Ministerial Association Annual Meeting
FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2017 / 10 AM - NOON

Mr. Johnson’s Lunchbox—Tools for Team Collaboration
Barb Dusek, Leadership Coach and Management Consultant
Through the recognition and use of collaborative tools, we can energize ourselves and others to engage in effective teamwork. Sixth grade teacher, Gordon Johnson, knew much about engaging a diverse group of youngsters toward common goals. Attend this session to learn how to apply his time-tested tools for your own team success.

Church Leadership in an Interconnected World
David Stark, President of BusinessKeys International
It is not hard to see that the New Testament used the Body of Christ as the central image of structure for the Church. The wisdom about leadership in the New Testament is crystal clear today—even to outsiders. We are going to look at some of the most applicable and most transforming ideas around leadership that are both Biblical and very current to situations that churches face today.

How to Keep the Fire Without Burning Out
Paul Robinson, Lead Church Planter of Grace Outreach Covenant Church (Coon Rapids, MN)
Learn how clarity around purpose and the core values you want your work to exemplify leads to authentic leadership. We will explore how the alignment of purpose and values renew, reenergize, increase effectiveness and lead to a greater sense of fulfillment. Learn ways to get more of what you want out of the time you have.

Jesus’s Soul-Care for Leaders: Praying the Psalms
Keith Meyer, Lead Pastor of Hope Covenant Church (St. Cloud, MN)
On the cross Jesus was still praying the Psalms that had formed him—come examine how the Psalms work for a leader’s soul-care.

Bearing Rule in the Church: The Often-Unwelcome Pastoral Task
Richard Theilen, Covenant Pastor and Faculty Member at Solid Rock School of Discipleship
Covenant pastors are ordained to preach the Word, administer the Sacraments and “bear rule in the church.” The meanings of the first two expectations are straightforward. “Bearing Rule,” however, can produce everything from simple confusion to outright conflict. We’ll explore several issues related to this confusing but essential aspect of our vows—including authority, power, strategy and accountability. All church staff members are welcome, regardless of ministerial credential.

Building a Strong Next Gen Ministry ... From the Pulpit
Ginny Olson, NWC Director of Youth Ministry, and Kara Stromberg, NWC Director of Children & Family Ministry
How do you move your volunteers from van drivers and cookie bakers to engaged ministry leaders who are invested in seeing this next generation succeed when it comes to faith and life? This seminar will help you understand both the pitfalls and priorities on the pathway to developing your children and youth ministry leadership teams.
Northwest Conference Annual Meeting (General Delegates)  
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**What's in Your Leadership Portfolio? An Effective Leader’s Strategy for Self-Development**  
*Barb Dusek, Leadership Coach and Management Consultant*  
Relying on the wisdom of the Apostle Paul, we will use Romans 12 to discover what we have in our own personal leadership portfolio. In this workshop, you will create a strategy map for developing greater strength where you need it most.

**Perspectives Matter: Cultural Competence for a Changing World**  
*Paul Robinson, Lead Church Planter of Grace Outreach Covenant Church (Coon Rapids, MN)*  
We live in an increasingly multicultural world. The ability to navigate and respond to cultural difference is key to reaching the whole community for Jesus. This conversation will explore how perspective impacts how we see and respond to difference. Participants will receive tools and strategies to increase their intercultural competence.

**Jesus’s Soul-Care for Leaders: Keeping Jesus’s Life Rhythms**  
*Keith Meyer, Lead Pastor of Hope Covenant Church (St. Cloud, MN)*  
The disciples noticed Jesus’s power in ministry came from his practice of solitude and prayer. Come experience how solitude and prayer empower leaders for mission.

**Leadership in God’s Mosaic ... Your Church!**  
*Steve and Barb Swanson, Covenant Missionaries to Sweden*  
God is on the move with His people who are on the move. Embracing the cultural diversity that God brings to your church doorstep is vital to the Church’s healthy growth into the next generation. Come and learn about identifying leaders among new believers, empowering those leaders and overcoming challenges in building your leadership team.

**Bearing Rule in the Church: The Delicate Dance Between Pastors and People**  
*Richard Theilen, Covenant Pastor and Faculty Member at Solid Rock School of Discipleship*  
Covenant pastors are ordained to “bear rule in the church,” yet that expectation can seem to be at odds with our commitment to congregational polity. This workshop is designed particularly with the needs of lay leaders and parishioners in mind, and will seek to provide a better understanding of how pastors and other congregational leaders can work together faithfully and effectively.

**Building a Strong Next Gen Ministry ... From the Pews**  
*Ginny Olson, NWC Director of Youth Ministry, and Kara Stromberg, NWC Director of Children & Family Ministry*  
Leaders are more than chaperones. In this seminar, we’ll explore how to work with people in your church to build a strong and vibrant ministry with children and youth. We’ll discuss how to cast a vision for a strong next gen ministry, how to identify and equip emerging leaders, and the elements of a helpful evaluation process.

**Reaching Millennials—and People Under 40—to Grow Your Congregation and Make it Thrive Now**  
*David Stark, President of BusinessKeys International*  
After 6 years of research around the United States, inside and outside the Church, “Reaching Millennials” was published last April and connects not only all the different ways that churches are reaching Millennials, but why the mindset we embrace is as critical as the methodologies we use. We will be covering the methodologies working now, and how your congregation can build and adapt your own unique way of engaging outsiders.