



Breakout Sessions

at the Central Conference Annual Meeting
April 26, 2019 (afternoon)

This is an opportunity for Central Conference Annual Meeting attendees to participate in workshops. The leaders of these sessions 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, as the second session will be a repetition of the different workshops.

Session One: April 26, 1:30 – 3:00 pm

Session Two: April 26, 3:15 – 4:45 pm

A. Be a Part of The Bigger Story – *led by Maren Spaulding*

Description: With National Covenant Properties (NCP), your investments do more than just build for your future. They allow NCP to finance Covenant mission and ministry in your community and around the United States. Learn how you can be part of the bigger story through investing with NCP at the Investment Generation Presentation on Friday, April 26.

Maren Spaulding is a Senior Investment Coordinator and Certified IRA Specialist with National Covenant Properties. She is the resident expert for any IRA or Investment questions. She graduated from North Park University in 2010, with a Bachelor of Science in Business and Economics, concentration in Accounting. Prior to joining NCP in 2013, she worked at a Albany Bank.

B. Planting Fruitful Churches – Multicultural Leadership – *led by Abraham Bejarano and Fil Nesta*

Description: There are several key patterns in churches that go unnoticed. What works for church planting?

*Abraham Bejarano is the Director of Ministry for the Pacific Southwest Conference
Fil Nesta is Associate Director of Church Planting for the ECC*

C. Update on Ministry in Africa – led by Josef Rasheed

Description: God is moving in the continent of Africa! The Evangelical Covenant Church partners with sister churches and local ministries in Cameroon, Central African Republic, DR Congo, Mozambique, Kenya, South Africa, and South Sudan that are leading and caring for their communities in holistic ways. Learn more about these ministries that are making an impact in Africa.

Josef Rasheed is the regional Serve Global coordinator for Africa. Josef's global vision, particularly for Africa, his pastoral heart, and his gift of leadership to oversee Serve Globally's efforts, missionaries and national partnerships, were some of the factors at play in being selected as regional coordinator. His heart and passion for mission are important assets in establishing relationships.

D. Finding Strengths in Church Leaders – led by Damaris Bran

Description: The Strength Finder for Leaders' workshop will help pastors better identify talents in their leaders that will help them place them in ministries where they will be successful and thriving. This workshop will help pastors to discover their leaders true TALENT (*a **NATURAL** way of thinking, feeling, or behaving*) to help them make a better INVESTMENT (*time spent practicing, developing your skills, and building your knowledge base*) and to discover their STRENGTH (*the ability to consistently provide excellence in performance*) in long-lasting ministries.

Damaris Bran was born in San Jose, Costa Rica, lived most of her younger years in Guatemala City where her parents served as pastors in a local church. She has more than 15 years working with Latinos in different capacities and leadership development skills. Currently, she works for Family Bridges as the Avance Regional Manager in Illinois and Sheboygan, Wisconsin, where she focuses on training, in programs on building capacity for leaders and volunteers, marriage relationship education, parenting skills, social-emotional development skills, among others.

E. Ética Cristiana (en Español) – led by Karen Figueroa y Armida Belmonte Stephens

Descripción: Intensivo dirigido por CHET con acreditación de una unidad. La Ética Cristiana es un curso descriptivo de como usar la Biblia y principios bíblicos en nuestro encaminamiento con los demás, sea la iglesia o en la vida personal. Dara valores y preceptos para vivir.

Karen Figueroa es la decana de CHET y Armida Belmonte Stephens es profesora del Seminario Teológico North Park.