



MC²
Midwest Care Connexion

February 23 – 24, 2024

At-A-Glance Schedule

Explore exhibitor tables during breaks and lunch

Friday

4:30 pm	Doors Open: Registration & Exhibitor Tables
5:30 – 6:45 pm	Keynote Session #1
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Workshops

Saturday

7:30 am	Breakfast
8:00 am	Exhibitor Tables Open
8:30 – 10:00 am	Keynote Session #2
10:30 – 11:30 am	Workshops
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Lunch & Exhibitor Tables
12:30 – 1:30 pm	Keynote Session #3
2:00 – 3:00 pm	Workshops
3:15 – 4:30 pm	Keynote Session #4

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Detailed Schedule & Descriptions

Friday 4:30 - 8:00 pm

4:30 pm Doors Open: Registration & Exhibitor Tables

5:30 – 6:45 pm Keynote Session #1

Global Member Care: Proclaiming Favor to the Nations

Dr. Mary Ho, All Nations International

Jesus calls us to proclaim His favor to the nations in a time of unprecedented ethnic, socio-economic and demographic diversity among His Kingdom workers. We are living in a time when God is sending from everywhere to everywhere. Therefore, member care must create a global culture of care in tandem with what Jesus is doing in the nations.


6:45 – 7:00 pm Break & Exhibitor Tables

7:00 – 8:00 pm Workshops

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

Dr. Mary Ho, All Nations International



Atrium (Room 112)

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! 

Doing Missions Together: How to Build a Supportive Environment for the Flourishing of Diverse Mission Teams

Lindsey Huang, Cornerstone Church

Rooms 12-15

The face of missions is becoming increasingly diverse. The number of missionaries from racial and ethnic minority communities in the U.S. is growing, contributing to the racial diversity of missionaries from the U.S. serving in international contexts. Because missionaries of color tend to face unique challenges on the field, this workshop seeks to equip individuals, teams and churches to support the flourishing of missionaries from diverse communities on the field.  

Discussing Lived Callings With Missionaries

Dale Lemke, University of Northwestern, St. Paul

Rooms 113-114

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. ❤️ 👥

The Challenges and Blessings of Working on Multi-Cultural Teams

Nathan Martin, OMF International

Splash (Rooms 1-3)

Nathan served for 10 years on an international mission team in SE Asia. On this team were 65 missionaries from 20 different sending countries, the majority being from Asia. He learned as much about himself as he did about other cultures in this diverse team. We will explore the challenges, blessings and beauty of seeking to do missions in unity and diversity. 👥 🧠

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

Amy Young, Global Trellis

Kids' Center (Room 22)

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. 🗣️ 👥 🧠

Saturday 7:30 am - 4:30 pm

7:30 am Breakfast

8:00 am Exhibitor Tables Open

8:30 – 10:00 am Keynote Session #2

Your Kingdom Come: Aligning Our Member Care Mindset, Approaches and Tactics With God's Vision of an Ever-Expanding Kingdom

Dr. Sammy Wanyonyi, Shine in the World Ministries & Merge Twin Cities

Jesus left us the Great Commission that anticipates disciples from the whole world, and disciple-makers from and to the whole world. Member care models that are monocultural or mononational, rather than Kingdom-focused, result in missional drift. Our member care models need to be reoriented to Jesus and His mission on earth. We must pray for, anticipate and embrace the multidimensional missional loop as the evidence of the work of the Holy Spirit in our time.



10:00 – 10:30 am Break & Exhibitor Tables

10:30 – 11:30 am Workshops

The Spiritual Journey of Missionaries

Linda Gunderson, ReachGlobal



Rooms 12-15

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.  

Turning Supporting Churches Into Partnership Churches

Stefanie & Bryan Nicholson, Here 2 There Ministries




Splash (Rooms 1-3)

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. 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.  

Intercultural Teams: Everyone Everywhere

Panel Discussion



Atrium (Room 112)

A growing number of workers from non-majority culture backgrounds are being called to serve in missions. Both majority culture and non-majority culture workers are often prepared to serve cross-culturally but not prepared to co-labor with an intercultural mindset. This workshop will aim to focus on how we can prepare and support workers from culturally diverse backgrounds AND for culturally diverse environments. How do we, as senders, engage in learning and adapt our models in order to better support those we send from everywhere to everywhere?   

Missionary Families: Caring for parents and their kids

Heidi Tunberg, ReachGlobal




Rooms 113-114

God's call to missions affects the whole family. Missionary parents raise their kids in a cross-cultural setting, and under the spotlight that comes with vocational ministry. In this session, we will explore the impact of those factors on parents and missionary kids. We will consider some of the practical and emotional challenges that missionary families navigate as the children grow up and, eventually, leave home. We will also discuss ways that we, as people who care for these families, can offer help and encouragement at each stage of the journey.  

Member Care 101

Amy Young, Global Trellis

Kids' Center (Room 22)

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.   

11:30 am – 12:30 pm Lunch & Exhibitor Tables

12:30 – 1:30 pm Keynote Session #3

We Hear Them in Our Native Languages

Dr. Sammy Wanyonyi, Shine in the World Ministries & Merge Twin Cities

Holy Spirit-led member care takes competent communication with global cross-cultural workers seriously. The message calls us to an awareness and understanding of the Shame/Honor, Fear/Power, and Guilt/Innocence communication nuances and the enormous impact these cross-cultural nuances have on felt member care.




1:30 – 2:00 pm Break & Exhibitor Tables

2:00 – 3:00 pm Workshops

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

Patrick Repp, Relumine LLC



Kids' Center (Room 22)

The CRI is a proprietary 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 lead to insight and actions toward growth. This session will focus on 1) describing coaching as a means of processing experiences and supporting our global workers during times of crisis and challenge, 2) introducing the CRI as a valuable tool, 3) providing attendees with an experience in taking the instrument.   

Debriefing 101 and Benefits

Peggy Spiers, All Nations International



Splash (Rooms 1-3)

Debriefing is one tool the church can engage to help our cross-cultural workers thrive for the long haul. Come learn about what it means to help our 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.  

We Hear Them in Our Own Native Languages

Dr. Sammy Wanyonyi, Shine in the World Ministries



Atrium (Room 112)

In this workshop, we will continue the conversation on embracing Holy Spirit-led member care that is rooted in an understanding of the various cross-cultural nuances from Shame/Honor, Fear/Power and Guilt/Innocence communication playing fields, and how they intersect with God's Kingdom agenda of forming a new, redeemed humanity.  

Heart of Member Care

Geoff Whiteman, *Essentials for People Care and Development*

Rooms 113-114

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.  

3:00 – 3:15 pm Break & Exhibitor Tables





3:15 – 4:30 pm Keynote Session #4

Diversity Care With a Global Mindset

Dr. Mary Ho, *All Nations International*

In this global era, member care is diversity care! In essence, we are global citizens caring for a mosaic of God's people. To do diversity care well, each of us must actively cultivate a global mindset - intellectually, emotionally and socially. Let's explore the key competencies, attitudes, behaviors and knowledge needed to develop a global mindset. Then, we can care well for people, irrespective of their backgrounds.

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Relationships 	Spiritual Health 	Cutting Edge 	Member Care 101 
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