

Missionfest Manitoba 2024 Breakout Sessions
Saturday, Feb 3rd, 2024
Church of the Rock, Winnipeg

1. Workshop One: *Helping Trafficking Victims integrate into churches*

Description:

This session outlines how human trafficking happens and how Christians across the province can engage with the survivors of human trafficking with the end to bring them to accept Jesus Christ as their Saviour. Survivors of human trafficking after they have accepted the Lord as their personal Saviour need to have growth in their daily walk with Christ. To do this, they need to be connected to a Bible based church and this session will outline how this can happen.

Presenters:

Joy Smith & Janet Campbell of *The Joy Smith Foundation*.

Joy Smith has served as Member of Parliament (2004-2015) and Member of the Manitoba Legislature (MLA) for Fort Garry (1999-2003) and served as critic for Justice, Education, and Intergovernmental (Urban) Affairs. She 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 in important changes in the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act.

In 2011, she founded the "Joy Smith Foundation", where she tirelessly volunteers her time combatting human trafficking, and fighting for the rights of women in Canada and around the globe.

Janet Campbell brings a wealth of business experience having directed growth in several organizations and successfully leading in complex environments.

Time: 11:45 a.m. (1 hour)

Location: Chapel

2. Workshop Two: *Equipping the Canadian Church: Sharing the Gospel in Diverse Contexts*

Description:

Canada's fast-paced immigration influx brings the mission field to us. We have a unique chance to share the gospel in our neighbourhoods, requiring the Canadian church to equip itself. We are called to share Jesus's message effectively and we can do it within cultural contexts of others and still maintain biblically sound doctrine. Join TWR Canada to explore how high vs. low context cultures affect gospel understanding.

Presenter: **Lindsay Clark** of *Trans World Radio*.

Lindsay Clark has worked for TWR Canada as their Fundraising and Donor Engagement Manager since 2022. She graduated from Tyndale University College and Seminary with a BA in psychology and is currently working on her master's from Hope International University with a specialization in nonprofit management.

TWR Canada focuses on using media to spread the hope of the gospel to people all around the world working in 70+ countries, in over 50 heart languages, and virtually every country with their national partners.

Time: 11:45 a.m. (1 hour)

Location: Theatre

3. Workshop Three: *Help! My Loved One is an Addict*

Description:

Addiction is everywhere and growing. Meanwhile, family members and loved ones of addicts are the unseen victims, struggling in their own storm of chaos, desperate to help with no idea of what to do. In this engaging presentation, we offer hope and comfort with powerful stories of overcoming, while presenting practical ways to best support those who are trapped in addiction. This workshop will also give opportunities to those who feel called to help in the area of addictions.

Presenters:

Terry Thiessen & Amy Sachdev of *Adult and Teen Challenge*.

Amy Sachdev is Community Office Director for the Steinbach office for Adult and Teen Challenge. Adult & Teen Challenge is a world leader in providing freedom from addiction.

Rev. Terry Thiessen is the Pastor of Alumni and Community Development for Adult and Teen Challenge.

Time: 11:45 a.m. (1 hour)

Location: Room K1

4. Workshop Four: *Multiply Your Church's Impact: Missions Senders' Toolbox*

Description:

The toolbox is a resource to provide missions senders with information, ideas and resources to inspire and facilitate engagement in the Great Commission. The seminar will facilitate discussion of the mission of the local church and practical tools for equipping it to be more effective in cross cultural ministries. The focus will help equip pastors and missions committee members in their roles of ministry.

Presenter:

John Paetkau of *SEND International*.

John Paetkau and his wife, Leanne, have served with SEND since 1997, and lived overseas for 17 years in Ukraine. Their ministry role overseas was coming alongside national ministry leaders, mentoring, leadership development, teaching, church planting, and camp ministries. Presently John serves as a missions coach and facilitator in western Canada, helping individuals and churches minister cross culturally across the street and across the world.

Time: 11:45 a.m. (Ends 12:15 p.m.)

Location: Youth Room

5. Workshop Ten: *The Digital Evangelist*

Description:

How can we fulfill the Great Commission online? Through Internet Evangelism, our mission field is expanding to reach people we might never reach in person. People around the world are hurting. Many express their needs and search for answers online. In our session, we will discuss how the internet is being used to build God's Kingdom and point people to the only One who gives us true purpose and fulfills our greatest need.

Presenters:

Karly Brandt & Jess Penman of *Billy Graham Evangelistic Association*.

Karly Brandt began working at Search for Jesus in 2017. She was drawn to the way the ministry uses the internet to create online opportunities to reach people for Christ. There are so many lost and hurting people in the world who might not be comfortable stepping into a church, but they are comfortable going online.

Jess Penman is Project Manager for the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.

Time: 12:30 p.m. (Ends 1:00 p.m.)

Location: Youth Room

6. Workshop Six: *The State of World Missions Today & the Unfinished Task*

Description:

This session is about "here is where we are" - where we presently are in the advancement of the Gospel, citing researched data and statistics. The information is not conjecture and speculation, but rather a focus on reality as it presently is. The intention is to present, as unbiased as possible, the current state of world

missions – where we happen to be in 2024 – and its reference to the unfinished task. Six realities will be highlighted that are most relevant to missions today.

Presenter:

Marvin Newell of *Missio Nexus*.

Dr. Marvin J. Newell has spent over 45 years engaged in Christian missions. He is presently Ambassador at Large of Missio Nexus, an association of missions in North America. Previously he served as a missionary in Papua, Indonesia, a mission administrator, a professor of missions, director of a missions association (IFMA), and senior VP of Missio Nexus. He is the author of five mission related books, the newest: *A Third of Us: What it takes to reach the Unreached*.

Time: 1:15 p.m. (1 Hour)

Location: Chapel

7. Workshop Seven: Adopting an Identity: The Implications of Allowing Circumstance to Dictate Truth

Description:

It is often said that we are products of our environment; for better or for worse. Our perception can either set us on a path towards sonship in Christ, or one that adopts the cultural norms of the day. With things like deconstruction and personal identifiers becoming mainstream across Christian and secular borders, it's important for the church to get to the root. Join Troy Lydiate as he discusses how the church can minister the importance of reorienting our attentions to Christ through the removal of cultural place holders.

Presenter:

Troy Lydiate of *Apologetics Canada*.

Troy Lydiate is a multifaceted artist, speaker, and Creative Director at Apologetics Canada, where he also serves as host of "The AC Podcast." As a graduate of Providence University with a B.A focused on Social Sciences, much of Troy's professional career has been spent working with youth and young adults. Operating under the artistic moniker Scribe Music, Troy has skillfully utilized his music as a conduit to convey the gospel message.

He has dedicated himself to the growth and vitality of the local church, actively engaging in discipleship, worship team, and church leadership. Embracing a mission to catalyze both cultural and global transformation, Troy's approach is firmly anchored in love, releasing hope by loving God and loving people.

Time: 1:15 p.m. (1 Hour)

Location: Theatre

8. Workshop Eight: *Walking Alongside Marginalized Newcomers*

Description:

Jesus undeniably pursued the marginalized offering them healing and new life. As image-bearers of Christ, we will consider how to love marginalized individuals the way Jesus did, learn strategic ways that are practically helpful and not harmful, leading towards further flourishing for the newcomers we journey together with.

Presenter:

Khevna Dave of *Missions Hub*.

Khevna Dave is the Missions Hub Director in Toronto where she gets to disciple students and young graduates into cross-cultural missions, alongside building and catalyzing partnerships amongst campus groups, missions agencies and churches. She has spent time in over 30 different countries, starting with being born in Kenya and currently lives in a MoveIn community with her husband, foster teens, and cats. Khevna loves getting to live life closely with her neighbours, who come from all around the world, and is very thankful for how she gets to trust God with all the joyful chaos of life!

Time: 1:15 p.m. (1 Hour)

Location: Room K1

9. Workshop Fifteen: *Our Holy Ambition is to be Sanctified, Becoming More Christ-like*

Description:

Our Christian walk and Kingdom service includes a spiritual battle (Eph 6:12) and Pastor Jake will show us how our identity in Christ impacts our effectiveness in that battle. When we submitted our lives to Jesus, He did not give us a delete key. As we reboot (transform), Clay will then lead us through an applied application as to how we can engage effectively in that battle.

Presenters:

Clay Harmon of *Freedom in Christ Canada* & **Jake Peters** of *Winkler Mennonite Church*.

Clay Harmon was introduced to Freedom in Christ Ministries in 1994 as a new Christian and his life was transformed when he chose to submit his life to Jesus. He participated in Transform and is now leading his third group through this intense training, helping Christian leaders be even more effective as they serve Christ.

A few years ago, a former drug dealer came to Clay for prayer. Over a period of about ten weeks, by coming to know who he is in Christ and learning to forgive, this man experienced personal transformation as to how he now lives his life. This former drug dealer is now currently ministering to and praying with the homeless in his hometown.

Clay will be demonstrating a simple but effective tool Christians can use when recognizing a behaviour pattern that is a result of believing one of Satan's lies.

Time: 1:15 p.m. (Ends 1:45 p.m.)

Location: Youth Room

10. Workshop Fourteen: *Intercession: The Manner of Missions*

Description:

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.

Presenter:

James Eagles of *Intercede International*.

James Eagles is President of Intercede International, and an ordained minister of the Gospel, located in Fort Erie, Ontario and has served with Intercede International for over 42 years and has visited and ministered to international Mission boards based in over 50 nations.

Time: 2:00 p.m. (Ends 2:30 p.m.)

11. Workshop Eleven: *In the last days, I will pour out my Spirit... on Canada?*

Description:

There is a massive outpouring of the Spirit currently taking place globally. From personal interviews and visits with national church leaders in dozens of countries, Ron will describe what is transpiring in these spiritual hotspots and then itemize what it will take to see a similar outpouring in Canada. Recognizing that we are in the Last Days, Ron will share the urgency of the moment as felt by national believers.

Presenter:

Ron Pearce of *Empower Ministries*.

Ron Pearce has traveled internationally to over 70 countries, meeting Christian leaders, studying the nature and secrets of revival, being shown by the Holy Spirit the best ways to equip and support national ministries, and finally, coming to understand the correlation between the current outpouring of the Holy Spirit sweeping the earth and the soon return of Jesus.

In 2004, Ron and his family founded Empower Ministries, specifically designed to “empower” national ministries and workers, while at the same time attempting to revitalize believers in Canada by explaining revival, modern missions, and especially the power and centrality of the Bible for a believer’s walk with God.

Time: 4:45 p.m. (1 Hour)

Location: Chapel

12. Workshop Twelve: *Helping Your Church Understand Islam*

Description:

If we want to relate better with Muslims in our neighborhoods and places of work, we need a healthy awareness of their belief systems and how Islamic faith compares with Christianity. In this seminar we explore basic Islamic theology and praxis through an inter-active, kinetic class. Learn about Islam more deeply, as well as fresh, engaging methods to present Islamic theology and praxis to your church community.

Presenter:

Arley Loewen of *Operation Mobilization*.

Arley Loewen has lived and worked among the people of Afghanistan for over 40 years. Arley specializes in Persio-Afghan cultures, with an MA in Persian Studies from Pakistan (1989) and a PhD from the Univ. of Toronto (2000), from the department of Middle Eastern Civilizations.

Arley co-founded and directed Pamir Ministries a media and discipleship ministry for Afghan people for 30 years. Just late last year (Oct 2022) he transitioned from Pamir leadership. He and his wife Janice continue as minsters-at-large among Afghan people around the world.

Time: 4:45 p.m. (1 Hour)

Location: Theatre

13. Workshop Thirteen: *How to Plant a City Church for All Nations*

Description:

Referencing his own experiences in urban church planting and his knowledge of effective church planting principles, Dr Beck shares with you how ordinary men and women, who have a passion for Jesus, a passion for the lost and a passion for a church that embraces and discipled the lost, can join God in his mission to people from “every tongue, tribe and nation” right where you live and work.

Presenter:

Stephen Beck of *Greater Europe Mission*.

Stephen Beck grew up as a missionary kid in Germany and Austria. In his first church plant, Stephen came under the mentorship of Timothy Keller, who was instrumental in sending the Becks to Toronto in 1993, where they planted Grace Toronto Church. In 2005, Stephen, with his wife, moved back to Germany, where he taught Practical Theology at the Giessen School of Theology for 16 years.

Simultaneously, the Becks started a church planter training program that spread to various parts of Europe. Today the training, under the name MosaiX Academy, is held online with students worldwide. Dr. Beck is also Teaching Pastor of Outreach, Mission and Multiplication in CityLife Church, Minneapolis-St. Paul, USA.

As part of his ministry, he is spearheading a multicultural church plant on the University of Minnesota campus as a launching pad for a multi-denominational, urban church planting movement in the Twin Cities.

Stephen Beck holds an M.Div. degree from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School and a Ph.D./Systematic Theology from Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia. He has authored several books.

Time: 4:45 p.m. (1 Hour)

Location: Room K1

14. Workshop Nine: *I'm a Teacher. Can I be a Missionary, Too?*

Description:

Join us as we define missions and explore the role that education has in missions. Hear stories of those who have served in education and related roles and how their work has been part of the Great Commission - to go and Make Disciples of all nations. This workshop will include opportunities to engage with the content. See how you can impact the next generation around the world through education.

Presenters:

Amanda Cameron & Howard Dueck of *TeachBeyond*.

Upon concluding seminary (MA in Biblical Counseling), **Howard Dueck** and his wife Eileen began their work with Janz Team (now TeachBeyond) in Brazil in 1988,

where Howard taught and developed a counseling ministry at Gramado Bible College. His work in teaching, counseling and leadership has occurred primarily in intercultural contexts in Brazil and Germany. Howard was part of the Task Force that proposed the TeachBeyond vision in 2009. He currently serves on the TeachBeyond global leadership team as Executive Vice President (Regions).

Amanda Cameron is the Recruiting Coordinator and a Mobilization Coach for TeachBeyond. She has a BA in Christian Ministry from Briercrest College and a B.Ed from Crandall University. Amanda and her family lived in Nigeria for four years, where she taught Middle School Bible at an international Christian school. Now as a Mobilization Coach in Hamilton, ON, Amanda loves connecting with teachers who are passionate about teaching and interested in serving God overseas.

Time: 4:45 p.m. (Ends 5:15 p.m.)

Location: Youth Room

15. Workshop Five: *What does Marketplace Ministry Look Like?*

Description:

The concept of Marketplace Missions has been around for centuries. Utilizing the skills and occupations you already have; you can reach others within the context of your own life. It should be the pattern for each of us, no matter where we live, here or overseas. Consider how you can fit into the opportunities of reaching others in how you live as you are going.

Presenter:

Frank Roe of Crossworld Canada.

Dr. Frank Roe is the Director of Mobilization for Crossworld Canada. He and his wife, Tammy, have been missionaries for 45 years focusing on mobilization, teaching, and leadership training. He also teaches yearly overseas and is a Fire Department Chaplain.

Time: 5:30 p.m. (Ends 6:00 p.m.)

Location: Youth Room