



CENTRAL CONFERENCE CELEBRATION 2019

Ministry Groups – Workshops

Thursday 9 am—11am



Bret Widman

SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD Navigating Youth Ministry Within Polarization

We live in a time where students like/dislike, agree/disagree, trust/distrust. The pressure to CHOOSE a side is an ongoing stress for these students. This workshop will help you lead your students to reframe all their choices with a Kingdom paradigm and perspective. Rather than choose one side over another, the Kingdom is not "here" or "there", but "among". Please bring

your bibles as we will be navigating many passages of Jesus' teachings. As someone who has served for over 30 years in pastoral ministry (Youth and Lead Pastor), I'm fully aware of how complex this particular time is for the church. Reaching back deep into a course in my D.Min with Dallas Willard, having a clear theology and practice of the Kingdom of God helps navigate these complex realities. As the Director of CRUX at NPU, I'm helping first year students follow Jesus through this paradigm of the Kingdom.

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Lisa Orris

WHAT WOMEN WANT

As a woman in ministry, you may have a story, experience or an encounter that was less than appropriate or at least painful to navigate just because you're a woman. At this workshop we will dialogue and empower one another to give voice to those stories. Our hope is that by hearing one another and networking together we can corporately communicate best practices for addressing those issues we uniquely face as women in ministry. Bring your voice to join a new, strategic conversation for women in leadership in the Central Conference and the ECC.

Lisa Orris has been at Hope Church in Crystal Lake, IL since 2012. She earned her BA in Criminology from Gannon University and a Master of Divinity from North Park Theological Seminary. After graduating from seminary, she accepted a call to be the Director of Evangelism for the national office of the Covenant Church where she served for five years. You will often find Lisa out on the lake soaking up the sun, walking around trying to get her 10,000 steps a day, and surrounded by all her candles and blankets in the winter because she hates to be cold! CONTACT: orris.lisa@gmail.com



Deb Strahan

The Central Conference SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS NETWORK Talks about Spiritual Direction

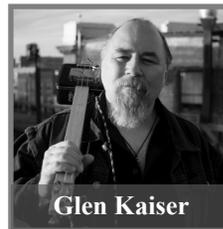
Perhaps you have heard about spiritual direction and wondered, "What is spiritual direction?" Maybe you have been in spiritual direction yourself or know someone else who is in direction and felt a tug to explore more deeply what it would mean to become a spiritual director.

In this two-part workshop, experienced spiritual directors from the **Central Conference Spiritual Directors Network** will be

sharing about what to expect in spiritual direction, how to find a spiritual director, and (part 2) how one would pursue becoming a spiritual director.

The **CCSDN** provides free direction to pastors, their spouses, and missionaries free of charge for up to a year. With our commitment to confidentiality, one pastor/director has said it has been the one place he can ask the big questions of his faith, and share his true self in a non-judgmental, sacred space. It is our desire to give the ministry of spiritual direction more visibility and make it more available to the pastors in our conference.

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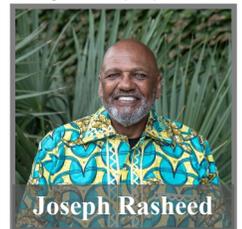
Glen Kaiser

ESTABLISHING MATURE AND *MATURING* WORSHIP TEAMS Glen Kaiser & Josef Rasheed

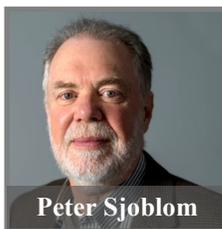
Solid foundations and timely "tuck pointing" spiritually and practically are always needed for the gathered people of God to move into greater intimacy with Father, Son, and Spirit in corporate worship. It is our

desire to encourage and uplift attendees with sharing and lively discussion during our time together! Evangelical Covenant Pastors and Worship Leaders Glenn Kaiser and Josef Rasheed bring many years of experience to the topic- and Welcome All Questions related to this central aspect of local and larger Church ministry!

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Joseph Rasheed



Peter Sjoblom

NAVIGATING THE NEUTRAL ZONE (Interim Pastoral Calling)

Thinking of interim ministry as a future calling? How is interim ministry changing as churches seek to understand their role in this day? What are congregations looking for in the interim? What is conference leadership looking for? How can we help a congregation increase awareness?

Join other pastors investigating the art of transitional ministry. Interact with practitioners who have begun this journey.

Learn important skills in helping congregations prepare for a preferred future.

Peter Sjoblom is the Associate Superintendent of the Central Conference, experienced in revitalization of churches and placement of pastors in the area.

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Adria Willet

CHAPLAINCY IS NOT FOR COWARDS

A place for connection and learn from one another. A space to share best practices

Adria Willet is the vice-chair of the ECC's Chaplain Association and a Part time chaplain at Swedish Covenant Hospital.

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