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RAPID SOCIAL
TRANSFORMATION
AND THE GOSPEL

One Event
Two Conferences

MISSION LEADERS
CONFERENCE *and*
CHURCH MISSION
LEADERS CONFERENCE

6 KEYNOTE SPEAKERS, 13 WORKSHOP TRACKS, 70+ BREAKOUT SESSIONS, AND 1,000+ MISSION LEADERS

OUR MISSION

Catalyzing relationships, ideas, and
collaboration within the Great
Commission community.



About Missio Nexus

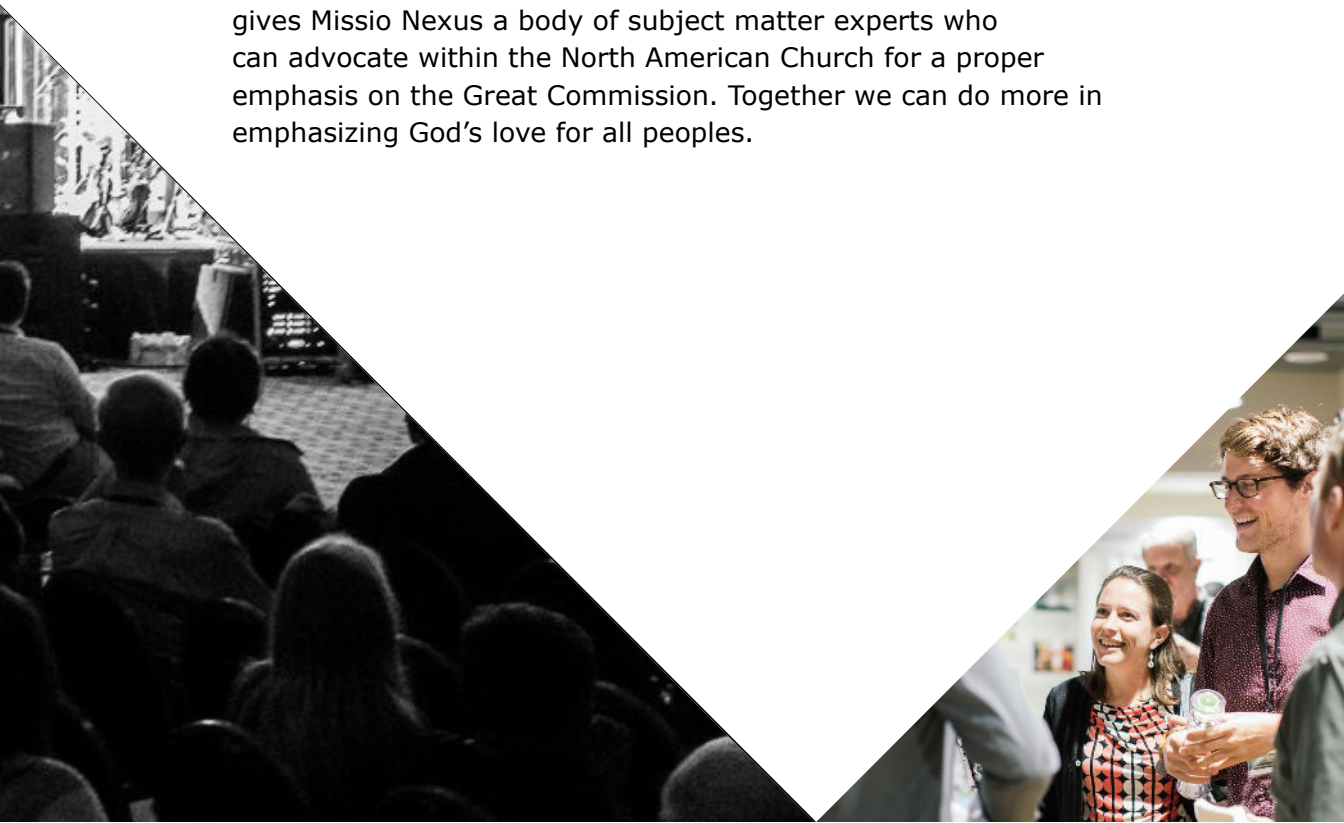
OUR VISION AND CONTRIBUTION

We are an association of Great Commission churches and organizations in North America that focuses on the global Great Commission. We represent over 53,000 mission staff and workers around the globe. We desire that each member learn, meet, and engage with others who are working toward a similar goal.

Each member of Missio Nexus has something to offer to others. Together, we know much more than we do alone. Missio Nexus is a catalyst for broadly and generously sharing ideas about the Great Commission.

Through Missio Nexus you will be exposed to new ideas, out-of-the-box thought leaders, and unique solutions faced by others pursuing the Great Commission.

The gathering of mission focused churches and organizations gives Missio Nexus a body of subject matter experts who can advocate within the North American Church for a proper emphasis on the Great Commission. Together we can do more in emphasizing God's love for all peoples.



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MISSION LEADERS CONFERENCE *and*
CHURCH MISSION LEADERS CONFERENCE

BOTH CONFERENCES SHARE KEYNOTES, EXHIBIT HALL,
WORKSHOPS, AND NETWORKING SESSIONS

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MISSION LEADERS CONFERENCE

The **Mission Leaders Conference** primarily focuses on the needs of *missions agency leadership*. The target audience for this conference is **missions organization leadership and staff**. In addition to plenary sessions and networking events, workshops are offered in nine focused tracks. Find a list of these tracks on page 16.

CHURCH MISSION LEADERS CONFERENCE

The **Church Mission Leaders Conference** is focused on the needs of *church missions leadership*. The target audience is **mission pastors and primary leaders in a local church for global missions**. Two workshop tracks presented by this conference can be found on page 24.

WHY TWO CONFERENCES?

When you register for SHIFT 2023, either conference's general admission provides full access to all keynotes, sessions, workshops, networking events, included meals, and exhibit hall. The benefit of specifying your conference is that your unique name badge will highlight your affiliation with an agency/organization or with a church/ministry and aid in networking with others.

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Learn, Meet, Engage!

ALL THE WAYS TO
EXPERIENCE SHIFT

4 FEATURE KEYNOTES

on topics related to our theme

13 WORKSHOP TRACKS

for your roles and interests

70 BREAKOUT SESSIONS

to offer learning experiences

1,000+ LEADERS

to meet and engage with

PRE-CONFERENCE SESSIONS*

for additional learning options

LUNCH AND DINNERS

included in general admission

NETWORKING COFFEES

for connecting with peers

NETWORKING MEALS*

for various roles and interests

TABLE DISCUSSIONS

focused on specific issues

EVENING RECEPTIONS

for gaining new perspectives

NETWORKING FORUMS

for special group experiences

NEW BOOKSTORE

to equip you and your ministry

50+ EXHIBITORS

offering products and services

ALL RECORDINGS

available after the conference

HANDOUTS & SLIDES

made available by presenters

**Requires an additional fee*



Our Theme

RAPID SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION AND THE GOSPEL

How do we fulfill the Great Commission when there are so many cultural shifts around us?

We live in a time where Sunday continues to be more segregated than we want. Even though our corporations and companies are more diverse and multi-cultural than they have ever been. We live in a time where the cultural ethic is more like Rome than Mayberry. Instead of starting your career in one company and ending it in another, we live in a time where you are born in one country and die in another. We live in a time where the church is no longer seen as the anchor of society but finds itself tossed on the waves of the sea of stormy cultural change unsure of its own future.

These are many of the rapid social changes we're facing and will focus on at the 2023 Mission Leaders Conference!

Topics we'll cover:

- Race
- The destruction caused by the sexual revolution
- Immigration and diaspora ministry
- Artificial intelligence
- Depopulation
- Shifting human identity and trans-humanism
- Reemerging unreached people groups
- The end of globalization
- A church in a culture of identity crisis

Network with Other Church Leaders

CONNECT WITH THOSE COMMITTED TO FULFILLING THE FINAL COMMAND OF JESUS

This annual event is the largest gathering of North American church mission leaders and mission organization leaders. Our annual attendance is around one thousand people. It is the best place to catalyze relationships with other pastors and mission leaders who are working toward the goal of telling the world about the gospel. You will meet others and get insight from those who are presently engaged in sharing the message of Jesus around the world.

One of the primary benefits of this event is networking with others. You'll get exposed to new ideas, out-of-the-box thought leaders, and the unique solutions faced by others. When you attend the Church Mission Leaders Conference you will be able to connect and engage with other mission-focused churches and organizations to equip your church to engage globally.

NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

NETWORKING COFFEE TIMES Meet colleagues and make new connections with other mission pastors and leaders.

NETWORKING MEALS Get to know other's triumphs and challenges around a table of food and share ideas to enhance your ministry.

TABLE DISCUSSION GROUPS Connect over dinner while conversing on specific issues relevant to your role or focus.

NETWORKING FORUMS Address current challenges, new ideas, and potential strategies during these special group experiences.

EVENING RECEPTIONS Gain new perspectives from other ministry staff, missionaries, and workers engaged in the global focus of evangelism, discipleship, and church planting.



14 Reasons to Attend in 2023

PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL BENEFITS OF ATTENDING THIS EVENT

CAPTURE A VISION FOR GOD'S GLOBAL MISSION

LEARN FROM CURRENT THOUGHT LEADERS

MEET CHURCH AND ORGANIZATION LEADERS

ENGAGE IN THE GLOBAL MISSIONS COMMUNITY

UNLEASH YOUR POTENTIAL AS A MISSION LEADER

CATALYZE RELATIONSHIPS WITH PEERS/COLLEAGUES

EXPLORE INNOVATIVE IDEAS AND NEW SYSTEMS

SHARE IDEAS WITH OTHER THOUGHT LEADERS

DISCOVER MENTORS TO GAIN TRUSTED GUIDANCE

CONNECT WITH THOSE WHO ARE WORKING TOWARD SIMILAR GOALS

NETWORK WITH MISSION FOCUSED CHURCHES AND ORGANIZATIONS

MOBILIZE YOUR TEAM TO PARTNER WITH OTHERS

OPTIMIZE YOUR MINISTRY TO BE MISSION-MINDED

FIND NEW RESOURCES AND SERVICES FOR YOUR ORGANIZATION

All Under One Roof

LODGING, DINING, AND CONFERENCE VENUE

This year, our premier event is being hosted at Caribe Royale in beautiful Orlando, Florida. Located conveniently close to a major highway and throughway, Caribe Royale brings you within minutes of all the attractions and entertainment that make Orlando an exciting destination.

Included with your registration are three meals: Wednesday dinner, Thursday lunch, and Thursday dinner. For breakfast and other meals, Caribe Royale has 7 restaurants and cafés, and in-room dining to choose from. Coffee, snacks, and refreshments will be provided throughout the event and will be served in the Exhibit Hall – including dessert and coffee after the keynotes on Wednesday and Thursday evenings!



Accommodations

GET A DISCOUNTED STAY AT CARIBE ROYALE

Lodging is not included with conference registration, but we have secured a limited number of rooms at Caribe Royale at a discounted rate for conference attendees. You are responsible to book and pay for your own hotel room. This can be done through your registration confirmation page or by visiting the “Venue” page on the event website (MissioNexus.org/shift). You can also call toll free at 1-800-823-8300 to book. Be sure to mention you are attending the Missio Nexus conference to get the group rate.

Spacious, modern one-bedroom suites are available with king or double queen beds and separate living room. Private two-bedroom villas offer a master bedroom with king bed and ensuite bath, double queen guest room with adjacent full bath, separate living room, full kitchen, dining room, washer & dryer, and furnished screened patio.

Amenities and services include: complimentary Wi-Fi, in-room safe, refrigerator, coffee maker, fitness center, tropical outdoor swimming pool, full service health spa, FedEx Office, and more.



Pre-Conferences

ARRIVE EARLY FOR THESE ADD-ON SESSIONS

As an added benefit to this event, additional learning opportunities are provided before the event. These workshop sessions are provided for various roles and interests. Add any of these to your registration to profit from these seminars.

7 KEYS TO MISSION TRIPS This 2-part seminar introduces you to the standards of excellence in short-term missions.

MARRIAGE, SINGLENESS & SEXUALITY Understand the rapidly shifting cultural trends, issues, and challenges of sexuality.

CFO ROUNDTABLE For experienced financial leaders to answer mission-critical issues and overcome your next challenge.

CIO ROUNDTABLE For technology leaders to identify the latest technologies and discuss challenges facing mission organizations.

FINANCIAL BOOTCAMP Address deputized fundraising, grants, foreign earned income, missionary benefits, policies, and more.

FUNDAMENTALS OF DEVELOPMENT WORK Build a strategic, sustainable, and relational development program.

INTERCULTURAL COMMUNICATION Consider the role of implicit bias in human interactions and principles for various contexts.

PUBLIC RELATIONS Navigate through the complex media environment with greater success in this bootcamp session.

SMARTPHONE VIDEOS Equip your team to navigate this fast-paced media-hungry world using the smartphone in their pocket.

6 PHASES OF SABBATICAL Learn best practices that lead to effective recovery and upward momentum for a sabbatical.

AI APPLIED TO MISSIONS Get insights to use new technologies and explore implications on strategies and operations in missions.

Additional fees apply. For more details, visit MissionNexus.org/shift





Expert-Led Workshops

LEARN WHAT YOU CAN'T
LEARN ANYWHERE ELSE

FOR A FULL AGENDA OUTLINING ALL WORKSHOP SESSIONS, SEMINARS,
AND PANELS, PLEASE VISIT [MISSIONEXUS.ORG/SHIFT](https://missionexus.org/shift)



From executive leadership, development, and global strategies, to people care, mobilization, and training, there is a workshop track for everyone. Choose to participate in a track based on your role, position, or interest – or jump between tracks. In each track you will find a varied selection of timely topics taught by qualified experts.

Our distinct and engaging workshop tracks will help you:

- Learn new skills and grow as you network with peers.
- Meet other mission leaders and rub shoulders with colleagues.
- Engage with other attendees to catalyze new and lasting partnerships.
- Discover new resources and services to equip your team and organization.



Mission Leaders Conference



COMMUNICATIONS

Marketing and Communications Professionals

NEW Enhance your skills to boost your communication strategies, storytelling, branding, and general messaging.

- Mindset of a Storyteller
- Thought Leadership for Servant Leaders
- Bring People into Your Journey
- Platform Growth Through Publishing
- Secret Tips to Make Stress-Free Videos



DEVELOPMENT

Fundraising Professionals and Executives

Provide wisdom and guidance in the area of fundraising and partnership development among churches and mission organizations.

- CEOs in Fundraising
- Shifting Your Support Model
- How AI Is Transforming Fundraising
- Stewarding Foundation Funds
- The Tale of Two Roles

Mission Leaders

SHARING IDEAS IN THE GREAT COMMISSION COMMUNITY

The **Mission Leaders Conference** is a meeting place for mission agency leadership and staff to get exposed to new ideas. Through expert-led workshops, these engaging sessions provide an opportunity to learn from and connect with others engaged in the task of the global Great Commission. From management and ministry leaders to organization staff and field workers, there is something for everyone.

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ETHNIC INCLUSION

Senior Management, Ministry
Coordinators, and Church Staff

NEW Engage in conversation leading to implementation and strengthening of ethnic inclusion and diversity.

- Race and Mission
- Multiethnic Communities and Missions



EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP

CEOs, Executives, and
Senior Management

Inspire your team, lead with vision, and discover strategies and models to launch organization transformation.

- What If the Workers Were Plenty?
- Q&A with Brian Fikkert
- Is the Boat Still Rocking?
- Q&A with Ed Stetzer
- Moving Towards Sexual Wholeness



PRE-CONFERENCE

Mission Leaders and Practitioners

As an added benefit to the Mission Leaders conference, we are providing additional learning opportunities before the event to those who want to make the most of their time. These workshop sessions are provided for various roles and interests. Add any of these to your registration to profit from these seminars.

For more details, see page 14



FINANCE ADMINISTRATION AND LEGAL

CFOs and Financial Leadership

Advance your knowledge and ability to meet ever-changing strategic and financial issues affecting your organization.

- Results of Finance and Admin Survey
- Implementing Internal Audits
- The Tale of Two Roles
- What Every CEO Needs from Their CFO
- Recent Developments from Capitol Hill



GLOBAL STRATEGIES

Mission Leaders and Practitioners

Enhance your effectiveness in cross-cultural ministry with strategies, key lessons, and updates on latest trends.

- Shifting Powers (Russia, China, etc)
- Shifting Strategies (Transnationals)
- Shifting People (Diaspora and UPGs)
- Response to Afghan Refugee Crisis
- Urban Shift in a Networked World

INDUSTRY-SPECIFIC

Ministry Leaders,
Missionaries, and Pastors

Presented by experts in a number of relevant fields, these specialized workshop topics will be helpful for organization staff, ministry leaders, and field workers:

- Deputized Fundraising and Donations
- Mobilizing and Equipping Non-Western Missionaries
- Plus, more to be added!



HUMAN RESOURCES

Human Resource
Professionals

Support and lead well when recruiting, hiring, onboarding, training, and developing personnel.

- Trauma-Informed HR
- Conflict for Transformation
- Trends: Quiet Quitting and Quiet Hiring
- Richness of Unity & Poverty of Uniformity
- Diversity: Needed or Dangerous?



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Technology Leaders and
Senior Management

Use technology to create solutions for churches and organizations in the Great Commission community.

- Making the Most of the People You Lead
- Ideal Suite of Core Systems
- Wrangling Technology Costs
- Drive Your Ministry with Technology
- Managing and Empowering Change



LEADERSHIP MEALS

Ministry Leaders,
Missionaries, and Pastors

Get to know each other's triumphs and challenges around a table of food or over a cup of coffee.

- CEO Networking Luncheon*
- Church Mission Leader Luncheon*
- Women in Leadership Breakfast**

* *Pre-registration required*

** *Additional fees apply*



MOBILIZATION

Mobilizers and Ministry
Leaders

Focus on growing the great commission workforce and encouraging the next generation of global workers.

- Unleash the Dreamers (Reaching Gen Z)
- Marketing Tools for Mobilizing People
- Go Digital to Mobilize the Next Generation
- Raising up Marketplace Workers
- Mobilizing for Multi-Cultural Teams



PEOPLE CARE AND DEVELOPMENT

Member Care Professionals
and Personnel

Promote healthy organizations which enhance healthy relationships in member's personal, corporate, and spiritual lives.

- Results of 2023 Needs Assessment
- Trauma-Informed Staff Care
- Navigating Sexuality Topics
- Developing a Member Care Team
- Help Women Thrive in Ministry



SHORT-TERM MISSIONS

**Mission Trip Leaders and
Mission Pastors**

Gain insight and training to do short-term missions with excellence – whether sending, going, or receiving.

- 7 Keys to Mission Trips that Honor God
- Understanding the Gender Issue
- Reaching Diaspora Groups with STM
- Shifts in Short-Term Missions
- Race, Ethnicity, and Culture in STM



TRAINING

**Ministry Leaders
and Trainers**

Build a skilled and qualified missionary task force with proper missionary orientation, development, and oversight.

- Developing Online Training Courses
- Serving in High-Trauma Environments
- Preparing for Conflict Resolution
- Retention: Reduce Premature Turnover
- Language Learning in the 21st Century



Church Mission Leaders Conference



LOCAL CHURCH MISSIONS ESSENTIALS

Local Church Leaders and
Mission Pastors

Get your pastor on board with missions and raise up the next generation to hear God calling them to serve globally.

- Igniting This Generation
- Partnering with Non-Evangelistic Orgs
- Impactful Global Collaboration Strategy
- Ministering Among Refugees



LOCAL CHURCH MISSIONS ADVANCED

Local Church Leaders and
Mission Pastors

Equip your missions team to set goals, address cultural issues, and responsibly manage complex situations on the field.

- Partnerships: Helping Without Hurting
- Gen Z: Mentoring Future Workers
- Being a Sending Church
- How to Share Dangerous Stories
- Church-Based Recruitment and Sending

Church Mission Leaders

EQUIPPING AN EMERGING ROLE IN THE CHURCH

Over the past few decades, a new role in the church has been formed: the *missions pastor*. Many churches have appointed a staff person to lead this effort. Churches have created teams, goals, and given these new leaders specific responsibility to lead missions in the local church.

The **Church Mission Leaders Conference** is designed to help church missions leadership be more effective. Whether your title is pastor, deacon, ministry leader, staff, or volunteer, this conference is for you. As a church mission leader you will hear how others are solving similar problems to those you face. You can learn from others with similar goals and connect with the many missionary agencies that are active in the global Great Commission. Plus, hear about best practices, strategy development, and be inspired by other leaders.

Because this conference is co-located with the Mission Leaders Conference, you also have access to the largest gathering of mission agency leaders and influencers.

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Featured Speakers

KEYNOTE PRESENTERS AND PANELISTS



MICHELE OKIMURA

Releasing Generations

Loves to strengthen families, to equip adults, and to raise up the next generation as passionate lovers of Jesus.



SAM GEORGE

Wheaton College Billy Graham Center

Director of Global Diaspora Institute and serves as the Global Catalyst of the Lausanne Movement.



WAYDE GOODALL

Worldwide Integrity Inc.

For approximately ten years he has ministered internationally to missionaries and Christian leaders.



JAMES MCGEE III

The Impact Movement, Inc.

Focuses on reaching and equipping Black university students to become disciples of Jesus.



ED STETZER

Biola University

Dean of Talbot School of Theology,
Scholar in Residence at Mariners Church,
and Regional Director for Lausanne.



GLENN STANTON

Focus on the Family

Debates and lectures extensively on the
issues of gender, sexuality, marriage
and parenting around the world.



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