

Workshops – 2018 NPD Conference

8:30 Workshops:

A. Introducing Pure Desire Ministries: A Ministry Helping Pastors and Churches with Sexual Purity

– by Nick Stumbo, Executive Director & Rich Moore, Int. Men's Group Coordinator

*It is no secret that pastors often deal with sexual sin issues in their ministries as well as struggle with them themselves. **Barna Research, in the Porn Phenomenon, reveals that only 7% of churches have any kind of plan or ministry to help men and women live pure lives.** Pure Desire Ministries exists to help the church address the unspoken truth of sexual addiction within society and the church community. This workshop will introduce you to the full complement of resource materials, treatment options, partnership opportunities and conference presentations available to you. **Come and discover how your church can be part of the solution with tangible, actionable answers. This workshop is open to all men AND women.***

B. Church Security: Addressing Today's Realities

– by Mike Fisher, Church Mutual Insurance Regional Representative and John Aunan, Church Mutual Insurance Risk Control Consultant

Violence is a growing problem in our society. Recent events have reminded us that churches are not exempt. What steps can a church take to protect those who worship there? This workshop will provide you with helpful resources and ideas for any size church. Emphasis will be on security and emergency preparedness.

C. Pastoral Credentialing in the EFCA

– by Jeff Higbie, Pastor of Faith Evangelical Church, Underwood & Scott Sheets, Senior Pastor of Riverside EFC, Mayville members of the NPD District Board of Ministerial Standing

Pastoral credentialing in the EFCA can seem rather complex for someone who is just getting started. This workshop will familiarize you with the process, the requirements, and the resources that are available to help you become credentialed in the EFCA.

D. Healthy and Productive Church Boards: A Blessing to the Church and those Who Serve Them

– by Dr. Daryl Thompson, NPD Superintendent & Ken Kompelien, Church Chairman, Faith Church, Wahpeton

Church boards represent the highest level of church service and leadership. Healthy and productive boards bless both the church and those who serve on them. However, this is not always the case. This workshop will provide some practical insights and recommendations that can help any church board be a delight rather than a dread.

E. Ministering to Children and Their Families

– by Gary Siefers, Senior Associate Pastor and Pastor of Children's Ministries at Bethel Church, Fargo

This workshop focuses on essential perspectives for pastors, staff and key volunteers to have if they want to effectively reach the next generation for Christ. The principles discussed will be applicable for pastors and ministry leaders in churches large and small.

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H. How to Structure a Church Pay Package and Become (Clergy) Tax Savvy

– by Ric Stanghelle, President of FCMM Benefits & Retirement

As the new president of FCMM, Ric is both a seasoned pastor and a knowledgeable professional in the area of pastoral compensation and taxes. This workshop will help you to make the most of the monies your church is able to designate for the support of its pastor and family.

I. The Globalization of Missions and Its Implications for US Local Churches

– by Michael & Emilie Gibbons, NPD Reach Global Missionaries in France

The world is rapidly changing technologically, sociologically and demographically. What affect is this having on missions in the 21st century? This workshop will help you to better understand these changes and how your local church can respond to them wisely to advance God’s kingdom.

J. Discipling Gen Z: How to Understand, Engage, and Empower Today’s Teens

– by Steven Dunkel, NPD Student Ministry Mobilizer & Pastor of Student Ministries, Bethel Church, Fargo, & Sarah Dunkel, Director of Student Ministries, Bethel Church, Fargo

Gen Z (born between 1999 and 2015) grew up with technology at their fingertips—the smartphone was invented before most of them were even born. They are the most atheistic generation in our nation’s history, but the future of our churches rests on their shoulders. This workshop will provide a sociological framework for understanding Gen Z and discipling strategies for engaging and empowering today’s teens.