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Midwest Conference on Missionary Care

## Plenary Speaker Biographies

### ***Dr. Janeen Davis***

#### **Purpose and Peace Solutions**

Janeen Davis, PsyD, MFT, served overseas with a large missions organization since 2007, where she lived in three different countries in Asia and supervised a member care team that supported over 1,000 frontline personnel. In 2021, she founded Purpose & Peace Solutions and moved to Tennessee, where she maintains virtual counseling services for global missionaries and stateside individuals, while also serving as the Director of Counseling for a local church. Janeen is the master trainer and practitioner for Peace Pursuit International and provides advanced training and consulting for local and international ministries who desire to improve in biblical conflict resolution, healthy teaming practices, and effective member care support.

### ***Dr. Jolene Erlacher***

#### **Leading Tomorrow**

Dr. Jolene Erlacher founded Leading Tomorrow in 2014 with the aim of equipping churches, businesses, schools, missions agencies and other organizations for effective intergenerational leadership in an evolving culture. Her passion for equipping a new generation of leaders emerged from her own leadership experiences in education and ministry. Jolene's books include *Millennials in Ministry* (2014), *Daniel Generation: Godly Leadership in an Ungodly Culture* (2018), and *Mobilizing Gen Z for Missions* (2022.) She specializes in providing training to community organizations, government agencies, churches, missions agencies and small businesses. Jolene lives in North Carolina with her husband and twin daughters.

### ***Dan Geramo***

#### **Bethany Gateways**

After 15 years serving as a missionary in Kenya, Dan returned to the US to lead Bethany Gateways for eight years, overseeing more than 100 Bethany missionaries fielded around the world and focusing on field effectiveness, leadership development and recruitment. Dan has recently taken a new role overseeing leadership development and discipleship training across Bethany's fields. Dan and his wife, Nancy, were classmates at BGU and have three children.

### ***Jesse Johannesen***

#### **River Valley Church**

Jesse has served at River Valley Church since 2014. In his role as global project associate pastor, he looks after the day-to-day missions efforts of River Valley Church, including mobilization, partnership and short-term teams. He originally hails from Iowa and along with his wife, Renee, has three children at home. Their family calling is to equip the local church to engage in and support missions with their whole heart.

***Mark and Julie Morgenstern***

**Grow2Serve**

Mark and Julie received their roots in missions passion and practice from the church they grew up in - an Evangelical Free church in California. In 1992, God sent them to Russia and later to Ukraine, where they spent 13 years as church planters. In 2006, ReachGlobal asked them to come to Minnesota and provide leadership to the training department. After 17 years spent in missionary training, Mark and Julie absolutely love their current role of providing, empowering and encouraging distance learning for missionaries from dozens of organizations all over the world.