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Midwest Care Connexion

Speaker Biographies



Linda Gunderson
ReachGlobal

Linda Gunderson served as a missionary and church planter with her husband in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil for 20 years. Since 2010, she has served on the member care team for ReachGlobal in various capacities. Linda is a trained spiritual director, and her great joy is to walk alongside missionaries as they journey with Jesus.



Lindsey Huang
Cornerstone Church

Lindsey Huang, Ph.D., is the director of kids' ministry and missions at Cornerstone Church in Litchfield, Minnesota. Previously, she was associate professor of intercultural studies, as well as program director for the Doctor of Intercultural Studies at Cook School of Intercultural Studies (Biola University). She has published her qualitative research on the experiences of U.S. missionaries of color in missiological journals, such as *Transformation and Mission Studies*. Lindsey has extensive international and domestic intercultural experience. She currently serves on the board of directors for Students International, a missions organization serving in Central America and the Caribbean.



Dr. Mary Ho
All Nations International

Dr. Ho is the international executive leader of All Nations, a global Christian missions organization with workers making disciples and church planting in 45 countries. She also serves as an adjunct professor at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. Dr. Ho is passionate about finishing the Great Commission in this generation by sharing the love of God among every people and in parts of the world where the name of Jesus Christ is little or not known. Dr. Ho received her doctorate of strategic leadership from Regent University in 2016. She is married to John and has two young adult sons.



Dr. Dale Lemke
University of Northwestern – St. Paul

Dr. Lemke is associate professor of Christian ministries at the University of Northwestern – St. Paul. He formerly served as a missionary to Japan with the Christian and Missionary Alliance. His life vision is to resource global leaders to make an impact in their local communities. Dale is married to his beautiful wife, Heidi, who happens to be a Northwestern alum. They adopted their two girls, Mia and Selah, while living in Japan. Since returning to the States, they have added two cats to the family.



Nathan Martin
OMF International

Nathan attended Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. After three years of pastoring in Iowa, the Martin family left as missionaries to Cambodia with OMF International where they served for 10 years. Alongside ministries of visitation, evangelism and church planting, the Martins worked closely with the Cambodian Department of Education to foster literacy and rural libraries. Nathan is now a regional mobilization manager for OMF and excited to help the church connect with the world.



Bryan & Stefanie Nicholson
Here 2 There Ministries

The Nicholsons have a deep passion for missions and mobilizing the local church to do missions alongside their missionaries. Bryan's roots trace back to South Africa, where his grandparents were missionaries for over 35 years, fostering a legacy of service that has profoundly influenced his journey. With over two decades of experience in TV and production, Bryan brings a wealth of expertise to the digital side of ministry for H2T. In contrast, Stefanie's upbringing in a mission-focused church laid the foundation for her calling to serve globally. She served overseas in the Philippines and East Asia, which formulated her vision of churches being actively engaged in missions.



Patrick Repp
Relumine LLC

Patrick Repp is a former psychologist, and marriage and family therapist. He is the founder and former executive director of MN Renewal Center, a group of therapists who offer counseling services to clergy, missionaries and military personnel, as well as the community. He and his wife, Janell, are also former short-term missionaries to Nigeria. In his retirement, Patrick has started Relumine LLC, a coaching and consulting ministry to Christian leaders and organizations. He also works with Dr. Len Cerny as an authorized distributor and senior trainer of the Cerny Resilience Inventory (CRI).



Peggy Spiers
All Nations International

Peggy Spiers is a member of the global support team for All Nations International. She works to develop and sustain healthy partnerships between goers, senders, home churches and agencies. Peggy helped to develop a training called Sender's U that helps to equip local churches to send and care for workers on the field well.



Heidi Tunberg
ReachGlobal

Heidi Tunberg spent her childhood in Malaysia and Singapore where her parents were missionaries with the Evangelical Free Church. She is a licensed psychologist who spent seven years in private practice, but her love of missionary kids (MKs) prompted her to move into caring for them full time. Since 1999, Heidi has been with ReachGlobal as MK Care Coordinator focused on MKs in their teens and twenties. She seeks to be a resource to parents as they raise their kids internationally. She currently lives in Minneapolis, MN with her two matching schnauzers.



Dr. Sammy Wanyonyi
Shine in the World Ministries (SHINE) and Merge Twin Cities (MERGE)

Dr. Wanyonyi is an experienced missionary leader with a track record of effective evangelism leadership and movement mobilization. As a former college professor, Dr. Wanyonyi is skilled in adult education, volunteer management, curriculum development, public speaking and diplomatic leadership. With degrees in global and contextual leadership, divinity and cross-cultural studies, he is commonly referred to as "the new Billy Graham" of a globalizing world.



Geoff Whiteman
Valeo Research Institute

Geoff Whiteman is passionate about helping people and communities connect their life's purpose with God's mission in the world. Geoff serves as the director of Valeo Research Institute. He volunteers as the People Care and Development Track co-leader for MissioNexus and is a licensed marriage and family therapist in Kentucky. Geoff spent some of his formative years as a TCK in the Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea, Hong Kong and Singapore. He and his wife, Kriss, have been engaged in vocational service since 2000, and supporting the care and training of those in cross-cultural work since 2007. Those experiences are what led him to study and research global worker resilience.



Amy Young
Global Trellis

Amy Young, MA, LPC loves a good story. She served in China for nearly 20 years (plenty of stories there!). As the founder of Global Trellis, her current story involves helping Great Commission workers have tended souls and growing skill sets. Amy has written six books for global workers, including *Looming Transitions* and *Becoming More Fruitful in Cross-Cultural Work*. She lives in Colorado and is delighted not to have to get up in the middle of the night to cheer for the Denver Broncos and Kansas Jayhawks.