in hundreds of cities to love and serve their communities and clearly share the Good News of Jesus. During Kevin's time at LPA he has also helped develop a global network of thousands of partner evangelists.

Kevin helps lead TogetherPDX, a sustainable, united movement of churches in Portland, Oregon. His book, *Unlikely: Setting Aside Our Differences to Live Out the Gospel* describes the ongoing impact of the movement.

Kevin lives in Beaverton, Oregon with his wife, Michelle, and enjoys serving on the boards of Alpha USA, Cedar Mill Bible Church, Christians Against Poverty, and Transforming the Bay with Christ.

Seminar: Joyful Exiles

Kevin Palau and Rick McKinley, Luis Palau Association
10:00 AM — Room 13

Rick and Kevin will teach on the theology of exile and how Jesus desires for His people to be both prophetic witness and faithful presence of Christ in their communities joyfully announcing the reign of God.



Rick McKinley **Imago Dei Community**

Rick McKinley is the founding pastor of Imago Dei Community in Portland, Oregon. Imago Dei Community has become an influential church known for engaging the culture by demonstrating Jesus' heart for the city and proclaiming the good news of Jesus.

Imago works with local government and other sectors to serve the mounting needs of Portland and beyond. As a sought after speaker, Rick has a prophetic voice that calls both the church and the culture to turn to Jesus. As a missiologist, Rick helps to exegete both the Bible and the culture, supporting leaders and Jesus followers to live faithfully and prophetically in our current cultural moment.

Rick is also the author of multiple books, including his most recent book *Faith for This Moment: Navigating a Polarized World as the People of God*. Rick received his Doctor of Ministry at Gordon-Conwell Seminary in Boston and is married to his best friend, Jeanne. They have 7 wonderful kids.

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Lisa Pak **Finishing the Task**

Reverend Dr. Lisa Pak currently serves as the Global Strategist for Finishing The Task (FTT). Her previous experience includes serving as the Regional Director for Ontario and Nunavut at the Canadian Bible Society in addition to 14 years of pastoral ministry and church experience in the United States, South Korea, Singapore and Canada with a particular focus

amongst the Korean Diaspora community. She is a second-generation Korean Canadian and Toronto native, ordained by the Korean Association of Independent Churches and Missions (KAICAM). She holds a MDiv and a MABL from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary and has earned her Doctor of Ministry in Leadership at Tyndale Seminary. Lisa has travelled globally and is passionate about diaspora communities and mobilizing the young generation for the Gospel.

Seminar: Generational Continuity in the Kingdom of God

Lisa Pak, Finishing the Task

2:00 PM — Room 14

This seminar will look at how the “now” generation can come alongside the “to come” generations and transfer a steadfast faith in the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. God has not lost a generation and He will not start now.



Steve Schroeder **Christian Ministers Association**

Born and raised in BC, Steve has been involved in various aspects of ministry and leadership all his life. His heart is to guide leaders into courage and strength for the dreams they carry and the decisions they make. Steve and his wife Silvia have 4 adult children and live in British Columbia, Canada.

Steve currently serves as the President of the Christian Ministers Association Canada, CMA—"a fellowship of relationally connected ministers"—serving those outside of traditional denominational lines, with relationship, community, and credentials.

Seminar: Unity and the Great Omission

Steve Schroeder, Christian Ministers Association Canada **11:30 AM — Room 19**

Coming to know the great love the Father has for us changes everything. He desires that we become free and unbound in our relationship with Him and others. Union with Him unlocks the door to a unity with others that is truly amazing. It is entirely possible.



To read seminar presenter bios, visit
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GENERAL SESSIONS

BALLROOM ABC

General Sessions are times of passionate worship, intercession, and sharing from speakers who challenge us to follow Jesus into the world.

Friday 7:00 PM

Being the Church Displaying the Kingdom

Kevin Palau & Rick McKinley (See bio on pg 8-9)

Kevin and Rick will share how hundreds of churches are being changed in Portland as they discover their identity and live out their collective witness, and the theology and practice that keeps the movement alive.

Saturday 1:30 PM

Making Every Effort

Lisa Pak (See bio on pg 10)

At a global gathering in Amsterdam 2000 that focused on World Evangelization, a poignant question was asked, “Why hasn’t the Great Commission been completed in the 21st century?” Now, as we’re fully into the third decade of the 21st century, the question still remains. A key principle in the unleashing of God’s power through His people is unity; then, as in John 17, the world will know that God has sent Jesus Christ. How can we truly unite around Jesus’ Commission and look to the horizon together as the Body of Christ?



Saturday 5:00 PM

Hold the Ladder

Steve Schroeder (See bio on pg 11)

With every missional opportunity, there comes an invitation to a transformed life. Throughout the Bible, we find God is more interested in the life of a believer becoming more like Him than in any work he calls us to. The invitation is to a great adventure. Risky, yes. Ruthless, you bet. Does he have you? Are you all in? It's going to be great, wild and full of him.

Sunday 10:00 AM

Mission Central is calling believers from the region to join us in a visible expression of our unity as we meet together for a time of worship in song and in the Word. We'll end our service with communion as a sign and symbol of our unity.

Sunday 3:30 PM

Closing General Session

In our closing General Session, we'll celebrate the powerful and impactful ways that God has moved throughout the 39-year history of Missions Fest Vancouver, now Mission Central. We'll also be sharing about the future of the ministry and praying for a powerful move of God in our nation and the world.



THE PROPER PLACE FOR A WOMAN

BY REV. DR. LISA H PAK



This has been a provocative statement for me over the last several years, and one that has lingered as I reflected on my own personal experiences in a Confucian-based cultural dynamic and considered what the proper place for a woman might look like in the days to come. It was also the title of a paper that I had the privilege of writing with Xenia Chan (PhD Student, Wycliffe College), which marked what felt like an upturn in my intentional exploration of how my cultural upbringing informed my views on leadership and women, and the ongoing internal dialogue and external conversations that I was having.

But before this upturn, my leadership journey took a particularly hurtful and humiliating turn when I felt that a less qualified “white male” was given a position that I knew I could do better. I had thought I would be invited to apply for the position and was even encouraged to do so by my colleagues, but I had waited because I had also trusted that my then-boss would recognize what others had. However, after hiring the “white male”, he stated that it was the necessary hire because parts of central Canada still preferred “white male” leaders. I didn’t agree but I kept silent. It was his decision not mine. And then, when some challenges arose with the newly hired supervisor and I shared it with our boss, I was told that my communication style was “too Asian”. So, that left me with questions. What does that even mean? What is the proper place for a woman? And in my case, an Asian-Canadian

woman? I should've said something then, but I didn't have the sense of awareness that I do now. I had not yet earned that sense of awareness but, my goodness, I have certainly earned it now.

QUEEN ESTHER, CONSORT TO XERXES

In the following months, I was reading in the Book of Esther and it read differently. In a completely male-dominated world, the orphan girl-turned-Queen Consort ends up out maneuvering Haman, Xerxes' cunning political advisor, and saving her people from certain destruction. She is the deliverer and saviour, the Christ figure. And in true divine irony, it could be no one else but her. Despite the fact that she was literally just a pretty-face and a trophy-wife—as Queen Vashti was before her—Mordecai confronts her with the reality that God has placed her in the palace “for such a time as this”. She was either going to risk it all to save the Jewish people, her people, or she was going to perish with the rest of them. Mordecai was not high ranking enough to seek an audience before the king. Furthermore, it was highly unlikely that anyone could get to Xerxes. They would have had to go through Haman, the very man who had concocted the maniacal plan to kill off all the Jews in the Persian Empire and who had also successfully schemed to dominate the political court. He had somehow risen through the ranks to become Xerxes' favoured advisor, holding a “seat of honour higher than that of all the other nobles”. The king needed the Queen Consort's touch to help him see what was really going on. Mordecai was right. She was the only hope. And God put her exactly where she needed to be—that was her “proper place”. Suffice to say, the biblical account is worth several re-reads.

This is how God works. This is how He places His daughters (and sons!). That which was a liability in the ancient world—being a woman, an orphan, a Jew—turned out to be exactly what the LORD used to deliver His people. Women are still the most marginalized demographic in the world and racialized minorities are still experiencing discrimination, microaggressions, and racism even in the Church. But our gender and our race are an essential part of who we are and how God created us. And God is purposeful. In Esther's case, as was God's will and plan, she was the chosen deliverer, at the right time, in the right place, for God's purpose.

And this is the proper place for a woman. Wherever God places us, because He does so for such a time as this. But it takes courage to step into that purpose, just like Esther needed to muster her own courage and engage in the political intrigue to save her people. There is a clear and present risk in her actions and so she prays. It also takes the bringing of our full selves to that purpose, just like Esther who was reminded by Mordecai that she must embrace her own Jewish heritage. The world has other ideas of where and what a woman's proper place is and though we must live in the real world and face these very real challenges, let's remember that they don't define us. We endure the injustice, sometimes even embracing them, allowing God to move through them, to place us where we need to

be. And when we get there—and it will take time and courage—let's bring our full selves to our roles because that's exactly why He put us there. God is intentional and purposeful. May we be confident in His calling in our lives.

JOURNEYING TOGETHER FOR JESUS' COMMISSION

So, to my fellow sisters who are reading this, the world is not fair. But God is just. Stay the course, run your race, be as shrewd as serpents and as innocent as doves. You will find that He is the Lifter of your head.

To all the brothers who have been allies, advocates, colleagues, and friends, thank you. You have been the wind at our backs, lending us your strength and prayers. And we are better for it. May we continue in collaboration and in unity. There are truly better days to come.

Finally, to my sisters and brothers who feel differently about women's roles in the Church. May God bless you as well. I had heard that God's tent is big—it surely is. Perhaps under His tent, we can agree on the essentials, allow liberty in the non-essentials, and extend charity to all. For regardless, we are on this journey together. We all take a portion of Jesus' Commission to make disciples of all nations, people groups, and persons wherever we go. Whether we agree or disagree, God has designed His purpose for unity, and we cannot complete the Commission alone. We're in this together—just as God intended. And I would have it no other way.

For all who love the Lord Jesus Christ and obey His commands, may the road rise to meet all of us on our journey.

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When	Saturday, January 28
Time	7:30 PM
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5 ATTITUDES — PRESENT IN CITIES WITH STRONG CHURCH UNITIES

BY CITY GOSPEL MOVEMENTS



First off... What do we mean by church unity in the context of City Gospel Movements? Church unity is a theological reality with very practical implications. Church unity is the reality by which local followers of Jesus who belong to different congregations in a city are knit together in oneness to make up the citywide body of Christ (Ephesians 4:3-4). In other words, church unity is realized when the various little “c” churches in a city recognize they are a part of the big “C” citywide Church.

The practical implications of this theological reality are expressed through the various ways multiple congregations pray, serve, and share the Gospel together in their city.

The citywide Church is made up of various denominations, cultures, worship expressions, theological leanings, strengths, and weaknesses. And though these differences are real, the same hope, faith, Lord, and baptism are the shared beliefs that carry greater weight than the aforementioned distinctions. The Apostle Paul calls this togetherness “the unity of the Spirit” and exhorts believers to “make every effort” to keep and strengthen this unity (Ephesians 4:4-6).

Rob Kelly, leader of For Charlotte in Charlotte, North Carolina explains church unity in a three part trajectory:

1. *Union*: the theological reality that we have been perfectly united to God and each other in Christ. This reality is the fruit of God's redemptive mission in the world that culminated in the life, death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. By the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit, we share in the oneness that the Father shares with the Son (John 17).
2. *Relational Unity*: Understanding our union with God and each other, we are called to make every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit within the body of Christ by treating one another virtuously (Colossians 3:12-17; Ephesians 4:1-6).
3. *Operational Unity*: As the Church lives in relational unity with one another, loving each other as Christ commands, we are called to turn that unity outward as we operationalize Christ's mission as a united body of Christ. It is through operational unity that we express our conviction that unity serves as the greatest declaration of the Gospel to the world.

5 ATTITUDES PRESENT IN CITIES WITH STRONG CHURCH UNITY

Through our conversations with 250+ City Gospel Movement leaders, we identified church unity as one of the key determining factors of a city movement's health and sustainability. Here are five attitudes that we consistently observed in cities with strong church unity.

1. We put the Kingdom over Church-ianity

- A win for one of us is a win for all of us. When we see a church who has a successful outreach or is growing, we celebrate because the Kingdom is growing. A Kingdom-minded leader understands we are all on the same team.
- Territorialism is absent. We do not care if our logo is seen, or if we get stage time. This is not about us, our church, and our agenda. This is about something much bigger than any one of us. We simply want to be a part and play our part

2. We have more in common than distinct

- We commit to the key common denominations of the historic Christian faith¹. Varying worship styles, programmatic preferences, and theological expressions are significant but do not hinder us from becoming friends and working together.

¹ Not all city movements have a written document that outlines foundational shared beliefs. Many city movements refer to the Nicene Creed or The Apostles' Creed as the document that outlines the partnering churches' common beliefs. City movements that do not have a written document outlining shared beliefs likely experience relationships where common faith is understood from the basis of genuine relationship.

- We want the same thing. We share a love for Jesus Christ and a passion for people to encounter and know God. We desire to see our city peaceful and prosperous for all inhabitants. We believe the unity of the Church is a witness of God's character to the world. With these shared convictions², we work together.

3. We understand church unity is hard work

- Church unity is a conviction, not a fad or trend. Our schedule will oppose church unity and say we are too busy. The enemy will oppose church unity because unity is a witness to the world of a God who aches for reconciliation. Our human nature will oppose church unity because it is easier to go fast and go alone, or simply remain comfortable and stick with people and traditions that are familiar. And the unfortunate reality is, not every church leader will get behind church unity. In the midst of opposing forces, we determine to maintain the unity of the Spirit.
- This is going to take effort. The unity we desire to see will not happen by default. It requires leaders who refuse to remain offended — who commit to working through disagreements rather than allowing disagreements to sever relationships. We desire to be persistent and humble. We understand church unity is a muscle that will atrophy if not engaged. The natural inclination of churches is to look inward. It's easier that way, but we resolve to work for church unity.
- We bend our schedules and our budgets to align with our conviction. If we continue to operate in autonomy, we will continue to get the same results we have been getting for years. We commit to show up to meetings, give time to get to know other leaders, and view this as a long game knowing that unity takes time to develop. All worthy pursuits take time. The potential for collaboration and the sustainability of our city's Gospel Movement stand in direct correlation to the strength of the relationships among church leaders. We understand that our budgets are one of the greatest revealers of our priorities, so we plan ahead and steward our resources so that we can allocate funds to the citywide Church. This may look like giving ten staff hours per week to focus solely on city engagement, contributing money to monthly pastors' luncheons, or helping fund a community coordinator in a local public school.

4. We acknowledge differences . . . and celebrate them

- We do not deny our differences. Nor do we mean unity is homogeneity. This means we appreciate where we are different rather than insisting others conform to our preferences. Without our differences within the citywide Church, we would not be able to reach those who are not yet a part of the church and who are different than our local congregation. Our differences also allow us to more intricately and accurately reflect the heart of God (Revelation 5:9-10).

We recognize that we come from different denominations, cultural backgrounds, neighborhoods, and socio-economic situations. We represent different ages, genders, passions for various initiatives, and have been in the city for varying lengths of time. Each of these differences provides richness and strength to the citywide Church, rather than reasons for remaining divided.

- We need different strengths to reach the city. One church is known for their outreaches to the poor. Another church is characterized by passionate worship, prayer, and evangelism. And yet another church has a long history in the city and strong relationships with city leaders.
- Just like we celebrate different strengths within the individuals in our own church, we can celebrate different strengths and cultures within the citywide Church. One church will be able to act as a bridge to civic leaders. Another church will be a catalyst to engage the marketplace for Christ. And still another will be a force to train younger generations. We are all needed.

5. We posture ourselves as learners and listeners

- Just like we celebrate different strengths within the individuals in our own church, we can celebrate different strengths and cultures within the citywide Church. One church will be able to act as a bridge to civic leaders. Another church will be a catalyst to engage the marketplace for Christ. And still another will be a force to train younger generations. We are all needed.
- The Church has often spoken when it was time to listen. We have assumed we know the right solutions without fully understanding the problems. But in order to work with other sectors of society to solve problems and be an effective witness, we seek to walk in humility.

We value the professionals in business, government, and the community as experts who can help us as church and ministry leaders understand the complexities from their perspectives.

As our cities change at an increasingly rapid pace, we posture ourselves as perpetual learners of culture and the real people who shape it. We show up at city meetings we do not lead because we want to keep a finger on the pulse of our community. We take new ways home on our commutes so that we can enter into different neighborhoods. We take time to get coffee with people with whom we would not normally rub shoulders so that we can hear their stories from their perspective, rather than hearing them secondhand.

² Core belief statements or requirements for being a partner in a city's movement may differ. However, from our research of city movements, we have seen these shared convictions (a love for Christ and passion for people to know Christ; a desire for the city to flourish; and a commitment to the unity of the church as a witness to the world) are the ones that are most widely shared and provide the foundation for city movement work.

SEMINARS BY TIME

SATURDAY

10:00 AM

A Question of Origins

Clarence Janzen, Creation Ministries International / Room 16

Examines the creation/evolution issue in light of foundational doctrines, including the gospel. Replacing God's Word with man-made ideas has implications for churches and youth. Includes scientific evidences to support biblical creation that will encourage and equip believers to share their faith.

Engaging Minority-Language Churches through Oral Bible Translation

Brendon Yoder, Canada Institute of Linguistics / Room 09

Most minority language communities are strongly oral, yet traditional Bible translation programs have produced print Scriptures. This talk presents how we are using an Oral Bible Translation process to engage local church leaders in the translation process, producing both print and audio Scripture.

Going Public: The Gospel's Impact on Politics and Public Policy

Levi Minderhoud, Association for Reformed Political Action (ARPA) Canada / Room 17

Many Christians limit the good news of the gospel to the message of how to be saved, yet the gospel affects all aspects of life. One mission field is the realm of politics. Without the gospel, humanity's sense of justice, truth, and righteousness have no firm foundation.

Harmony: The Secret Sauce for Missional Effectiveness

Mark Jonah, Prairie College / Room 18

Harmony often plays second fiddle to mission, vision, and core values in Christian organizations.

Joyful Exiles

Kevin Palau and Rick McKinley, Luis Palau Association / Room 13

Rick and Kevin will teach on the theology of exile and how Jesus desires for His people to be both prophetic witness and faithful presence of Christ in their communities joyfully announcing the reign of God.

Reaching the Community Through Sports

Charles Millette, SIM Canada / Room 19

We believe that sports ministry serves as a powerful tool for the Church to build relationships with young people and share with them the hope of the gospel. Much more than a sports coach, these "life coaches" are mentoring and loving young people, and walking with them through life's challenges.

Recognizing & Uncovering Hidden Talent

Caryn Young, North American Baptists, Inc. / Room 14

We are surrounded by unidentified talent in the kingdom of God which limits potential and effectiveness. We will discuss how to discover and unlock unique God-given talents and contributions in ourselves and others.

Suffering: A Counter-Cultural Catalyst in God's Upside-Down Kingdom

Daniel Mills, Pioneers Canada
/ Room 07

Reframing our understanding of suffering as a catalyst for gospel proclamation and perseverance in missional living. Through a solid theological understanding of suffering and kingdom character, we can endure the hardships of cross-cultural service for the purpose and glory of Jesus.

SATURDAY

11:30 AM

Child Sex Trafficking and How to Stop it

Cathy Peters and Glenn Burchart, Be Amazing Campaign / Room 13

Cathy, Glenn, and Kate address the crime of child sex trafficking and how to prevent it. The

church needs to be aware of the rapid growth of this global crime due to unregulated technology, limited law enforcement, & little prevention education, in order to stop it.

Education as Mission: Hope for the Future

Harold Klassen, TeachBeyond
/ Room 09

Education is facing radical change around the world. Systems that ignore God while studying His world have been exposed as inadequate to prepare the next generation to flourish in this world or the next. There is an unprecedented opportunity for the church to retake the leadership role it once had.



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SEMINARS BY TIME

SATURDAY

11:30 AM

Engaging Young People: Social Media, Mental Health, and Identity

Amy Deutscher, Sanctuary Mental Health Ministries / Room 14

Increasingly, young people report self-diagnosing on social media with mental health labels that powerfully shape how they view themselves. Amy and Dan discuss the impacts of social media and the importance of person-first language that places people, made in the image of God, before a diagnosis.

Equipped and Ready to Serve

Scott Gillespie, Action International Ministries / Room 16

What do you have that you can use to serve God? In this seminar, we will see that each of us has been given 8 gifts and abilities by God to serve Him. We will talk about what they are and how they can be used.

How to Share the Gospel in Love and Truth to Muslims

Mark Lori Amini, Hayate Abadi Ministries / Room 07

I was in the darkness of Islam and the Lord brought me out of that darkness, I have been called by the Lord to share His Gospel in love and truth to Muslims around the world using Satellite, Radio and Web to make disciples for the Lord.

Missional Nomads: Digital Era Tentmakers

Ari Rocklin, Tentmaking As Mission / Room 17

You've heard about digital nomads but have you heard of Missional Nomads? Apostle Paul was the first missional nomad: self-employed, traveling & moving frequently. Today the world is open (even in closed to the Gospel countries) for people who work remotely to live and work wherever they desire.

Reaching the Most Resistant People Group for Jesus

Serge M, Life in Messiah International / Room 18

Jewish People have been the most resistant people group to reach for Jesus historically. But there is hope! And it's full of evidence! This seminar will briefly cover the causes for Jewish resistance to Jesus and share some principles for overcoming those barriers.

Unity and the Great Omission

Steve Schroeder, Christian Ministers Association Canada / Room 19

Coming to know the great love the Father has for us changes everything. He desires that we become free and unbound in our relationship with Him and others. Union with Him unlocks the door to a unity with others that is truly amazing. It is entirely possible.

SATURDAY

3:30 PM

A Culture of Life

Susan Penner, Life Culture Canada / Room 18

With abortion and Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) in the headlines, Christians are looking for ways to navigate matters of life with wisdom, courage, and grace. This seminar is an opportunity to learn more about abortion, MAiD, and what the church can do to support a culture of life.

SEMINARS BY TIME

Arab and Jew: One in Messiah

Adam Gabeli, ICEJ Canada / Room 13

Can there be peace in the Middle East? This question has plagued historians, politicians and world leaders for almost a century! The answer can be found only in the Prince of Peace, Jesus the Messiah. Come learn how Christians from around the world are bridging the gap and erasing the hatred.

Christian Mission and Earthkeeping at Your Own Church

Rick Faw and Samuel Chiu, A Rocha Canada / Room 16

Are you mobilizing your church to care for God's creation as part of Christian mission? Come hear what works for others in their earthkeeping initiatives within a local church setting, and share your own ideas and experiences.

Discipleship: A Global Challenge

KR Paton, Foundations for Living Society / Room 07

Jesus' mandate is to go and make disciples of all nations. The mandate is clear. The how to is not so evident. In this seminar, we will explore the challenge of doing evangelism and discipleship across the world by capitalizing on people movements that are taking place naturally.

Reach the Unreached

Abraham Elavatta, Hope India Mission / Room 17

Buddhism started from Bihar State where I work as a missionary. For Buddhists, this is the main pilgrimage center. There is a great opportunity to reach them locally and globally.

Reaching the 10/40 From Your Own Home

Lise, English Language Institute China (ELIC) Canada / Room 19

What happens when the world comes to you? Sharing online: stories from Asia and the Middle East, focusing on the global impact of a digitally connected world.

Sharing Your Faith with Muslims

Greg B, Frontiers / Room 09

Do you have Muslim friends? Almost everyone does. This seminar will talk about ways to share your faith with them in a non-conflictual setting, in ways that can lead to greater understanding, overcoming the barriers that often prevent Muslims from understanding the Gospel.

SATURDAY

7:30 PM

5 Gospel Truths for Marriage and Parenting

Lydia Nigh, FamilyLife Canada / Room 17

Are we giving people good advice or Good News? First, we need to know how the Gospel truths apply to our everyday struggles in our marriages and parenting. Then, as we speak these truths to ourselves and are transformed by the Holy Spirit, we can share with those around us who need help and hope.

A New Ancient Way to Engage, Disciple and Get People to Church

Allen Chang, Steveston Project / Room 14

Religious attendance in Canada is waning rapidly. How can we communicate the gospel to a seemingly disinterested audience? This

seminar will introduce you to an ancient way that has transformed our own church community, and empowered us, with the Holy Spirit, to see transformation around us.

Hope Advancing in Cambodia

Brian McConaghy, Ratanak International / Room 13

We'll outline the ongoing work of Ratanak Int'l as it seeks to combat human trafficking in Cambodia. We'll share encouraging stories of real people experiencing freedom after slavery. We'll also give updates on creative solutions being employed to impact both individuals and systems of exploitation.

Involvement in Missions: From Perspective to the Practical

Greg Young, Engineering Ministries International Canada / Room 18

Whether you are a student, in mid-career, or transitioning a lifetime of work and experience into the mission field, we will explore how to identify opportunities, establish "fit", and unpack the rewards and challenges of entering God's work of redemption in your community and around the world.

Putting the Roar Back in the Lionhearted

Daniel MacKinnon, Africa Inland Mission / Room 19

COVID Fatigue? Feel like packing it in and walking away? Living on the edge of burnout? This seminar examines root causes of soul depletion. With stories of Christian leaders, the Biblical narrative of Moses leadership, and identity statements from Ephesians, we will seek to replenish leaders.

Seeking Unity Among Diversity

Abby, English Language Institute China (ELIC) Canada / Room 07

Navigating conflict resolution and the challenges of team life as they relate to faith and living in community. Looking through the lens of a team in the Middle East.

Spirituality and Meaningful Aging

Claudia Rossetto, Baptist Housing Ministries Society / Room 16

Aided by some story-telling, we will explore the role of spirituality as a barrier, and as a bridge towards holding onto a sense of identity, purpose, and meaning in our older years.

SUNDAY

12:30 PM

Designing a Faith-Based ESL Program to Impact Your Neighbourhood

Janice GT Penner, ESL Ministry Network / Room 16

Learn how and why local churches have been offering linguistic and spiritual support to English language learners through faith-based English classes. Some of these volunteer-led programs have existed for more than 25 years. Info from other Canadian programs will also be introduced.

Raising Selfless Teens

Kim Laureen, Fresh Independence Productions / Room 19

Parenting is not for the fainthearted, and life with technology brings extra challenges. Anxiety is the #1 word we hear, but why? "Raising Selfless Teens" gets real about how tech is affecting us body, mind, & soul. Inspiration found at the family table and the gift of leading by example.

The Different Responses to Jesus

Travis Whims, Discipleship International / Room 18

The message of the gospel from Jesus demanded a response from all its hearers. As we look at the different responses to Jesus through the book of John, we are presented with God's role, our role, and man's response. We will provide tools for sharing the gospel and discipleship.

SEMINARS BY TIME

The Endangered Listening Culture

Ivy Clark, Anam Cara Ministries, US / Room 09

Our world, overtaken by speed and dialogues of the impervious, has reduced relationships from engagement to performance, prizing ableism while neglecting sacred belonging. Learn the ancient practice of wholly listening, a spacious and creational fabric where deep knowing and belonging are held.

The Next Soul

Chris Insaiddoo, LIFE 3N Relief LBG / Room 13

Sharing stories on how people come to faith, relating how participants came to know the Lord and what this means in sharing our faith, the urgency of the Gospel – the opportunity we are missing to save the lost. We don't know the "next soul" coming to faith but we know God's Heart for the lost.

Trends in World & Local Missions

Dieter Trefz, Kontakt Canada / Room 7

The rapidly changing world is producing some remarkable effects in the way world and local mission efforts are being made by churches, agencies, and individuals. We will examine amazing progress and change happening on both worldwide and local scales. Trends often indicate what God Himself is doing!

Utilizing Media in Advancing the Gospel

Sam Anderson, AH Ministries International / Room 17

In a world of 7.9 billion people, it is estimated that by the end of 2022 there will be 3.96 billion users of social media. More than half of

the world's population is using social media. Through media, it is possible to share Jesus to the ends of the earth.

SUNDAY

2:00 PM

"A Census was Taken": Opportunities for the Church Created by Recent Immigration

Rick & Patti Love, Love New Canadians / Room 16

This seminar will analyze immigration, ethnocultural, and religious data from Statistics Canada's 2021 Population Census and discuss changing immigration patterns in Canada and the opportunities this creates for churches to develop pathways to Jesus for the new Canadians in our neighbourhoods.

An Artist's Path

Julie Lowe, Hope2Offer / Room 07

We live in a physical world but are not to be a part of it spiritually, yet Christian artists are called to live in a world in which the senses rule. How do we communicate the Gospel to an audience known for its hostility towards believers? How do we use our gifts to reach the world He loves?

Ending Poverty Together

Wendy Toews, Food for the Hungry / Room 19

A commercial shows an image of a starving child in Africa and petitions that only you can help. Someone living in homelessness approaches you on the sidewalk and asks for money. What do you do? Can you really make a difference? Join with others to explore God's perspective on the big questions.

Generational Continuity in the Kingdom of God

Lisa Pak, Finishing the Task / Room 14

This seminar will look at how the “now” generation can come alongside the “to come” generations and transfer a steadfast faith in the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. God has not lost a generation and He will not start now.

Igniting a Gospel Flame

Alex Lomangino, ShareWord Global / Room 17

Sharing the Gospel can be tough. We at ShareWord Global want to help make it a little easier. Our Ignite Evangelism workshops teach you to look for the ways God is working in the people around you, how to share your testimony, and most importantly how to introduce Jesus.

Intercession: The Manner of Mission

James Eagles, Intercede International / Room 09

Christians have an unbelievable opportunity to impact the world for Christ! However, many do not realize their full potential as Christians. This seminar will address theological and practical ideas and experiences which proclaim that all Christians are called to be Intercessors.

New Opportunities after 30 Years in China

Mark Wollenberg, International China Concern / Room 18

International China Concern began 30 years ago caring for children who had experienced abandonment because they were disabled. While cases of abandonment have decreased, growth for vocational training, support for parents, and therapy continue to increase as ICC serves children with disabilities.

The Word Became Fresh

Youngdo Kang and Rochelle Watt, SIM / Room 13

Two groups the church is surrounded by but often unaware of: the hip-hop and spoken word communities. We'll share how God is working in these unique/pioneering missions, what we've learned about these sub-cultures, how to love those in the margins, and how their art forms can encourage the church.



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GOSPEL PROCLAMATION

A Question of Origins

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Clarence Janzen, Creation Ministries
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Reaching the Community Through Sports

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Charles Millette, SIM Canada
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How to Share the Gospel in Love and Truth to Muslims

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Mark Lori Amini, Hayate Abadi
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Education as Mission: Hope for the Future

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JUSTICE (SOCIAL & ENVIRONMENTAL)

Going Public: The Gospel's Impact on Politics & Public Policy

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Levi Minderhoud, Association for Reformed Political Action (ARPA) Canada (Booth B5)

Child Sex Trafficking & How to Stop it

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Cathy Peters and Glenn Burchart, Be Amazing Campaign

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Kevin Palau and Rick McKinley, Luis Palau Association

Engaging Young People: Social Media, Mental Health & Identity

Saturday — 11:30 AM / Room 14
Amy Deutscher, Sanctuary Mental Health Ministries (Booth H5)



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Daniel Mills, Pioneers Canada (Booth J7, K7)

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Scott Gillespie, Action International Ministries (Booth E6)

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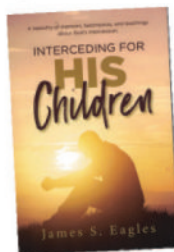
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Friday January 27

Opening Plenary with Mary McCampbell	8:00 PM–9:00 PM
Opening Film: "Far East Deep South" with Q&A	9:00 PM–10:30 PM

Saturday January 28

Film: "Sparks" with Q&A	9:30 AM–11:00 AM
Lunchtime Talk with Special Guest	11:30 AM–12:30 PM
Workshop #1: Art & Craft of Lighting & Cinematography	12:30 PM–2:00 PM
Workshop #2: Five Artists — One Hope	12:30 PM–2:00 PM
Short Films with Q&A	2:30 PM–4:00 PM
Workshop #3: Identity - Dance & Knowing Ourselves	4:30 PM–5:30 PM
Workshop #4: Creating Beauty from Ashes	4:30 PM–5:30 PM
Closing Plenary with Michael and Christine Swanson	7:00 PM–8:00 PM
Closing Films: "Meek" & "Life in Seclusion" with Q&A	8:00 PM–10:00 PM



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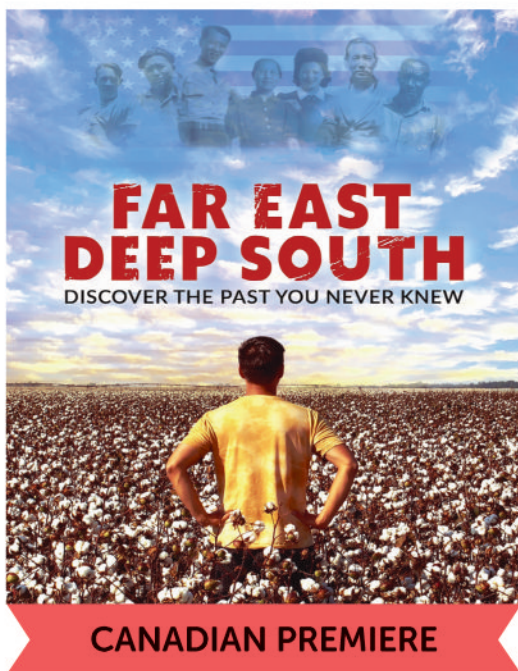
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Opening Film

Far East Deep South

The film presents a very personal and unique perspective on immigration, race and American identity. The film was written and directed by Larissa Lam. It was edited by Dwight Buhler with music by world renowned composer, Nathan Wang.

Far East Deep South has won multiple awards at film festivals, including at Cinequest, CAAMFest, Oxford Film Festival and Seattle Asian American Film Festival.



Closing Films

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Meek (Episode 1)



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Notes for Parents

1. Each child will be registered before each session. Registration begins 15 minutes before each session.
2. Pick up your children promptly after each session.
3. Be considerate of the presenters and other children by not interrupting a session to take your children out before the session ends
4. In cases of emergency, the parents will be contacted immediately.

Friday Evening	7:00PM - 8:30PM
Saturday Afternoon	1:30PM - 3:00PM
Saturday Evening	5:00PM - 6:30PM
Sunday Afternoon	3:30PM - 5:00PM



INTERCESSORY PRAYER — ROOM 4

Join our teams of Intercessors who will be praying for mission in the world, unity and the conference. Drop in to join the prayer team as they pray at set times throughout the weekend.

Friday	6:00PM - 7:00PM, 8:30PM - 10:00PM
Saturday	9:00AM - 1:30PM, 3:00PM - 5:00PM, 6:30PM - 10:00PM
Sunday	11:30AM - 3:30PM

UNITY PRAYER STATIONS — ROOM 5

The 24-7 Unity Prayer room is designed to help guide your prayer more deeply into the topic of unity. We hope that you can take a few moments during the conference to come to this room and pray for unity in the body of Christ.



HEALING ROOMS — ROOM 6

If God is speaking to you this weekend about participating more intentionally in his mission, but you don't know where to start; if you need spiritual, emotional, or physical healing...we have trained prayer teams from the Healing Rooms Vancouver who would love to pray with you. Feel free to drop in.

Note	Prayer Rooms will be closed during General Sessions (Intercessory, Unity, and Healing Rooms)
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UNITY — ONE GOD

BY JOHN HALL



Through advances in technology, we can view the whole earth from space. All of humanity on one twirling ball in an immeasurable universe. You would think that would be humbling enough to unify people, but no. Humanity behaves as if small bits of territory and ideology have ultimate significance. Instead of working together for the betterment of our obviously intertwined existence, we strive to own and control resources and knowledge that might impute power.

Often biblical writers ask the question, “Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain?” (Ps. 2:1) The answer goes back to the fall. Sin has broken humanity’s connection to the only true source of life — God. Physical decay is a constant reminder that time is against us. In response, we struggle and strive for a glimmer, a token of something to give our lives meaning and security, only to find ourselves plagued by disharmony and disunity.

Christians understand the solution to the fragmentation and disunity that humanity experiences as reconciliation with God. Jesus’ mission was to redeem and reconcile all creation to God, and, through his blood and the indwelling of the Spirit, to make us one with God. We received a restored relationship with our creator, and reconciliation reconnects us to the ultimate source of life. In other words, without reconciliation, there is no life. As 1 Corinthians 15:28 says, “When everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will [also] be subjected to the one who subjected everything to him, so that God may be all in all.”

If we turn unity around and get a different perspective on it, we can see that our understanding of unity rests on the oneness of God. Jesus puts this into words in John 17:20-23:

“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one—I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.”

Jesus’ prayer reveals that believers have the incredible privilege to be invited into union with our God who is three in one. The oneness of the Trinity is the basis of our unity as the people of God.

Reflecting on the trinitarian unity and our union with Christ, Ross Hastings says, “having been brought into union with the one person who epitomized true personhood and humanity, and having been brought into communion with the triune God, they can, yes, be assured of justification and eternal life in Christ, but much more to the core of Christian soteriology, recover in the fullest way the dignity of human personhood, a personhood that as with the Trinity is defined by community with the other (God), characterized by love of God and neighbor and creation. This is the recovery of the “human being fully alive,” which reflects the glory of God.” (Ross Hastings, *Missional God, Missional Church*)

Of course, it is a process to be a “human being fully alive”. But only those on this journey can play their part in the missional prayer of Jesus in John 17:23 – proclaiming through our union with God and with each other, through word and deed, that we are loved and are being reconciled with God. It’s only when we begin to understand and experience union with Jesus that we can take on Jesus’ mantle and be sent in the way that the Father sent Jesus (John 20:21). Through our union, we take not only a message of hope, but a message filled with the power to break the chains of sin and the destruction that Satan seeks to wreak on the world.

Starting this fall, we’ll dive into why unity matters, and share thoughts on what it could look like. You’ll notice that we’ve created a logo to represent the theme, an ancient symbol representing the union of the Trinity. We’ll publish articles focusing on the biblical foundations of unity and how it can be expressed. And we’ll offer devotionals inviting each of you and your communities to consider how God is calling us all to go deeper into unity with him and with each other.

Mission Central has always valued unity. From our start as Missions Fest Vancouver, our goal has been to live out unity in practical ways for the sake of the Gospel, bringing churches together across denominations and cities, based on our common commitment to mission. Now, in our last year, our goal is to ignite a renewed vision and passion for unity among the people of God. We invite you, and all who love Jesus, to join us on this journey of discovery and hope.

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- Baby sleeper (3-24m)
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- Children's toothbrush and toothpaste, bubble bath
- Colouring book and crayons
- Small gender neutral toy
- Cuddly stuffie
- Packed in a small reusable bag

Older Children (8+)

- Toothbrush, toothpaste
- Body wash, shampoo and conditioner
- Puzzle book and pencil crayons
- Small game
- Cuddly stuffie
- Packed in a reusable bag



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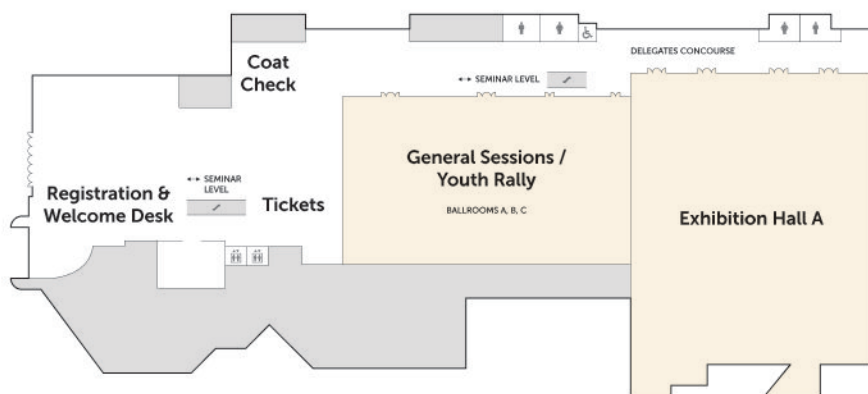


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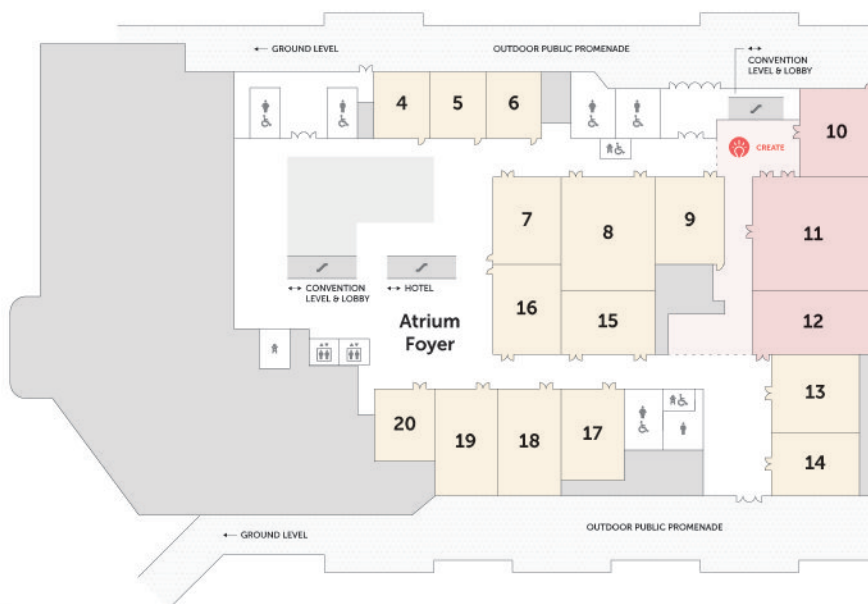
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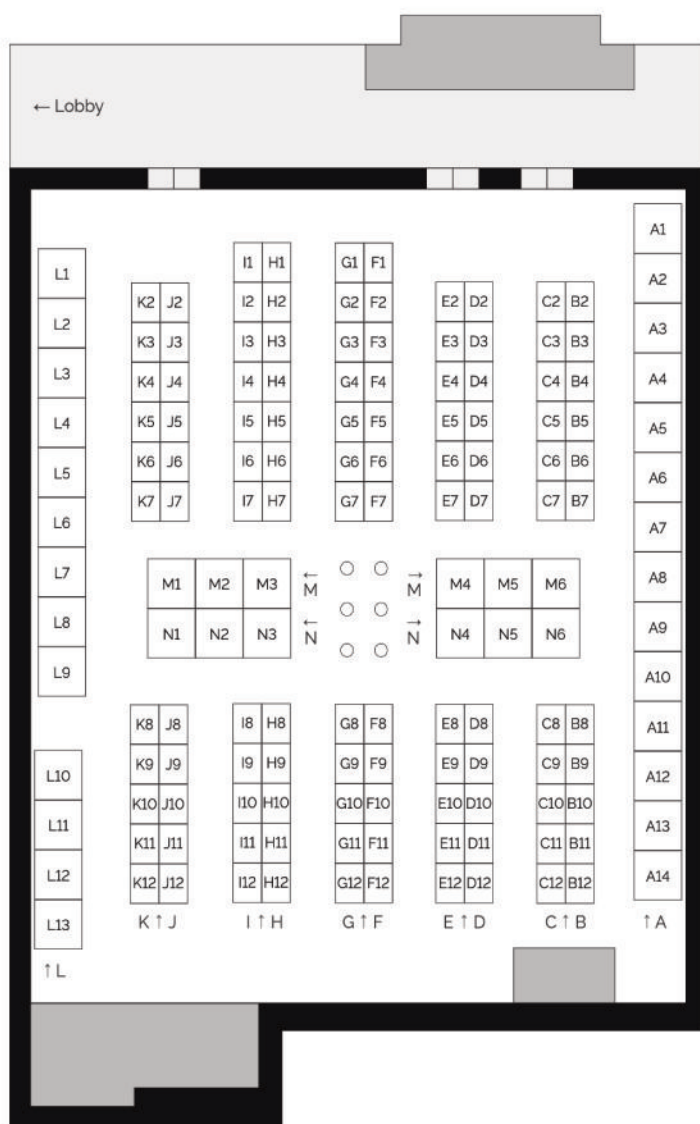
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We want to spend this season celebrating how God has worked through the conference and through Missions Fest Vancouver, now Mission Central, and we're inviting you to join us in that celebration.



Please visit missioncentral.ca/celebrating-our-story/timeline for a tour down memory lane. Below are some images we hope you'll enjoy.

"In late 1983, I was asked to go to Ethiopia for one year to maintain an aircraft involved in airborne famine relief. As I had been preparing myself for long term service in mission aviation, I dropped out of my university courses and spent all of 1984 in Ethiopia. We would normally fly about 2 tons of grain on each trip we made to remote villages, but one week we flew the BBC film crew in to the hardest hit areas, and their news broadcast shocked the world into action. Millions of lives were saved by the actions of compassionate people. When I returned to Vancouver, I was asked to share my experiences at MissionsFest in January, 1985."

— Keith Ketchum



Keith Ketchum leading a seminar, with his grandmother & cousin, Lynn (née Dodding) in attendance, 1985

1980s

Speaker Don Richardson, 1984



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African Beat Performance, 1989



Dance Performance, 1984



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First MissionsFest Registration, 1984

1990s

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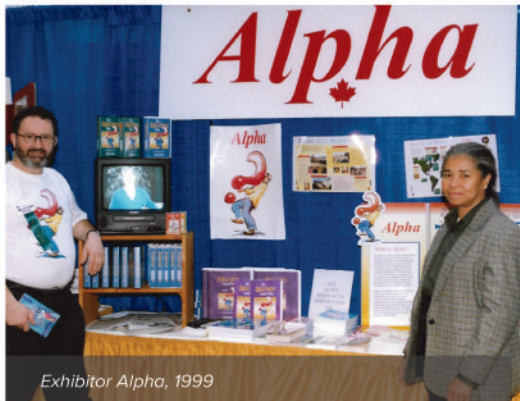
Youth Rally Rap Performance, 1994



Exhibitor UGM, 1999



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First Nations Welcome by Temera and Audrey Rivers, 2017



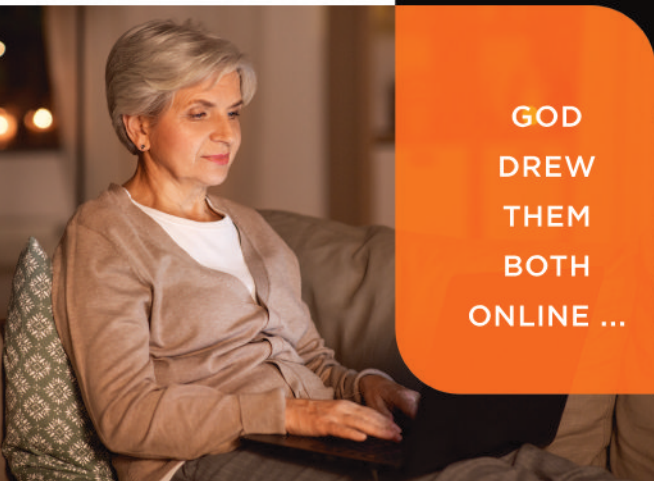
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It was 3 a.m. and Brenda* couldn't sleep. Wide awake, she felt the Holy Spirit prompting her to go online and serve in the 24/7 chat ministry for SearchforJesus.net. Logging on, she saw Mia* come into the queue with a comment that penetrated her heart: "I'm 16 and pregnant ..." Brenda's eyes locked in on the screen. "My family won't talk to me. I'm so alone. Do you understand?" Brenda understood more than anyone could imagine. She had a similar story, and God was using her now to minister to this hurting teen. She couldn't respond fast enough. "Through my journey as an unwed mother [when I was a teen] ... I learned about God's love." Hours later—as dawn broke—a Gospel connection had been formed. Mia logged off as a "new creation"—she had prayed in repentance and faith to surrender her life to Jesus Christ.

*Names and photos changed to protect privacy

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