

# Develop Leaders

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## NWC 2017 Annual Meeting in Maple Grove to Focus on theme 'Develop Leaders'

By Mark R. Stromberg, Superintendent

The 2017 Northwest Conference Annual Meeting will be held at Maple Grove Covenant Church in Maple Grove, MN, on April 27-29, 2017. The theme for the upcoming meeting is "Develop Leaders." Over the past five years, the NWC has sought to highlight the Mission Priorities as articulated by the broader Evangelical Covenant Church. This year's theme is especially relevant to the work of the Conference as our stated regional Mission is *to engage, empower, and equip healthy missional leaders, as we believe that this is an essential component in growing healthy missional churches.*

The reality is this and we know it to be true ... *So much rises and falls on godly and effective leadership within the Church.* And while Christ is the Head, those charged with the responsibility of leading God's people are entrusted as stewards in the carrying out of God's intention that all come to know the Good News of Jesus Christ.

This stewardship-trust has not only been given to "pastor-types," but, in very significant ways, to those serving in volunteer roles in the local church and beyond. As such, we are pleased to be able to highlight this leadership priority at

our upcoming meetings in April.

The Ministerial Association Annual Meeting (for pastors) will take place April 27-28. Then, the Northwest Conference Annual Meeting (for church delegates, lay leaders, pastors and others) will follow on April 28-29.

At both the Ministerial Association and Northwest Conference Annual Meetings, participants will have opportunities to select specific workshops to attend that will provide different perspectives on leading within the Church. Some of these workshops will be geared specifically for pastors and ministry staff members, ➔



↳ while others will be focused more heavily on lay leadership. Visit [northwestconference.org](http://northwestconference.org) for a complete list of workshop options.

We are also pleased that the Rev. Dennis Edwards, Senior Pastor of The Sanctuary Covenant Church in Minneapolis, will be the preacher at the Ministerial Association Communion Service on Thursday evening.

On Friday evening, Marcy Baumann, Eagan Campus Pastor for Crossroads Church, will be the one preaching from God's Word. At that service, there will also be an opportunity to receive an offering to support Solid Rock School of Discipleship at Lake Beauty Bible Camp as it seeks to train a new generation of leaders. Please plan to help Solid Rock by giving generously!

I invite you to mark your calendars and begin considering who from your church should attend this year's meeting. Registration details and more information are available online, and have been delivered to each NWC church. Come, learn, and be both challenged and encouraged!



## Edrin Williams to speak at MOVE 2017, March 31 to April 1 in Minneapolis

*By Ginny Olson, Director of Youth Ministry*

On March 31-April 1, high school students and youth ministry leaders from throughout the Northwest Conference will converge on Minnehaha Academy in Minneapolis for MOVE 2017.

MOVE is a two-day urban retreat that focuses on Christ's call to compassion, mercy and justice. Designed for high school students by Northwest Conference youth pastors, the weekend is packed with worship sessions, serving opportunities with ministries and community organizations, experiential learning and fun.

This year's keynote speaker is Edrin Williams, Associate Pastor at The Sanctuary Covenant Church in Minneapolis, and a popular speaker for youth and young adult audiences around the country.

**Cost:** \$30 for students and \$20 for adult leaders.



**Edrin Williams**  
MOVE 2017  
Speaker



## NWC building leadership capacity through Affinity Groups

*By Mike Brown, Director of Church Planting*

The positioning statement of the Northwest Conference is **"Developing leaders. Thriving churches."** We've come to understand that the Church of Jesus Christ can only grow, both in numbers and spiritual maturity, as leadership capacity is developed.

So we've made a commitment to focus our efforts on developing leaders, both by identifying more leaders and helping those identified receive the necessary experiences and the right tools that will allow them to be fruitful, God-honoring leaders in their local congregations. We are convinced that leadership reproduction is not accidental but must be the result of intentional actions.

We want to help our churches identify, train and develop leaders in key ministry areas within the local church. One of our key discoveries as Conference staff has been that we can bring people together and resource them well through the convening of Affinity Groups.

These Affinity Groups provide a way to bring together those who are called to the same roles and provide them with new tools to live

into their respective calls. We find that God brings a lot of knowledge into these gatherings as we learn from one another, support and encourage each other, and pray together.

Currently, the Northwest Conference has several groups meeting for peer mentoring, resourcing and coaching. Throughout the year we have groups of church planters, youth pastors, children & family ministry staff, vitality pastors, church finance people, retired clergy, spiritual directors, female clergy, chaplains, camp directors and others that we are able to bring together. We hope to begin a worship leaders connection group in the near future.

With an active focus on leadership development we are seeing churches that are growing and developing robust disciple-making capacity. We desire to see leaders exposed to new resources and ideas. Our hope is that through the Affinity Groups the participants will develop strong networks with like-minded leaders in their ministry areas, so they are able to fulfill the call of God on their lives. We believe that well-equipped leaders

will equip and train other leaders in the local church.

Our heartfelt desire is to pour into, support and encourage those God has called to lead in various capacities in the local church. In Ephesians 4:12, Paul tells us that God placed leaders in the Church, "to equip His people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ."

The specific role of leaders in the local church is to equip and resource others to discover what God is calling them to do. We want to be a catalyst that allows this to happen. If you are a ministry leader in one of these areas, or you have ministry leaders in your church who would benefit from one of these gatherings, we want to encourage you to contact the Northwest Conference office or check out our website for more information about these opportunities to connect.





## Awaken Covenant Church to plant ‘network church’ this summer, Lighthouse Covenant Church meeting weekly

By Mike Brown, Director of Church Planting

Pastor Dan Lukas is currently serving as Church Planter in Residence at Awaken Covenant Church in St. Paul. The desire is to send Dan out in June to do a “network church plant.” This would mean that the church would be an Awaken network church, but not a satellite campus.

This new development is representative of a growing movement we are seeing across the country—and in the Evangelical Covenant Church—in Church Planting. The independent network church plant would share some resources, be

directly supported by, and have shared DNA with Awaken.

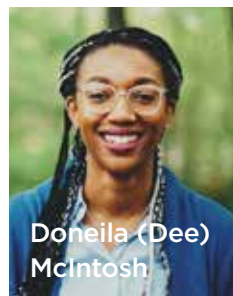
Please pray for Pastor Lukas, his family and Awaken Covenant Church as they prepare to birth this new church over the next few months.

### Lighthouse Covenant Church

Our newest church plant, Lighthouse Covenant Church, is now worshipping at Olson Middle School in North Minneapolis. Lead Pastor Doneila (Dee) McIntosh explained Lighthouse is a

diverse group of people all gathering around this vision: “Lighthouse seeks to be a multiplying movement that shares the love of God, cultivates followers of Christ and transforms our communities.”

Please continue to pray for Pastor Dee and Lighthouse Covenant Church. Visit [lighthousempls.org](http://lighthousempls.org) for more info.



Doneila (Dee) McIntosh



## Renew Covenant Church brings new life to historic church building in Eau Claire

By Jessa Anderson, Administrative Coordinator

Jamie Staples, pastor of Renew Covenant Church, moved to Eau Claire, WI, almost 2 years ago to plant a church. After 10 years of serving in Red Wing, MN, Jamie and his wife Emily sensed God was leading them to make a change.

After much prayer and seeking God—and with the encouragement of Lead Pastor Remy Diederich of Cedarbrook Church in Menomonie, WI—they began the process of planting in Eau Claire. At first, the church met in various places such as a middle school, a hotel conference room, and a park for the summer—until they were finally able to lease a storefront.

The storefront was small, and they were able to remodel parts of it to accommodate the close to 40 people who were attending. But church leaders knew it wasn’t ideal and were constantly searching for other locations.

“The storefront location gave Renew an opportunity to find its identity and grow,” Staples said. “But it just simply wasn’t big enough for the future.”

After a year of continuing to search for alternate locations for the growing church plant, Staples

began to feel defeated.

“I started emailing churches in the area that I knew were struggling to ask about renting space in their church building,” Staples explained.

After contacting First Baptist Church of Eau Claire, a 100-year-old local congregation that had been reduced to about 39 members, he found new hope.

“I talked to the pastor about potentially using their space,” Staples said. “He responded by saying that they were actually taking a vote that Sunday to sell the church.”

### 10 Times More Space

Many conversations later, and after much prayer, an agreement was made in August to sell the church to Renew Covenant for a sale price of \$180,000.

“We went from a 2,500-square-foot space to a 25,000-square-foot church with a parsonage. It was a blessing we never could have expected,” Staples said.

After a 5-week renovation, Renew moved into its new location and started services in the new sanctuary in December. The

church, originally built in 1912 and rebuilt after a fire in 1935, now mixes the old history of First Baptist Church with the new modern style of Renew Covenant.

The vision of Renew is to lead people to be fully devoted followers of Jesus. The hope is to connect people to Jesus, engage in deeper relationships, and renew the community. The blessing of the new location has opened up many new and exciting opportunities for Renew to pursue its mission in a deeper and more intentional way. The location of the church is on the campus of the University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire.

“There are endless possibilities for ministry here,” Staples said.

Renew Covenant will be continuing a Thursday night free meal ministry to college students that was established by First Baptist. The NWC church plant continues to see growth, celebrating its new location with 185 people attending a recent New Year’s service.

“We want to be a healthy and passionate church,” Staples said. “That is what the people of this city need.”





## WM Renewal Conference 2017 to feature keynote Marnie Swedberg

By Rachel Kleinschmidt, Consultant for Women Ministries of the Northwest Conference

The Women Ministries of the Northwest Conference annual spring Renewal Conference is coming up soon! This year's Renewal will be held Friday, March 17, to Saturday, March 18, at the Evangelical Covenant Church of New London in New London, MN.

Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, and the conference closes at 4 p.m. on Saturday. Cost for the conference is \$40 for the whole event (\$20 for Friday only or \$30 for Saturday only). Accommodations are available at several local hotels.

The Renewal Conference 2017 theme is "Shine," based on Isaiah 60:1: "Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you."

There will be keynote and breakout sessions based on Shine in a variety of topics, including healthy lifestyle, spiritual gifts, prayer, making time for Jesus, finances, depression, and your relationship with God. Online mentor and

author of 13 how-to books, Marnie Swedberg, will be the keynote speaker and lead several large group and breakout sessions.

By bringing new baby items to the Renewal Conference, you can help make a difference for the Hope Pregnancy Center in Willmar, MN, through this year's hands-on project. For a full listing of items to be collected, visit [wmnwc.org/renewal-conference-hands-on-project](http://wmnwc.org/renewal-conference-hands-on-project).

At the 2017 event, there will also be several opportunities to get involved and updated on AVA (Advocacy for Victims of Abuse), a ministry of Women Ministries of the Evangelical Covenant Church. For those interested in becoming an AVA coordinator, there will be a training held at New London Covenant from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, March 17. The application process must be completed by March 1 to take part in this training. Contact Amy Deike, our AVA Conference Coordinator at

[amdeike@gmail.com](mailto:amdeike@gmail.com) for an application or with questions.

There will also be a meeting for previously trained AVA Coordinators at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, March 17. Whether you are active in ministry or feeling stalled, attend this session to reconnect, get new ideas and share your ideas with fellow AVA Coordinators. RSVP to [amdeike@gmail.com](mailto:amdeike@gmail.com) for this meeting.

Finally, plans are in the works for a mission trip to Sweden in August 2017 for the women of the Northwest Conference. Preliminary information is available online ([wmnwc.org/renewal-2017](http://wmnwc.org/renewal-2017)).

If you would like to attend the Renewal Conference, contact your church's Women Ministries leader or visit [wmnwc.org/renewal-2017](http://wmnwc.org/renewal-2017) to register online. We invite all women of the Northwest Conference to be refreshed, be renewed and be transformed at Renewal 2017.



## Minnehaha Academy developing plans to address Christian faith formation

By Donna Harris, President of Minnehaha Academy

The purpose of Minnehaha Academy—as stated in Article 1 of its 1905 incorporation documents—was to *"furnish young men and women with the essential elements of a liberal education, and to foster the development of character under the personal influence of Christian teachers."* More than a century later, MA continues to be faithful to its original mission.

The School's Philosophy of Education, updated in 2013, declares: *"We seek to lead students to commit their lives to Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. We challenge ourselves and our students toward excellence, a deepening Christian faith, and a commitment to service. We seek to inspire and help every student to follow God's will and design in all aspects of life."*

Regularly, we see the fruit of MA's adherence to its founding mission and Christian faith formation through the testimonies of faith of current and former students. However, we recognize that it is also important to engage in

ongoing assessment of faith formation using qualitative and quantitative methodologies—just as we do with our academic programs—to answer questions such as:

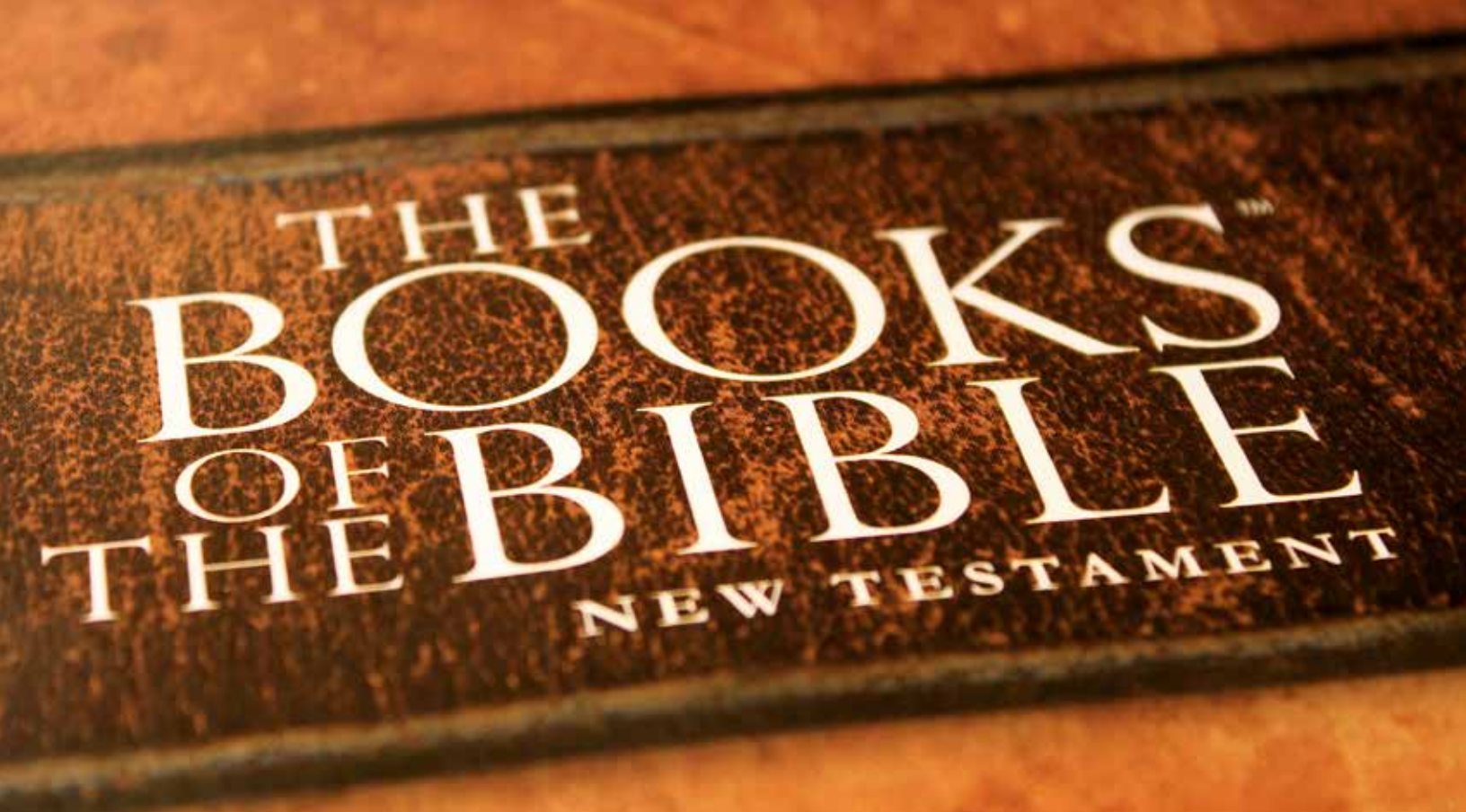
1. What are the faith formation practices to be affirmed?
2. How do we want/need to grow with regard to faith formation?
3. Are there benchmarks with regard to spiritual formation within a Christian school setting?

To that end, MA entered a consulting relationship with The Arbor Research Group last spring, made possible by a generous gift to support faith formation at MA. Results of the study involving faculty, staff, students, parents and trustees affirmed MA's clear Christian distinctive, the positive and life changing experience at MA, the Christian model of faith by devoted faculty, and the safe space for students to express doubt and ask questions.

Arbor recommended that MA operationally define faith formation, develop a fresh faith formation scope and sequence, assess and strengthen the role of chapel in faith formation, consider the role of a faith formation advocate at MA, and conduct ongoing faculty development in faith formation to facilitate spiritual curiosity. MA is currently in the early stages of the challenging, but exciting, work of developing comprehensive plans to address Arbor's recommendations.

We are blessed to have the support and input of the Northwest Conference team, including Superintendent and MA Board of Trustees member, the Rev. Mark Stromberg, Chair of the NWC Executive Board and MA Board of Trustees member, Jim Volling, NWC Director of Youth Ministry, Ginny Olson, and NWC Director of Children & Family Ministry, Kara Stromberg, in this very important work. Please join us in praying for outcomes that continue to honor the legacy of God's school.





# Community Bible Experience in the NWC

By Jessa Anderson, Administrative Coordinator

Many Northwest Conference churches participated in the Evangelical Covenant Church’s Community Bible Experience this past year. In an effort to deepen Covenant disciples, CBE is a 40-day discipleship opportunity to dive deeper into the Word of God, which was launched in the fall of 2016 by the ECC Make and Deepen Disciples team.

CBE is not just about reading the Bible, but rather a way to encourage us to engage in the Bible in a fresh way. “It’s less like a reference book and more like a story; less like a Bible study and more like a book club,” according to promo materials.

The study comes with a Bible “unlike any other,” a 40-day reading plan, discussion questions, and

many resources in the form of videos and promotional materials, making it accessible to all ages and all churches.

## NWC Success Stories

Kendall Churchill, pastor of Calvary Covenant Church in Evansville, MN, led his church in the study this past fall. After being called to the church a year ago, Churchill saw the need for his congregation to make Bible literacy more important.

“I saw that the Covenant had launched the Community Bible Experience and I knew that our church needed to work on making Scripture more essential and central to their beliefs,” Churchill said.

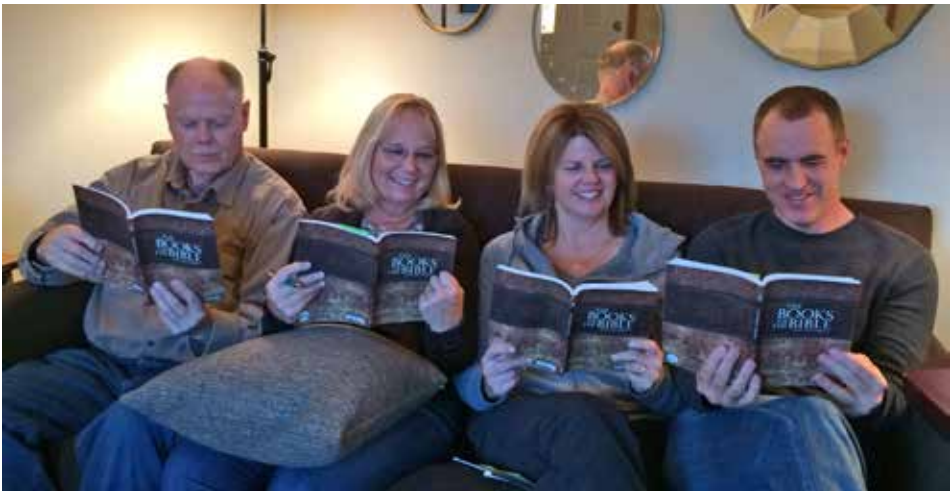
He took the chance of launching the CBE study at the 50-member

Calvary, not knowing how they would respond. After ordering 40 books, 39 were picked up.

“We ended up with three small groups that averaged about 15 people each.”

Incorporating the study into the weekly teachings on Sundays, Churchill saw a change in the congregation. They would watch the CBE videos at the beginning of the service and discuss the questions.

“It was intense and I didn’t always have the answers, but people were asking tons of great questions,” Churchill said. After starting the study in September, the church finished in November and people are already looking forward to an Old Testament version.



“The formatting was done very well,” Churchill added. “Coming out of seminary, you never really know what to expect from an in-depth study of Scripture. The CBE format was more like a story. It was easy to read and did a great job of encouraging questions and accountability, which was perfect for many of the people who had never been in a Bible study before or read the New Testament.”

The Community Bible Experience also does a great job of making the study accessible for all life stages. Two 80-year-old women from Calvary that participated in the study were able to do so because of the audiobook version.

“One of the women is blind and we went and setup the audiobook for her to listen. She would follow along with the study this way,” Churchill explained.

The audio versions also make CBE accessible for people who commute or don’t have time to sit down and read.

Darren Olson, Pastor of the Evangelical Covenant Church in International Falls, MN, launched CBE at the church this past fall.

“Overall, our people loved the format and experience,” Olson said. “We are planning on doing it for another round for the people who

couldn’t do it this time.”

For those who did participate, the feedback has been encouraging.

“Reading the Bible in this way has really caused me to see the Bible differently. Certain key themes have jumped out to me, like how important ‘faith’ is throughout the Old Testament,” said one participant.

Another said, “I have seen new things that I simply have missed at other times in reading the New Testament.”

At First Covenant Church in Red Wing, MN, people liked the study so much that they want to re-read and study the books again.

“Our group came from very different backgrounds, ranging from daily deep Bible studiers to people never having read more than a verse or two in devotions,” said Tina, a participant at First Covenant. “Despite many chal-

lenging topics we covered, this Bible study approach gave us big picture perspective and united us in our discussion.”

Hope Church, in Grand Forks, ND, also participated in CBE this fall.

One member of the study said of their experience, “My son and I read through the New Testament book together. It was such a blessing! I have drawn much closer to Jesus and feel him so much more alive in me! My son feels the same! Such a wonderful experience and a reminder of what a miracle book the Bible is.”

Yet another participant said, “CBE was great for me and my wife. We were able to read together and share our experiences with each other and other people in our book clubs. It brought us closer together as a couple. I remember stories from Sunday school but it was a new perspective.”

Community Bible Experience has ignited a passion for the Bible in thousands of churches. More than 80 percent of surveyed participants finished the New Testament in 8 weeks or less. The ongoing hope is that CBE is able to reach many across the Northwest Conference and the world.

The Lent Edition of CBE begins Feb. 19. For more information, visit [cbe.covchurch.org](http://cbe.covchurch.org).



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# Can we have a moment of silence?

By Jeff Burton, Director of Pastoral Care & Development

Having just come through Advent, it is likely that many of you were at some point reacquainted with the context of the great angelic announcements of the birth of Christ. The context is often expressed as 400 years of silence from God—a very powerful context. Scripture does not comment on the silence, it is just there. However, there are stories in Scripture where the power of silence is mentioned.

Think of the story of Job. In Job’s great loss and grief, his journey begins with his friends coming to sit with him in his sorrow. Notice their posture in this time of disequilibrium. *“Then they sat on the ground with him for seven days and seven nights. No one said a word to him, because they saw how great his suffering was”* (Job 2:13).

Then the silence was broken. Job and his friends begin to fill the air with their words, sometimes very eloquent words, sometimes just raw emotion. As the chapters fly by, many of your Bibles will

have headings to remind you of who is speaking. It’s Job, it’s Eliphaz, Bildad, Zophar, and later Elihu. Back and forth they go, sometimes the speaker spanning many chapters. Of the central characters in the book of Job, the one who is silent during all of those musings is God. But again, silence is a very powerful thing.

Finally, in chapter 38, the silence of God is broken. God speaks, Job and his friends are silent. It is a holy storm. At a critical moment, the Lord commands Job to answer, and his answer is painful and brief. In summary, his response is, “I need to put my hand over my mouth, I have already said too much.”

That seemed to be enough answer to satisfy the Almighty. God once again overwhelms the silence with the wisdom and power of His words. When God has finished, Job’s final response reveals that he has had an experience of worship, a divine encounter. Human silence can become an invitation for the very personal “face-to-face” encounter with God.

We have never been more prone to ignore the deep benefit of being still. In this age of information—an age that encourages non-stop free flow of comments—silence is an uncomfortable, almost dreaded experience. There is little impulse to place our hand over our mouths. Our culture has trained us to quickly give our opinion on virtually everything as an expression of our freedom.

While there have been seasons where Christians have been silent when they should have spoken (usually silent for years, not hours or days), our temptation today is greater toward speaking quickly when we should be silent for a while. Pastors are under unique vocational pressure to speak quickly when people are disoriented or in crisis. Sometimes silence might produce not only a more thoughtful response but might actually invite a divine encounter. I think I have said enough. “I place my hand over my mouth.”

# Bi-vocational ministry trend on the rise

By Jeff Burton, Director of Pastoral Care & Development

Many denominations across the country are observing a rise in the number of bi-vocational pastors serving in churches. Dennis Bickers, a career bi-vocational pastor, author and researcher, says that a conservative estimate right now would be 33 percent of all pastors

are bi-vocational—a percentage that is growing.

In the NWC the number of churches served by a bi-vocational lead or solo pastor is 20-25 percent. In addition, many of our staff ministers in specialized areas are bi-vocational. While the other

jobs that some of our bi-vocational pastors engage in would seem to coincide well with formal ministry training (i.e. chaplaincy work), most of our bi-vocational pastors serve in a wide variety of other occupations.

Photographer, college ➡

# NWC Family Go: Serve to be held Wednesday, June 28, at Redeemer Covenant from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

By Kara Stromberg, Director of Children & Family Ministry

Go: Serve is a Northwest Conference initiative focused on equipping elementary-aged kids and families for service and learning. Born from a desire to equip families to develop an outward-focused mindset that empowers children to make a difference in their world, Go: Serve cultivates ministry-minded service with a cultural learning piece that kids and families can participate in together. Plus, it’s a lot of fun!

Why Wednesday, you ask? It’s never been done that way before! Go: Serve is in its fourth year and each year Saturdays have proven to be difficult for families, who are just, well, *busy*.

We suspect kids are *looking* for things to do in the summer and that there are families and churches who can creatively make this work. If parents work, we encourage pastors, ministry leaders, grandparents, family members or neighbors to attend with kids. We’re hoping a midweek Go: Serve will bring fresh perspective and invigorate ministries in our Northwest Conference churches.

Developing leaders. Thriving churches. ... This NWC positioning statement is for our kids, too. From making sandwiches to experiencing new foods to learning about homelessness, we trust the little ones will lead us in



developing a heart for people in our communities while inspiring families to develop a mindset of ministry service.

Questions? Contact Kara Stromberg by email at [kara@northwest-conference.org](mailto:kara@northwest-conference.org).

➡ professor, school bus driver, cab driver, factory worker, house painter, small business owner, UPS worker, boat repair, food services and commercial cleaning are just some of the occupations reported.

As you can imagine, there are unique challenges and benefits to bi-vocational ministry. Both the challenges and benefits have something to say to all pastors.

**One of the great challenges** for a bi-vocational pastor is how to make decisions about spending the limited hours in ministry in a way that will have the greatest impact on the church.

**One of the greatest benefits** of bi-vocational ministry is that the

pastor does not get isolated in the rather unique world of institutional church life because the bi-vocational pastor lives every week with a more comprehensive view of the life of the people. These are important things for all pastors to be thinking about.

This movement was featured in a longer Covenant Companion article in the May/June 2016 issue. It led one of our bi-vocational pastors, Dan Mutterer serving Svea Hill Covenant Church in Big Lake, MN, to take action.

Mutterer writes: *“Another pastor and I have been meeting to plan sermons together. We are using the Revised Common Lectionary as*

*our guide, and we meet once per month to review the scriptures, pull out key ideas, discuss illustration ideas, and hopefully leave with a month of outlines. Since we started this process—which I was inspired to start after reading the Covenant magazine featuring bi-vocational strategies—I have noticed that my sermon planning has sped up and become more thoughtful because instead of just my brain as the output system, there are multiple brains working on it.”*

The NWC Pastoral Care & Development office’s goal is to become more aware of this unique calling and find ways to be more supportive.

# Record number of churches attend Navigate 2016 in Minneapolis

By Jon Kramka, Director of Congregational Vitality

God raised up a record 27 churches at Navigate 2016, held in Minneapolis on Nov. 4-9. Of the total delegation, we celebrate the first-time participation of three Latino congregations. Also attending from the Northwest Conference were members from Bethlehem Covenant Church in Minneapolis, Fridley Covenant Church, and Rice Creek Covenant Church in Lino Lakes, MN.

Once again, the NWC served as the host conference and Minnehaha Academy was host site for the weekend.

John Wenrich, Executive Minister of Start and Strengthen Churches for the Evangelical Covenant Church, provided a theme word for Navigate—"Awaken"—based on Ephesians 5:14: "Awake,

O sleeper, rise up from the dead, and Christ will give you light."

Wenrich's challenge for every congregation was that they live under the leading and power of the Holy Spirit to be faithful, fruitful expressions of God's Kingdom in their communities and beyond.

God blessed and moved mightily among the pastors and leaders gathered at Navigate as they engaged in a new season of discernment regarding God's preferred future for their congregations. Many of the churches present were also launching their journey on the Vitality Pathway at Navigate.

We continue to pray that as



these congregations press forward in pursuit of Christ and His priorities for their churches, that they will experience a deeper level of awareness of their own missional health, and an awakening to a fresh, Holy Spirit-inspired vision for their future.

## NWC Calendar

- 2.11 » Recharge** – Lakeview Covenant Church, Duluth, MN
- 3.17-18 » WMNWC Renewal Conference** – Evangelical Covenant Church of New London, New London, MN
- 3.31-4.1 » MOVE 2017** – Minnehaha Academy South Campus, Minneapolis, MN
- 4.27-28 » Ministerial Association Annual Meeting** – Maple Grove Covenant Church, Maple Grove, MN
- 4.28-29 » Northwest Conference Annual Meeting** – Maple Grove Covenant Church, Maple Grove, MN
- 6.17-24 » Adventures in Leadership** – Adventurous Christians, Grand Marais, MN
- 6.28 » Go: Serve 2017** – Redeemer Covenant Church, Brooklyn Park, MN
- 8.3-5 » MUUUCE 2017** – Crossroads Church, Woodbury, MN

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