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Midwest Conference on Missionary Care

Confirmed Workshops to Date

Dr. Janeen Davis

Peace Pursuit International

The Process of Practical Peacemaking - Talk 1

Dr. Davis will highlight key distinctions between the common methods of conflict resolution and those which have produced consistently positive outcomes for today's missionaries. Using the Peace Pursuit model as a template, you will gain a practical plan for clarifying the goal of peace during ministry conflicts, reframing each person's understanding of the conflict, and reordering the steps of confession and forgiveness within the peacemaking process. You will leave this workshop with free resources and a new strategy for helping believers resolve relational problems.

Mike Gaston

Converge IM

Sabbath Rest

When Jesus said "Come to Me... and I will give you rest," did He intend to include missionaries in that offer? And if so, what might that look like, and what difference might it make in their lives and ministries? How can churches and agency leaders encourage their missionaries to incorporate regular Sabbath rest into their lives? This workshop will address all of those questions and more, using the definition of Sabbath as "regular, intentional, contemplative, Christ-centered rest." God's plan for the rhythms of work and rest can address many of the felt needs of the missionaries, revitalize their spiritual lives, and avoid some of the pitfalls of cross-cultural ministry that can result in burnout and attrition. Sabbath rest is a gift that we would do well to accept and enjoy!

Ali Jackson

ReachGlobal

How Churches Can Care for Missionary Kids

Missionary kids (MKs) face unique challenges and enjoy unique benefits from their globally mobile lives. Growing up under the spotlight can affect their relationships with God and with the church, as many feel pressure to look good for their parents' supporters. In this workshop, we'll talk about the differing experiences of MKs with the American church and how churches can make a real impact for good in the lives of MKs.

Gary Maloney

Youth for Christ Ireland

What's Different About Gen Z, Evangelism & Missions

How does Gen Z define evangelism? How do they approach sharing their faith with non-Christians? What makes them unique to previous generations? Here's what the church needs to know about Gen Z and evangelism, and how to nurture the missionary call.

Hannah Rasmussen

Oasis International

Flying Solo

Young adults excited about missions often are excited about travel and have big hearts for doing good. However young missionaries often lack the sustainable social support they need to navigate high rates of relational turnover, visa issues, and stressful or traumatic events. This puts them at great risk of burnout, breakdowns and mental health crises. The talk around self-care can overshadow the biblical assertion that it is not good for humans to be alone. The young, often single, labor force serves for a couple of years until they end up moving home, getting married or switching organizations to one with more support. In this presentation, Hannah shares her own experiences as a single young adult working remotely for a US nonprofit in Kenya, her breakdown, noticing the same pattern in her friends' lives, how she found help, and the lessons learned about what kind of lifestyle and care would be sustainable.

Amy Young

Global Trellis

How to be an Effective Sending Church

In this workshop, we will explore four key areas for your church to think through, assess how you're doing, and then walk away with a plan for how to engage your missionaries. While you'll never be perfect, you can grow in being effective in sending and supporting people. They will thank you for attending this workshop.