



# Brethren in Christ U.S.

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## Breakout Sessions

We are excited to offer several different breakout sessions over the course of General Assembly. They will be held Saturday and Monday mornings and afternoons. Here is a sneak peek at some of the sessions being offered!

### **Identifying Funding Streams for Community Engagement Projects**

*Led by Jennifer Lancaster & Mark Templeton*

As we lean into the Project 250 priorities and congregations engage their communities, the ability to identify additional financial sources is beneficial. Come join the discussion around launching a successful capital fundraising campaign and pursuing available grant opportunities. See how these tools can build a strong foundation for increased community ministry.

### **Making Sense of MDG Amendments**

*Led by Adam Forry*

If your response to the proposed changes to the Manual of Doctrine and Government is to glaze over, feel confused, or bog down in the details, you're invited to this breakout. Likewise, if you are concerned that our documents reflect what we actually believe and how we function, this breakout is for you. An overview of the amendments will be presented, along with an opportunity to ask big-picture or deep-dive questions about them, in preparation for our consideration of them on the General Assembly floor.

### **On Mission Together** (Offered both Saturday and Monday)

*Led by Jonathan Lloyd*

Risk and reward, joys and challenges, victory and heartache are all part of pursuing God's mission. Come and hear inspiring stories of God at work around the world. There will also be opportunities for pastors and delegates to share about their own ministry context. Missionaries will pray for you, and you will have opportunities to pray for them. We expect that God will use this session to bring renewed strength to all participants for their part in God's great mission!

### **Caminando-Walking** (Offered in Spanish)

*Led by Oscar & Rosa Gomez*

Marriage and ministry were both created by God. The world views them as two separate entities, but the Bible teaches us, that we can walk together, husbands and wives, and utilize our marriages as a blessed base for ministry. In this teaching session, Pastor Oscar Gomez and his wife Rosa will share some practical biblical principles, that will help any couple in ministry to walk together and fulfill God's divine purpose for their calling! The workshop will be presented in English and Spanish!



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## **Women in Ministry Leadership Updates**

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More information to come.

## **The Roadmap: Growing New Guests into Committed Leaders**

*Led by Jeff Piepho*

Learn about the Church Roadmap that Revolution Church developed and implemented during a time of significant growth in attendance. The Church Roadmap lays out the details needed to help an uncommitted guest stay in the Church, grow in their faith, and become deeply committed to Christ.

## **One Generation to Another**

*Led by Christina Embree*

Psalm 145:4 declares that God's praises will be shared from one generation to the next. This "passing on" of the faith is the primary way that our faith gets passed through the years. However, over time, society as a whole has become a lot more age segregated; we tend to hang out with people that are roughly the same age or generation as us. What impact has this had on the church, especially in the area of making lifelong disciples? And how can we begin to build bridges between generations that lead to ongoing faith formation for all generations?

## **Thriving as a Bi-vocational Pastor** (offered in Spanish)

*Led by Jose Acosta*

More information to come.

## **Using Community Demographics to Discover Ministry Opportunities**

*Led by Jennifer Lancaster*

Is your congregation relevant in the community you serve? Do you know who the people are in your mission field? Come explore the ways community demographics can help congregations meet their neighbors as we pursue Project 250 priority #5, "growing to reflect the demographic realities of our communities."

## **Understanding Minister's Taxes**

*Led by Mitch Martin*

Taxes are complicated. Ministers' tax rules are even more unique. During this session, Mitch Martin will explain the various tax rules that uniquely impact ministers and congregations. Topics will include housing allowance, SECA vs. FICA taxes, retirement contributions, estimated tax payments or voluntary federal withholding.