**Missionfest Manitoba 2022**

**Breakout Sessions (Seminars/Workshops)**

**Workshop ONE (1):**

**Engaging the Unreached**

**Description:**  Two billion people are unreached by the Gospel. The Joshua Project suggests that there are possibly 3,000 ethnic people groups who are unreached and completely unengaged - meaning there is no known active on-site church planting effort underway and few, if any, known believers. Learn about unreached peoples and the ways that you can become more purposefully involved – locally and globally - in God's plan to receive glory and honor from every nation, tribe, people, and language, namely, Learn, Pray, Go, Send, Welcome, and Mobilize.

**Presenter(s):**  The Great Commission Cooperative

**Presenter bio:**  The Great Commission Co-op consists of 21 partner organizations: SEND, GEM, OMF, TEAM, Avant Ministries, Fellowship of Evangelical Baptists International, Frontiers, World Teams, SIM, AIM, Pioneers, Ethnos, WEC, Wycliffe, Crossworld, OM, Christar, Interserve, Global Gates Canada, ACTION, and EFCCM. Through generous collaboration, our goal is to raise awareness of unreached people groups – and the need of making disciples among them – so that "beautiful feet" may be sent to the least reached through our agencies.

**Workshop TWO (2):**

**The Mission of God in the Worship of the Church**

**Description:** Regularly, a local congregation gathers for worship then disperses until the next time they gather once again. What is the connection in the church at worship with the mission of God? What is the church's role in God's mission when it is gathered and when it is scattered? This workshop will explore how the mission of God and worship in the church intersect. The internal and external components of worship will be presented to demonstrate how worship leads to carrying out the mission of God.

**Presenter:**  Dr. Mark Jonah

**Presenter bio:**  Dr. Mark Jonah has degrees in music and a graduate degree in theology and has made the study of worship his life's focus. Mark ministered at Grant Memorial Church in Winnipeg for many years before transitioning into teaching. Mark completed his Doctor of Worship Studies degree and is now the Worship Arts Program Coordinator at Prairie College in Three Hills, Alberta.

**Workshop THREE (3):**

**Short-Term Missions for a Long-Term Impact**

**Description:**  One of the most significant changes in missions in the last 50 years is the rise of short-term mission trips. Millions of people go on short-term mission trips, spending billions of dollars every year, but is this investment of time and money worth it? Can short-term missions be done well, or are they always a waste? This session will help answer that question by equipping churches, goers, givers, and receivers to think through how to create a long-term gospel impact through short-term missions.

**Presenter:**  Dr. Paul Smith

**Presenter bio:**  Dr. Paul Smith is the academic dean at Nipawin Bible College, where he has served for the past two years. He has also served as an International Trainer with Training Leaders International for many years. In his role with TLI, Dr. Smith has traveled in many countries around the world, training ministry leaders.

**Workshop FOUR (4):**

**Beyond Being Good: Sharing the Gospel with Children**

**Description:**How do we effectively share the good news of Jesus with children? Presented with elementary-age children in mind, we'll take a look at the big picture of the Gospel, the need for Gospel-centered teaching, and how we can find Jesus in any Bible story. Learn practical ways to effectively share the good news of Jesus and lead a child to Christ.

**Presenters:** Kelly Rempel and Melanie Mushaluk

**Presenter bios:**  Kelly Rempel (Director of Creative Communications) and Melanie Mushaluk (Director of Discipleship) serve with One Hope Canada, a mission passionate about sharing the love of Jesus with children, youth, and families. Kelly and Melanie have more than 30 years of experience serving in various children's ministry settings, including day camps, Sunday school, VBS, and youth groups.

**Workshop FIVE (5):**

**Persecuted and Growing**

**Description:**  Despite the lockdowns that have been implemented in numerous countries across the globe due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the church, in some of the most hostile and restrictive areas around the world, is growing! The Voice of the Martyrs Canada's Greg Musselman will share informative updates and reports from some nations where it is most dangerous to follow Jesus. A multimedia presentation will allow you to hear directly from persecuted believers who are reaching out with the Gospel message in these hostile areas.

**Presenter:**  Greg Musselman

**Presenter bio:**  Greg began full-time ministry with the Voice of the Martyrs Canada in 2003. During this time, he has reported from restricted and hostile nations in Africa, Europe, Asia, South America, and the Middle East and has interviewed hundreds of persecuted Christians. Greg released his first book, "Closer to the Fire, Lessons from the Persecuted Church," in 2012.

**Workshop SIX (6):**

**Reaching a Lost Generation of Youth**

**Description:**  This workshop is built around a framework of the family as the first mission field designed by God. The presentation will apply to youth pastors and laypeople passionate about youth, parents, and grandparents. Topics include Healthy Relationships, Communication, and Understanding the Conflict Cycle. The workshop will discuss bringing God's transforming love to adolescents with life-controlling issues.

**Presenters:**  Dallas Block and Steve Frew

**Presenter bios:** Dallas Block is the Executive Director at Rock Solid Refuge (RSR). Dallas has 28 years of experience working with teens and their families. He has a passion for seeing a segment of Canada's youth (addicts) and their families reached with the Gospel of Christ and restoring hope where it has been lost. Steve Frew is a crisis intervention specialist and instructor. He currently works at Rock Solid Refuge as Manager of Training and Staff Support.

**Workshop SEVEN (7):**

**The Good News for Collectivist Cultures**

**Description:**  In this breakout session, TWR Canada will introduce honor-shame, collectivist cultures, and the people groups in Canada who operate with this worldview. The workshop will explore the unique evangelism and discipleship needs of these people. The session participants will practice presenting the Gospel in a culturally relevant language and grounded in God's Word.

**Presenters:** Jason Brown and Lindy Brown

**Presenter bios:** Jason Brown has served with TWR Canada since 2004. Currently, Jason develops ministry partnerships in Canada and around the world. Through those partnerships, needs are identified, and Jason and his team connect these partners with existing media and technology or help them create new resources to fulfill their mission. Lindy serves as a researcher, trainer and curriculum developer for TWR Canada. Lindy and Jason have two children and, as a part of TWR Global, share a role in reaching billions of people with the life-transforming message of the Gospel of Jesus.

**Workshop EIGHT (8):**

**Living as a World Christian**

**Description:**  Are we passionate about what delights the heart of God? God so loved the world – do we? World Christians are those who live so that every people may know His salvation, including people currently with no access to the Gospel. Learn of various ways to engage in God's global mission, including the Four Practices of the World Christian Journey.

**Presenters:**  Tim Noble (OMF), Terry Banman (Ethnos), and Howard Moore (GEM)

**Presenter bios:**  This session is presented by Great Commission Co-op members. The Great Commission Co-op consists of 21 partner organizations: SEND, GEM, OMF, TEAM, Avant Ministries, Fellowship of Evangelical Baptists International, Frontiers, World Teams, SIM, AIM, Pioneers, Ethnos, WEC, Wycliffe, Crossworld, OM, Christar, Interserve, Global Gates Canada, ACTION, and EFCCM. Through generous collaboration, our goal is to raise awareness of unreached people groups – and the need of making disciples among them – so that "beautiful feet" may be sent to the least reached through our agencies.

**Workshop NINE (9):**

**The Christian Response to Human Trafficking**

**Description:**  This past three years 93% of our cases at the Joy Smith Foundation came from Christian families. This happens when Christian communities are unaware about how traffickers operate. Participants will learn how traffickers lure your young, and what they can do to protect their youth from predators. The Joy Smith Foundation has worked with over 6000 files of survivors and their families. Hear the real-life stories and how **The National Human Trafficking Education Centre** can provide information free of charge to help your family and your community be safe from human trafficking.

**Presenter:** Joy Smith

**Presenter bio:**  Joy Smith holds a bachelor’s degree (B.Ed.) and a master’s degree (M.Ed.)in education and was a teacher for 23 years devoted to educating high school students in mathematics and science. Mrs. Smith is also a best-selling author and a recipient of the Hedley Award for Excellence in Research. She served as Member of Parliament for Kildonan - St. Paul (2004-2015) and Member of the Manitoba Legislature (MLA) for Fort Garry (1999-2003). Mrs. Smith is recognized as one of Canada’s leading anti-human trafficking activists. Following her election in 2004, Mrs. Smith led the discussion on human trafficking at a national level which resulted important changes in the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act.

**Workshop TEN (10):**

**Missions Through Business: Values and Opportunities**

**Description:** Many parts of our world are closed to traditional missionaries, mission agencies, and open mission endeavors. How can people be reached with the Gospel in creative-access, limited-access, or closed countries? This workshop will explore the concept of Business as Mission and discuss the opportunities that such a strategy offers. Graydon will give illustrations and examples from his work managing a safari business and engaging with the Rufiji people of Tanzania.

**Presenter:** Graydon Baker

**Presenter bio:** Graydon Baker is the Director of East Africa River Mission. He has owned and operated a safari business in Tanzania since 2013. Through his business, Graydon has established ministry outposts in the wildest part of the country among a notoriously hostile people group, where no outside mission has ever been granted permission to enter. Graydon is an entrepreneur with a heart to use his business skills to reach people with the Gospel.

**Workshop ELEVEN (11):**

**Ready and Willing to Serve**

**Description:**  How do I know where I am best suited to serve? How can I find my ministry fit in a place where I will be fulfilled and fruitful? This workshop builds on the concept that 'we take what God has given us to fulfill what God has asked of us.' Participants will work through eight areas of gifts and abilities that we each have been given by God and learn to use them to accomplish His will for our lives.

**Presenter:**  Scott Gillespie

**Presenter bio:** Scott Gillespie is currently the Director of Promotion and Recruitment for Action International. Scott has been involved in ministry for 40 years, seventeen working with First Nations people in Manitoba. He has traveled extensively doing training of church leaders in multiple countries, most recently in Pakistan. Scott has made presentations at Mission events in Canada, including Missionfest Manitoba.

**Workshop TWELVE (12):**

**Ending Poverty Together**

**Description:**  Ending Poverty Together is an interactive workshop from a Biblical foundation designed to help redefine your understanding of poverty - both causes and solutions - in Canada and abroad. Discover healthy ways of supporting and reimagining how we do missions - both short-term and long-term. With the foundational belief that poverty is relational - rooted in broken relationships with God, self, others, and creation - the workshop will explore the relational ways to tackle human poverty and gain a hope-filled approach to missions.

**Presenter:**  Wendy Toews

**Presenter bio:** Wendy has been involved with Food for the Hungry as a facilitator for the Ending Poverty Together workshops since 2016. She loves to guide and learn together with a group of individuals to see poverty in a new light. She has witnessed firsthand the life-changing effects of the FH philosophy of walking with communities as they move from stuck to thriving during her trips to Cambodia. Wendy also facilitates team building and Personal Style workshops. She lives in Abbotsford with her husband and has five grown children.