



Breakout Sessions

There will be an opportunity for Celebration 2018 attendees to participate in breakout sessions. The leaders of these breakout sessions/workshops will be speaking on a number of different topics, sharing their expertise on these topics with us. Each Celebration participant may select two breakout sessions.

Session 1: April 27, 1:30 – 3:00 pm

Session 2: April 27, 3:15 – 4:45 pm

A. B.L.E.S.S. – Intentional Evangelism Initiative



Meagan Gillan is the Women Ministries Leader for the Evangelical Covenant Church. What if you could find a way to share your faith with people? A way that feels normal and natural while still being intentional? The Covenant Church has a new way of thinking about evangelism; God’s way of reaching and restoring the world has always been through blessing. The five missional practices that make up the acronym B.L.E.S.S. and are a way to participate in the strategy God gave Abraham to reach the world. “And I will bless you...and you will be a blessing” (Genesis 12:2).

B. Multicultural Leadership



Abraham Bejarano is the pastor of Emmanuel Covenant Church in Northridge, CA and the Director of Latino Ministries for the Pacific Southwest Conference. As a young adult in Venezuela, he pastored a thriving church in his native Venezuela. In Los Angeles, Abraham’s work involves strategic connections to mobilize leaders and ministries. He can speak from personal experience about the challenges and opportunities related to multicultural leadership. This workshop will give background and values for leading and developing leaders in a multicultural world.

C. Local Community Development



Lance Davis is the pastor of New Zion Covenant Church in Dolton, IL. Through the Kinsmen Development initiative, an LLC incorporated by the church, Pastor Lance is seeing the hand of God transforming communities. This community development project has two core beliefs: first, that any human capital a community needs already exists within it; second, the best way to develop a community is through social enterprise—or a sustainable business that seeks to address a community concern. God is transforming lives and communities through community development.

D. Church Planting – 7 Systems of a Healthy Church



Alex Rahill is the Director of Church Planting for the Evangelical Covenant Church. *“Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ.”* 1 Corinthians 12:12.

This workshop focuses on providing an understanding of the systems that make up a healthy missional church that promotes a discipleship process. Seven areas will be explored:

1. How do we engage our community?
2. How do we plan our worship services?
3. How do we connect people?
4. How do we involve people in small groups?
5. How do we train and equip people for ministry?
6. How do we develop a generous culture of giving?
7. How do we develop leaders?

E. Financial Resources for the Local Church



Paul Hawkinson serves as the Executive Director of Finance for the Evangelical Covenant Church (ECC), as well as its Director of Pensions. Paul joined the ECC in 2014, after having served 17+ years in banking, start-up and entrepreneurial ventures. His personal passion resides at the intersection of “mission and finance” - particularly in the development of innovative Social Enterprise structures that provide economic opportunity for those in need. Paul lives in Libertyville and attends Libertyville Covenant Church with his wife Kristin and children Annika, Colin, Kajsa and Carson.

This breakout session will be putting the breadth of ECC Financial Resources to work for your local church. It will be a shared discussion and Q&A session with Paul Hawkinson on the breadth of ECC financial resources available to assist the flourishing of your local church, staff and community.

F. C.H.E.T. – Forme Equipos Efectivos de Trabajo (En Español)



Hna. Karen Figueroa es la Asistente Ejecutiva al Presidente del Centro Hispano de Estudios Teológicos (CHET). Roberto Ghione es el pastor de la Iglesia del Pacto Evangélico Nueva Esperanza en Simi Valley, CA.

El taller considera las características de los equipos que organizó Jesús y su habilidad para dirigirlos. Se explora también las etapas de desarrollo de los grupos. Se trabaja en el desarrollo de planes concretos para la formación de equipos más efectivos en la iglesia y en la comunidad. Este taller se ofrecerá en dos partes (Sesión 1 y Sesión 2).

