

# Workshop List

## NACCC Annual Meeting & Conference

### June 25-28, 2022

[as of April 4, 2022]

#### **Saturday, 8:00am-9:00am**

**Growing Common Bonds: Overcoming the Impact of Cultural Polarization on our Churches** [also presented Tuesday, 1:15pm]

**Presented by the Mission and Outreach Ministry Council**

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**Mission Stories that Reflect God's Call** [also presented Sunday, 3:15pm]

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Through the NACCC missions, we learn of Christ's actions in places both near and far. During this panel discussion you will hear updates from missionaries, how Covid impacted their ministry, and how they plan to move forward. There will also be information about how One Great Hour of Sharing funds have been used and upcoming mission projects.

#### **Saturday, 9:15am-10:15am**

**How to be a Reconciler** [also presented on Sunday, 4:30pm]

**Presented by the Mission and Outreach Ministry Council**

In this workshop we will be introduced to four practical steps everyone can take to engage reconciliation in our areas of influence. With 2nd Corinthians 5:14-20 providing a foundation, this interactive workshop will encourage, equip, and empower each of us to grow as ambassadors of reconciliation.

#### **Sunday, 2:00pm-3:00pm**

**Faith and Finance: but wait there's more...** [presented once]

**Presented by the Congregational Foundation**

Leaving a legacy gift to your church can be very rewarding. Join this workshop to consider the following questions: Is legacy giving appropriate for me? How does giving relate to my faith? Is a legacy gift easy to set up? Must I consult an attorney? And so much more! Discover the advantages of leaving a gift and the impact it could have on the future of your church.

**How Does Your Garden Grow?** [presented once]

**Presented by the Gahanna Community Congregational Church**

Churches know active ministries and connections with their community are vital but figuring out the best options to pursue can often be difficult. Our church recently started a community garden to help alleviate food insecurity. We have found important lessons and metaphors in that work for "planting" ministries of any kind as a church "rooted" in the community. Come join a conversation about ways we can all keep understanding our unique gifts, our communities' unique contexts, and God's leading to find our local churches' exciting places in God's Kingdom.

**Youth Resource Conversations** [presented once]

**Presented by the Growth Ministry Council**

Studies have shown that church youth participation has been declining across the board, but do we know why? Both youth and youth leaders will sit down together to present a roundtable discussion about how to be relevant to youth and how we in the NACCC can all work together for the future of our communities and our churches!

**Sunday, 3:15pm-4:15pm**

**The Post-Covid Church** [presented once]

**Presented by the Vitality Ministry Council**

Covid has set a lot of churches searching for new ways to gather their congregations back to “normal.” But what if instead of trying to recreate what once was, churches focused on creating something new altogether. Come and be inspired as we walk you through alternative ways to gather and build up your church. This workshop will help you take a serious inventory of the traditions that might be holding you back and to inspire and create new traditions to take into the future. God has given us a gift, not only to recalibrate ourselves in a post-Covid world but to redefine the church for generations to come.

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**Church-Related Colleges in Our Midst** [presented once]

**Presented by Piedmont University**

Colleges and universities with a church affiliation are often autonomous and as diverse and inclusive, if not more so, than non-affiliated schools. Learn more about well-known and lesser-known church-affiliated options for higher education around the country offering traditional programs, like business, education, and nursing, as a foundation for successful careers.

**Sunday, 4:30pm-5:30pm**

**Prepping Your Church for a Sabbatical** [presented once]

**Presented by the Vitality Ministry Council**

Are you a pastor starting to dream and plan for a sabbatical? Are you in church leadership wondering how to even begin writing a sabbatical policy or wondering how to “sell” the idea of sabbatical to the congregation? Sabbaticals are a part of a healthy relationship between pastor and congregation, and there are plenty of resources and best-practices to share around. This workshop will feature a panel discussion between clergy who have taken spiritually fruitful sabbaticals and laity to have found creative ways to foster unity in their congregation while the pastor has been away. Bring your questions!

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**General Financial Health for Youth** [presented once]

**Presented by the Growth Ministry Council**

Discussing debt management, like repaying student loans, opening, and maintaining bank accounts and credit card accounts; understanding simple/fixed interest vs. revolving debt/interest; and what types of retirement options are available and learning to save money.

**TUESDAY, 1:15-2:15PM**

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**TUESDAY, 2:45-3:45PM**

**Write On!** [presented once]

**Presented by the Growth Ministry Council**

Take some quiet time to write a devotional for the NACCC Advent or Lent Devotional booklet.