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Midwest Care Connexion

Confirmed Workshops to Date

Linda Gunderson

ReachGlobal

The Spiritual Journey of Missionaries

Each of us has a unique journey with God. Missionaries have distinct challenges in their spiritual journey, as well as numerous benefits. In this workshop, we will take a closer look at what it's like for missionaries to navigate their spiritual life while living overseas. We will also talk about some practical ways that the local church can support and come alongside them as they journey with Jesus.

Mary Ho

All Nations International

Practically, What Does it Take to Reach the 3 Billion?

Practically, what does it take to reach the 3 billion?* The great news is that people with minimal access to the Gospel are 50 times more responsive to the Gospel than those with access!** That's where we need to go! Yet evangelicals invest 100 times more in church planting where there is already a significant number of Christians** instead of going where there are little or none. Come and learn how you and your church - irrespective of size, experience and resources - can be equipped and catalyzed to take the Gospel to the 3 billion who have the least access but have the most open heart to the Gospel!

*Joshua Project, *A People Group View of the World*

**Todd Johnson, *The Future of Frontier Missions Toward 2050*

Dale Lemke

University of Northwestern, St. Paul

Discussing Lived Callings With Missionaries

Missionaries are frequently asked to tell the story of their initial call to missionary service, but few are asked to discuss the ways that God is continuing to clarify their sense of calling. In a study of mid-career missionaries who were thriving in their calling, Dale discovered that these missionaries would like to have ongoing discussions with their supervisors and supporting churches about the ways that God is challenging them to live into their callings. This seminar will introduce Work as Calling Theory from vocational psychology and discuss practical steps that supervisors, missions organizations and local churches can take in supporting missionaries so that they can live out their calling.

Stefanie Nicholson

Here 2 There

Turning Supporting Churches Into Partnership Churches (Deconstruction theme)

For years, the relationship between churches and their ministry partners has been an exchange of money for a monthly newsletter, creating a church that watches the missionaries go and do the work. This structure has caused the church to be less engaged in missions and only supporting missions. We want

to see churches much more involved with their missionaries and personally connected to both the mission and the person. A “supporting church” just sends money, whereas a “partnering church” sends people, resources, care and money.

Patrick Repp

Relumine LLC

Coaching Global Workers to Grow in Resilience With the Cerny Resilience Inventory

The CRI is a proprietary 21-item coaching assessment developed by Dr. Cerny. These 21 strategically chosen, comprehensive questions encompass seven broad areas of experience. The results give the responder and the coach key insights and questions for good dialog around issues of resilience that leads to insight and actions toward growth. This session will focus on 1) describing coaching as a means of processing experiences and supporting our missionaries during times of crisis and challenge, 2) introducing the CRI as a valuable tool, 3) providing attendees with an experience in taking the instrument

Peggy Spiers

All Nations International

Debriefing 101 and Benefits

Debriefing is one tool we, the church, can develop to help our cross-cultural workers thrive for the long haul. Come learn about what it means to help our friends and cross-cultural workers unpack the bucket full of things they've collected over a period of time. We will cover the basics and benefits of debriefing.

Geoff Whiteman

Valeo Research Institute

Heart of Member Care

What if missional discipleship was at the heart of our care for God's beloved global workers? What could that make possible? In 2023, Valeo Research Institute conducted a needs assessment to discern the current opportunities, obstacles and trajectory for our global member care community. This session will unpack the results of that study and clarify the next steps we must take individually and collectively as we chart our course toward the future of member care with the aid of and for the glory of God.

Amy Young

Global Trellis

Member Care 101

What does it mean to provide "member care"? In our time together we will touch on four must-haves of comprehensive care, review five key skills every member care provider needs, and share resources for 16 topics you can use with others.

Amy Young

Global Trellis

4 Issues That Missionaries are Dealing With That You're Not Talking About

Well, the name just about says it all, doesn't it? Let's talk about all the things we normally avoid: sex, politics and changing culture. By talking about what's really on the hearts and minds of your missionaries, you can help them stay on the field.