RENOVATE

JANUARY 23 - 25, 2018
HOUSTON, TX

ECO NATIONAL GATHERING
NEHEMIAH 2:18

“And I told them of the hand of my God that had been upon me for good, and also of the words that the king had spoken to me. And they said, ‘Let us rise up and build.’ So they strengthened their hands for the good work.”

ECO, get ready to RENOVATE!

When we renovate, we make something new again. We believe that God does not just want ECO to be a re-creation of the way denominations have always done things. God is calling us to renew and revitalize - to renovate how we approach our congregations, presbyteries, covenant communities and our hearts. We are so glad you are here!
Who would have known that when we picked Renovate as our 2018 gathering theme almost a year ago, that we would be meeting in a city that is in massive need of renovation after devastating floods this fall? In California, we too are experiencing the need to renovate after some of the largest wildfires in California history. We also think of Florida, and many other places across the world that have survived tragedy in recent days. As catastrophic as natural disasters can be, there is some advantage to being able to rebuild from scratch. When you are not constrained by previous architecture, you can rebuild to better meet your present and future needs.

ECO is now six years old. And we have rebuilt well! But in order to attain the vision to which God has called us, we never want to stop seeking renovation in our congregations, our presbyteries, our Synod, and our lives.

I am thankful for our wise speakers this year who will challenge us to renovate the way we think about our denomination, the way we think about leadership and power, and the way we think about being disciples in the context in which God has placed us. Join me in praying that the Lord will move powerfully as we seek to allow Him to refine and mold us for His purposes.

As I ruminate on the denomination’s role in renovation, I have often been struck by Home Depot’s motto, “You can do it. We can help.” Obviously, Home Depot doesn’t acknowledge the power and necessity of the Holy Spirit to bring about revitalization, so the analogy falls short. But we do believe that effectiveness for the kingdom happens in churches on the local level. Nationally, we can help catalyze the development of our congregations by creating an environment where congregations have the resources, support, and encouragement to fulfill their missions.

As we continue renovations throughout our denomination, our churches, and our hearts, I pray that we will have the courage that Nehemiah had to renovate in the face of adversity and what seemed like insurmountable odds. God is already mightily at work among us! Thank you for being here. I look forward to our gathering together this week, and another exciting year of ministry ahead.

In Christ,

Rev. Dr. Dana Allin
Synod Executive
DAY ONE
TUESDAY January 23

SPEAKERS
Dr. Ed Stetzer
Dr. Dana Allin

7:30 am  Registration Check In Begins

9:00  Main Session | Welcome
      Keynote Speaker - Ed Stetzer

11:00  Breakout Session #1 (see p. 12 for options)

12:00  Lunch on Your Own (see p. 22 for nearby options)

1:45 pm  Main Session
      Keynote Speaker - Dana Allin

3:30  Presbytery Meetings (see p. 5 for room assignments)

Optional Breakout : Sticky Faith with Jake Mulder

5:30  Dinner on Your Own (see p. 22 for nearby options)

7:00  Community Worship

8:30  End of Gathering Day 1
DAY TWO

WEDNESDAY January 24

SPEAKERS
Dr. Kyle Strobel
Dr. Condoleezza Rice

8:15 am   Main Session
Keynote Speaker - Kyle Strobel

10:00     Breakout Session #2 (see p. 14 for options)

11:15     Breakout Session #3 (see p. 16 for options)

12:30 pm  Lunch Provided

2:00      Main Session
Keynote Speaker - Condoleezza Rice

4:15      Community Worship

5:45      End of Gathering Day 2

DAY THREE

THURSDAY January 25

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8:00      Synod Meeting Starts
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Presbytery Meetings

All presbytery meetings will be held Tuesday at 3:30pm.

Presbyteries meeting in the hotel
See p. 24 for map.
Alaska Pappasito’s
Bluewater 338
Cornerstone 333
East Central 336 A/B
Florida 342
Great Lakes 337 B
Harvest 337 A
Heritage 339 B
Mid America 329
Northern California 328
Northwest 339 A
Rivers of Life 332
South 340 A/B
Southern California 327
Texas 335 A/B
Upper Midwest 335 C
West 330

Presbyteries meeting in the George R Brown Convention Center (directly across the skybridge on the 3rd floor of hotel). See p. 24 for map.
Hope GRB 360 E
Mission GRB 360 B
North Carolina GRB 360 C
Northeast Coast GRB 360 F
South Carolina GRB 360 D

Not Attending a Presbytery Meeting? Check out...

Developing Sticky Faith in Your Students
Jake Mulder  GRB 360 A  (Tuesday 3:30 PM)

The data is clear that almost half of graduating seniors will drift from God and the church after high school. Our team at Fuller Youth Institute is not satisfied with that. We suspect you’re not either. Join this session to discover practical research-based insights for how your ministry can best partner with parents, develop intergenerational relationships, and share the Gospel with students so that faith will last long after your young people leave the youth room.
Pre-Conferences
Monday, January 22nd from 1:30pm to 5:00pm

- Best Practices from Church Planting Research with Ed Stetzer (1:30pm - 9:00pm) Room 340 A/B
- We’re in This Together - ECO Global Engagement with Sameh Hanna and Phill Butler Room 335 C
- Pastors with Chris Adams and Jennifer Graffius Room 339 A/B
- Equipping Christians for ‘Frontline’ Ministry with Chris Lake and Jon Paul Room 335 A
- Growing Young Seminar & Workshop: Essential Strategies to Help Young People Discover and Love Your Church with Jake Mulder Room 337 A/B
- Growing the Church...In Step With the Spirit with PRMI Room 328

ALL ARE WELCOME to the Global Engagement Evening Program (7:30pm - 9:00pm) Room 335 B/C

Synod Meeting Information

- Commissioners should have received an electronic version of the packet prior to the meeting. You can download or view the packet at econationalgathering.org/ng18
- Commissioners need to check-in between 7:00 am and 8:00 am on Thursday outside the Ballroom (which includes picking up your assigned electronic voting device). The Synod meeting will begin promptly at 8:00 am.
- Commissioners will sit in a separate section from observers, so please make appropriate arrangements with others in your party.
- In order to make sure we accomplish everything on our agenda, we will have one 15-minute break with snacks provided. We will not be stopping for a lunch break, so please bring whatever you need to prepare for that possibility.
- The meeting will end no later than 3:00 pm.

Commissioner Questions? Len Young (Synod Meeting Parliamentarian)
Office Hours: Room 342 - Wednesday at 12:30 pm - 2 pm, & 5:45 pm - 6:30 pm

Pastoral Care and Counseling

Are you feeling overwhelmed by life, marriage and ministry? Or do you just need a safe, confidential place to talk openly, be heard, and receive wise counsel? We are excited to welcome Curt and Rhonda Hamner from Between Two Trees Ministries (www.betweentwotrees.org) to our gathering this year. They will be available to provide private pastoral care sessions for individuals and couples at the Hilton Americas.

These sessions are available on a first come, first served basis by appointment only. You can set up your appointment by calling or texting the Hamners at 951-313-9778.

Prayer Stations

Available in room 333 throughout the conference. Come for quiet, reflective time before the Lord. Various stations will be set up with focused activities to center your mind and heart on Him.
Special Interest Group Meals  
(Tuesday and Wednesday)

On both Tuesday and Wednesday, there will be special interest group meetings. For the “invite only” lunches, only those who have RSVPed in advance can attend. For the “open to all” lunches, all conference attendees welcome to attend.

**Tuesday**

**Lunch at 12 pm**
- Fuller Alumni - Invite only (Rm 340 A/B)
- Gordon Conwell Alumni - Invite only (Rm 336 A/B)
- Global Engagement Networking Lunch - open to all (Rm 339 A/B) Bring a lunch and come to connect with Jen Haddox, ECO Director of Global Engagement, and ECO’s mission partners to interact with others who are engaged in global mission. Questions? Email jen@eco-pres.org.
- Flourishing Educators Lunch - open to all (Meet at Pappadeaux) A time for Christian Education specialists (Pastors, Directors, and Lay Leaders in Children, Family and Youth Ministries) to come together to discuss ministry challenges and opportunities in today’s churches, families, and culture. Questions? Email odonnellmickie@yahoo.com.

**Dinner**
- Upper Midwest Presbytery Dinner - Invite only (Rm 335 C)

**Wednesday**

**Breakfast**
- Pittsburgh Seminary 7:00 am - Invite only (Rm 340 B)

**Lunch**
- World Renew 12:30 (Bring your boxed lunch to Rm 339 A/B) - open to all

**Dinner**
- Church Planter Dinner 6:30pm For current and prospective church planters. We will have dinner and hang out time at a private home in Houston. To find the party, text “planter party info” to 423-504-3681 or 704-941-8842.

Welcome Table

Questions? Issues? Lost something? Come to the Welcome Table! We are happy to help!

If you would like to connect with other attendees at the gathering, stop by to pick up an attendee list with names and contact info.

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**Workout while you’re here!**

**Run with Becky!**

Tuesday at 7:00 am
Meet downstairs in the lobby by the Starbucks.
Questions? Email beckylahna@gmail.com.

**F3 Men’s Workout**

Wednesday 5:30 am
Meet in lobby for an introductory workout and to learn more about the mission and ministry of F3.

Thursday 5:00 am
Meet in the lobby by the Starbucks to drive to the F3Houston site for a workout.

Questions?
Email Wes Barry at wbbarry@waypointcommunity.org
Check out www.f3nation.com for more info.

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**Conference Materials**

We have digital version of this program as well as other conference materials at [www.econationalgathering/ng18](http://www.econationalgathering/ng18)

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**Conference Videos**

We will be recording all our main session speakers. The videos will be online on the national gathering website after the conference.
Speakers

Ed Stetzer

Ed Stetzer, Ph.D., holds the Billy Graham Chair of Church, Mission, and Evangelism at Wheaton College and serves as Executive Director of the Billy Graham Center for Evangelism. He has planted, revitalized, and pastored churches, trained pastors and church planters on six continents, written dozens of articles and books, and holds two masters degrees and two doctorates.

Previously, he served as Executive Director of LifeWay Research. Stetzer is a contributing editor for Christianity Today, a columnist for Outreach Magazine, and is frequently cited or interviewed in news outlets such as USA Today and CNN. He is the Executive Editor of The Gospel Project, a curriculum used by more than one million individuals each week, and Executive Editor of Facts & Trends Magazine, a Christian leadership magazine with a circulation of more than 70,000 readers.

In 2015, he began serving as the co-host of the BreakPoint This Week radio program with John Stonestreet. He serves as Visiting Professor of Research and Missiology at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Visiting Research Professor at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, and has taught at many other colleges and seminaries. He is currently serving as interim teaching pastor of Moody Church in Chicago.

Kyle Strobel

Kyle is a teacher, writer and preacher. He is the assistant professor of Spiritual Theology and Formation at Talbot School of Theology, Biola University, and helped start Metamorpha Ministries. Kyle and his wife lived in Scotland, Connecticut, Colorado and Arizona before settling down in Southern California two young children.

As a part of his vocation, Kyle believes that he is called to do popular teaching and writing as well as academic. He frequently speaks at churches and conferences, and has written three books: Beloved Dust: Drawing Close to God by Discovering the Truth About Yourself (co-authored with Jamin Goggin), Formed for the Glory of God: Learning from the Spiritual Practices of Jonathan Edwards, and Metamorpha: Jesus as a Way of Life. Kyle sees his role as helping people to faithfully witness to the Lord, and therefore he writes and speaks on the Christian life in way that seeks to be biblically rich, theologically astute and attentive to the historical realities of the faith.


Kyle is interested in helping to train future pastors who understand their ministry in light of Christ’s, and who are equally capable of deep biblical and theological reflection, as well as keen pastoral and spiritual insight. The church needs shepherds to live out the ministry of The Shepherd, and Kyle sees his ministry as both shepherding and training shepherds for this purpose.
Condoleezza Rice is currently the Denning Professor in Global Business and the Economy at the Stanford Graduate School of Business; the Thomas and Barbara Stephenson Senior Fellow on Public Policy at the Hoover Institution; and a professor of political science at Stanford University. She is also a founding partner of RiceHadleyGates, LLC.

From January 2005 to 2009, Rice served as the 66th Secretary of State of the US, the second woman and first African-American woman to hold the post. Rice also served as President George W. Bush’s Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs (National Security Adviser) from January 2001 to 2005, the first woman to hold the position.

Rice served as Stanford University’s Provost from 1993 to 1999, during which she was the institution’s chief budget and academic officer. As Provost, she was responsible for a $1.5 billion annual budget and an academic program involving 1,400 faculty members and 14,000 students. In 1997, she also served on the Federal Advisory Committee on Gender-Integrated Training in the Military.

From 1989 through March 1991, Rice served on President George H.W. Bush’s National Security Council staff, serving as Director; Senior Director of Soviet and East European Affairs. In 1986, while an international affairs fellow of the Council on Foreign Relations, Rice also served as Special Assistant to the Director of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Rice has been on the Stanford faculty as a professor of Political Science since 1981 and has won two of the highest teaching honors - the 1984 Walter J. Goeres Award for Excellence in Teaching and the 1993 School of Humanities and Sciences Dean’s Award for Distinguished Teaching.


In 1991, Rice cofounded the Center for a New Generation (CNG), an innovative, after-school academic enrichment program for students in East Palo Alto and East Menlo Park, California. In 1996, CNG merged with the Boys and Girls Club of the Peninsula (an affiliate club of the Boys and Girls Clubs of America). CNG has since expanded to local BGCA chapters in Birmingham, Atlanta, and Dallas. She remains an active proponent of an extended learning day through after-school programs.

Since 2009, Rice has served as a founding partner at RiceHadleyGates, LLC, an international strategic consulting firm based in Silicon Valley and Washington, D.C. The firm works with senior executives of major companies to implement strategic plans and expand in emerging markets. Other partners include former national security adviser Stephen J. Hadley and former secretary of defense Robert M. Gates.

Rice currently serves on the board of Dropbox, an online-storage technology company; C3, an energy software company; and Makena Capital, a private endowment firm. In addition, she is a member of the boards of the George W. Bush Institute, the Commonwealth Club, the Aspen Institute, and the Boys and Girls Clubs of America. Previously, Rice served on various additional boards, including those of KiOR, Inc.; the Chevron Corporation; the Charles Schwab Corporation; the Transamerica Corporation; the Hewlett-Packard Company; the University of Notre Dame; the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts; and the San Francisco Symphony Board of Governors.

Born in Birmingham, Alabama, Rice earned her bachelor’s degree in political science, cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa, from the University of Denver; her master’s from the University of Notre Dame; and her PhD from the Graduate School of International Studies at the University of Denver.

Rice is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and has been awarded eleven honorary doctorates. She currently resides in Palo Alto, California.
**What do these icons mean?**

Throughout the following breakout session pages, you will see specific icons above each breakout title. The icons represent the theme or overall category of the breakout. Use these icons as a guide when choosing which breakout sessions you are interested in attending.

- Church Administration
- Children and Families
- Commissioners
- Developing Lay Leaders
- Engaging Your Community
- Enhance Your ECO Experience
- Equipping Leaders
- Equipping Your Small/Medium Church
- Global Engagement
- Multi-Ethnic Ministry
- Renovate Your Church
- Younger Generations
GRB = George Brown Convention Center (directly across Skybridge on 3rd floor of hotel)
For full breakout descriptions, see pages 13-18.

Breakout Session

**Tuesday 11 AM**

1. **Main Session Continuation** - Ed Stetzer (GRB 360 C)
2. **If You Build It, They will Come: Special Needs Ministry** - Rachel Poysky & Keri Mosk (GRB 360 B)
3. **Bringing a Spirit of Generosity & a Legacy Program...** - Rick Young & Stefanie Marsden (337 B)
4. **Considering the Confessions** - ECO Theology Task Force (328)
5. **Flourishing Leaders** - Lisa Johnson (GRB 360 A)
7. **Neighborhood Mission for Everyone** - Trent & Emily McEntyre (335 B)
8. **Birth a Church** - Nate Stratman (335 C)
9. **Jesus-Shaped Discipleship and Mission** - Bob Rognlien (GRB 360 E)
10. **Match Making: Pastors and Churches Looking for One Another** - Nate Dreesmann (329)
11. **MAGs: Let's Get Started!** - Anna Kent (327)
12. **Get Off the Dime: Bringing about Healthy Change** - Brian North (330)
13. **Growing Missional Faith Communities: Focus on European Contexts** - David & Daphne Fisher (332)
14. **Christ on the Move in the Middle East** - Dan McNerney (GRB 360 F)
15. **Practical Steps to Multi-Ethnic Ministry** - Mark Tumney (342)
16. **Why Contemporary Worship is Unbiblical** - Brandon Muchow (GRB 360 D)
17. **How to Start a Prayer Ministry in Your Church** - Wendy Everts (337 A)
18. **Growing Young** - Jake Mulder (335 A)

Breakout Session

**Wednesday 10 AM**

1. **Main Session Continuation** - Kyle Strobel (335 C)
2. **The Power of the Narrative for Flourishing Believers** - Mickie O'Donnell (340 B)
3. **How to Have a Better Business Meeting as a Delegate** - Leonard Young (327)
4. **How to Mobilize Your Church on Mission** - Kirk Kirlin (340 A)
5. **The Postmodern Path to Faith** - Don Everts (BALLROOM)
6. **Join the ECO Pastoral Team!** - Nate Dreesmann (329)
7. **MAGs: This Is How We Do It!** - Anna Kent (339 B)
8. **Exploring Ministry Partnerships between Men and Women** - Jane Filkin & Erik Hanson (330)
10. **Finding Balance Through the Six Dimensions of Wellness** - NFP/Orriant (336 A)
11. **Flourishing Disciples** - Lisa Johnson (335 B)
12. **Failing and Prevailing: Making Prayer the Steering Wheel of the Church** - Anthony Ceder (336 B)
13. **Give a Drink to the Thirsty: Your Church and Global Poverty** - Sean Martin (337 A)
14. **Discipling Global Christians** - Andrew Adair (339 A)
15. **Gospel City Movements** - Chris Handley (337 B)
16. **Growing the Church: Process Not Program** - PRMI (335 A)
17. **Church Transformation Through Cohorts** - Paul Borden (328)

Breakout Session

**Wednesday 11:15 AM**

1. **Entering Into Retirement: It’s Challenges and Opportunities** - Bruce Bruinsma (337 A)
2. **Understanding Polity Overtures** - Chris Ham (340 A)
3. **Drawn: How to Draw in Unchurched and Skeptical People** - David Hancock (BALLROOM)
4. **Gender Dysphoria and the Transgender Experience** - Scott Kingry (340 B)
5. **Transitional Pastors** - Nate Dreesmann (329)
6. **Identifying and Developing Women Leaders in the Church Setting** - Bonnie Fearer (336 B)
8. **Recovering from Natural Disasters: Does it Really Take That Long?** - Bob Laarman (337 B)
9. **Racial Reconciliation – Let’s Talk!** - Mark Tumney & Barbara Brice (336 A)
10. **One Year into the Paul Borden Cohort** - Paul Borden (328)
11. **Leadership: Succession Planning Toolbox** - Will Heath (330)
12. **The Incredible Power of the Small Church** - Karen Ballard (335 C)
13. **Becoming a Flourishing Church** - Lisa Johnson (335 B)
14. **Loving Beyond the Boundaries** - Cesar Castillejos (335 A)
15. **Pastor Trek: Going Where no PNC has Gone before to Find Your Next Pastor** - Joe Farrell (327)
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**If You Build It, They will Come: Special Needs Ministry** (Children and Families)  
The Special Needs community is often an unreached group of people who need the presence of the church in their lives. Ministering to this community must be intentional, flexible and creative! This workshop is designed for churches who want to be open to the many different ways they can serve children and families with special needs. Breakout led by Rachel Poysky (Children’s Pastor) & Keri Mosk (Special Blessings & Safe Haven Director), Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church, Houston, TX

**Bringing a Spirit of Generosity & a Legacy Program to Your Congregation** (Church Administration)  
In times of shrinking congregations and budgets, we need to shift the focus from want to generosity. Discover programs and methods for instituting generosity and legacy programs in your congregation. Resources will be given as the seminar delves into stewardship issues facing the church today. This is an interactive, discussion-style seminar.  
Breakout led by Rick Young (President & CEO) & Stefanie Marsden (Relationship Manager), Texas Presbyterian Foundation

**Considering the Confessions** (Commissioners)  
ECO is about to make some momentous decisions as it grows into maturity. For the past couple of years we’ve been considering the Book of Confessions we inherited. Theology Task Forces across the nation have been deep in study and discussion. At our Synod meeting on Thursday, we will be voting on overtures that have been advanced by presbyteries. In this breakout the National Theology Task Force will explain the process, review the options, hold preliminary discussions, and explain what the future might look like.  
Breakout led by ECO Theology Task Force

**Flourishing Leaders** (Developing Lay Leaders)  
Building on the foundation of Elder Leadership Institute, **Flourishing Leaders** helps grow church leaders into effective spiritual leaders whose leadership comes primarily from their own relationships with Jesus and secondarily from competency in core leadership skills. Flourishing churches are led by flourishing leaders, who are themselves flourishing disciples, so it is essential to grow effective leaders if we hope to have a flourishing church. Come hear more about this new resource to discern if it might be right for your church leaders.  
Breakout led by Lisa Johnson (Director of ECO Lay Leadership Development)

**Creating Whole-Life Disciple-Making Churches** (Developing Lay Leaders)  
If church leaders want to see the Kingdom spread in their communities, it’s going to take more than one person to make it happen—it will take a team of Spirit-empowered leaders working together to change existing church culture. The good news is that moving towards the vision of becoming a whole-life disciple-making church is a ‘win-win-win’ for church leaders, congregations, and communities. Join us for a practical discussion about ways leaders can help their congregations become the disciple-making communities they have been called to be.  
Breakout led by Imagine Church – Chris Lake (Executive Director of the Vere Institute) and Jon Paul (Senior Pastor of Free Christian Church, Andover, MA)

**Neighborhood Mission for Everyone** (Engaging Your Community)  
Fruitfulness in your mission to the neighborhoods where you live, work, and play requires practical and faith-building tactics. Come learn what you can do to increase their faithfulness and trust God for greater impact.  
Breakout led by Trent McEntyre (Pastor & Church Planter at Dunwoody Presbyterian Church, Dunwoody, GA) and Emily McEntyre (Writer at parksidejournals.com)

**Birthing a Church** (Engaging Your Community)  
Come hear a church planter reflect on the joys and pains of the first year of birthing a church. This seminar will explore models of plants, managing expectations and the necessary shifts needed to build a transformational community.  
Breakout led by Nate Stratman (Church Planter at Hope Community Wilmington, NC)

**Jesus-Shaped Discipleship and Mission** (Engaging Your Community)  
Why are fewer people who attend our churches willing to serve or even sacrifice in order to reach the lost? Maybe it is because we are not pursuing the mission of God the Way Jesus did. Jesus gathered people in a home, invited them to learn how to follow his example, and then empowered them to reach people who were far from God by welcoming them into a spiritual family. 3DM is a global movement of missional discipleship that has developed extensive tools to help churches and leaders rediscover and practice a more Jesus-shaped Way of carrying out God’s mission. Join us for this introductory session to find out more about the teaching, training and tools of 3DM.  
Breakout led by Bob Rognlien (National Director for 3DMovements and Founder/Director of Footsteps Experience Ministries)
Match Making: Pastors and Churches Looking for One Another

If you're a church looking for a pastor or a pastor looking for a church, this breakout session is for you. We will cover ECO resources and best practices, as well as touch upon the importance of the transitional time for both the church and the pastor. This breakout will cover a lot of material in a short amount of time, and all the material is practical and usable today!

Breakout led by Nate Dreesmann (ECO Executive Director of Ecclesiastical Support)

MAGs: Let's Get Started!

Still wondering how to get your Mission Affinity Group jump started? Or do you need some ideas on ways to shake things up with your MAG? Join Anna Kent, Director of Mission Affinity Groups, as she discusses the different ways to utilize the new “Narrative Questions.”

Breakout led by Anna Kent (ECO MAG Director)

Main Session Continuation

Main Session continues with Ed Stetzer

Get Off the Dime: Bringing about Healthy Change

Have you tried to lead some significant change and transformation in your church only to face significant resistance and opposition, or even division in the church? Have plans simply collected dust on the shelf, with no meaningful change? In this session we'll discuss a biblical process for bringing about change in your churches, so that your church can transform into an even more vibrant outpost of the Gospel.

Breakout led by Brian North (Pastor at Rosehill Presbyterian Church, Kirkland, WA)

Growing Missional Faith Communities: Focus on European Contexts

Learn how one innovative missions organization builds faith communities and serves the cities where those communities are located. David and Daphne Fisher have been with Communitas International for over 10 years, serving locally in Spain and Portugal and continent-wide in their roles as Advancement Team Regional Director and Assistant Director of Staff Care and Development. In this breakout session you will hear their stories and the practices of Communitas, to learn effective ways of forming and developing missional faith communities that are cross-culturally and culturally in your own context.

Breakout led by David and Daphne Fisher

Christ on the Move in the Middle East

For the past 15 years, Frontier Fellowship has been involved in the Middle East, trying to keep pace with all the ways the Holy Spirit is moving dynamically among Arab and Persian Muslims, and the networks of underground churches. Dan McNerney will report on his November trip to London and Dubai with 15 ECO mission leaders to strengthen partnerships with ministries helping to foster and guide this phenomenal growth. Dan welcomes your participation in this seminar as ECO continues to pray about how to become further involved in the Arab and Persian worlds.

Breakout led by Dan McNerney (Associate Director of Frontier Fellowship)

Practical Steps to Multi-Ethnic Ministry

Multi-ethnicity is the growing reality for our communities. In this breakout we will talk about God’s desire for the Church to be multi-ethnic and how our churches can take tangible steps to become more multi-ethnic.

Breakout led by Mark Tumney (Pastor at Christ Community Church, Milpitas, CA)

Why Contemporary Worship Is Unbiblical

Join this Bible study and discussion on worship preferences and biblical values of worship.

Breakout led by Brandon Muchow (Minister of Modern Worship and Production at St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church, Newport Beach, CA)

How to Start a Prayer Ministry in Your Church

In this workshop, we will explore gentle ways of changing a culture and helping people out of their comfort zones in prayer. From there we will talk about ways to move a praying church into a church with a prayer ministry. (Please note that if you have a church that is already very comfortable praying together and for each other, this workshop may be a little basic. If you need training resources, please come find me for a more advanced chat!)

Breakout led by Wendy Everts (Author and Prayer Ministry Coordinator)

Growing Young: Essential Strategies to Help Young People Discover & Love Church

Unleashing the passion of young people in your church is possible! Churches are losing both members and vitality as young people increasingly disengage. Based on groundbreaking research with over 250 of the nation’s leading congregations, Growing Young provides a strategy any church can use to involve and retain teenagers and young adults. It profiles innovative churches that are engaging 15- to 29-year-olds, and as a result are growing spiritually, emotionally, missionally, and numerically.

Breakout led by Jake Mulder (Director of Strategic Initiatives at the Fuller Youth Institute)
Breakout Session #2

The Power of the Narrative for Flourishing Believers  Children and Families  340 B
Are you tired of trying the newest curriculum, the latest gizmos and DVDs that promise a fresh approach but are still just the same old way of teaching the Bible to children, youth, and adults? Are you stunned by the lack of Biblical and theological understanding of your congregation, frustrated by the amount of money you are spending on materials that end up in piles at the end of the season, or discouraged by the lack of connection between Biblical preaching and the educational ministry of your church? Then this workshop is for you. Learn a new methodology that isn't dependent upon any publishing house, but is a true exegetical approach to learning the Bible for life change, yet filled with hands-on activities and experiential learning. It's free, it's easy, and you can do it! Breakout led by Mickie O'Donnell (Director of Children's Ministry at Norton Presbyterian Church, Darien, CT)

How to Have a Better Business Meeting as a Delegate  Commissioners  327
Have you ever attended a business meeting and become lost in the middle of various parliamentary procedures? This workshop is for you. In this workshop, Professional Registered Parliamentarian Dr. Leonard Young will share with delegate some tips to better accomplish business in a parliamentary assembly. Dr. Young is a past president of the National Association of Parliamentarians and is serving this gathering as ECO's parliamentarian. Breakout led by Leonard Young (Parliamentarian)

How to Mobilize Your Church on Mission  Developing Lay Leaders  340 A
“The Missional Pathway” is a simple, inexpensive, effective, and powerful process to mobilize churches to minister in a way that intentionally builds relationships over time with people most likely to be open to the influence of church members. “The Missional Pathway” is a discovery-based, lay-led process with four congregational workshops over a period of 6 to 10 months. Experienced CRM Team members will facilitate the process at your church. The result is church members and entire congregations living influentially among the unchurched they are called to serve. Breakout led by Kirk Kirlin (reFocusing Team, Church Resource Ministries)

The Postmodern Path to Faith  Engaging Your Community  BALLROOM
Our call to “go and make disciples” has not changed in the last 2000 years... but our context sure has! Even just over the last few decades we (in the West) have seen huge, disorienting cultural shifts from a modern, mostly Christian culture to a postmodern, mostly post-Christian culture. Come hear what over 2000 brand new postmodern believers have taught us about how folks tend to come to faith these days, and explore how these insights can help our congregations more fruitfully and naturally make new disciples in our postmodern context. Breakout led by: Don Everts (Associate Pastor at Bonhomme Presbyterian Church, Chesterfield MO & author of I Was Once Lost: What Postmodern Skeptics Taught Us About Their Path to Jesus)

Join the ECO Pastoral Team!  Enhance Your ECO Experience  329
Are you a candidate looking to become a pastor in ECO? Have you been praying about your calling and whether pastoral ministry is right for you? Come ask questions and listen to the newest pastors in ECO share their experiences. Breakout led by Nate Dreesmann (ECO Executive Director of Ecclesiastical Support)

MAGs: This Is How We Do It!  Enhance Your ECO Experience  339 B
Enjoy a panel discussion of pastors and elders who have been engaged in Mission Affinity Group work. The discussion will cover a variety of topics, such as how their MAGs got started, overcoming potential roadblocks and lessons learned, and the joys of MAG engagement and why YOU should be part of a MAG, too! Breakout led by Anna Kent (ECO MAG Director)

Exploring Ministry Partnerships between Men and Women  Equipping Leaders  330
The dynamics of mixed gender ministry relationships are often challenging to navigate. Join this Lead Pastor/Associate Pastor team as they host a conversation about the risks and gifts of ministering together as men and women. Erik and Jane will share what they've learned from their own experience, and provide practical suggestions to face the challenges and celebrate the goodness of serving the Lord together in the church. Breakout led by Jane Filkin (Pastor of Discipleship & Community) and Erik Hanson (Lead Pastor) at First Presbyterian Church, Boulder, CO

The Diaspora in Your Backyard: Mission Among Immigrants and Refugees  Global Engagement  342
The USA now includes 42 million foreign-born people. Although the refugee flow has slowed recently (into the USA), worldwide 65 million people were displaced this past year. How might we welcome them? How can we share the Good News with international people in our towns and cities? This session will feature several Houston residents who are reaching out to their international neighbors, as Houston is now considered the most ethnically diverse city in the USA. Breakout led by Kristin Huffman & Richard Haney of Frontier Fellowship, plus guests.
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<td><em>Failing and Prevailing: Making Prayer the Steering Wheel of the Church</em></td>
<td>Most breakouts center on how to do things better, which is helpful, but at this breakout, people might be encouraged to listen to me share the mistakes I have made in learning to lead a small church, and my frequent failures as a pastor. It will conclude with dialogue on prevailing prayer. ECO will rise, thrive and succeed only as we pray. Corrie Ten Boom once said, “Prayer must be the steering wheel of the church, not the spare tire.” We will continue to make mistakes as all pastors and leaders do, but one mistake we don’t want to make is leading a prayerless church. Time will be devoted to listening, discussing and sharing ideas of how we might lead our churches to pray. Breakout led by Anthony Ceder (Pastor at Matthews Memorial PC, Albany, TX) (336 B)</td>
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<td><em>Give a Drink to the Thirsty: How Your Church Can Make the Maximum Impact on Global Poverty</em></td>
<td>663 million people in our world do not have access to clean water, and 1 in 3 people do not have access to a toilet. Lifewater International is tackling the global water and sanitation crisis with a sustainable, dignifying, Christ-centered model that is bringing real change at an affordable price. Come learn how your church can change everything for an entire village. Discover how you can get your whole church (children, youth, adults) involved in a mission that is transforming communities and sharing the Gospel. Breakout led by Sean Martin (Church Planter at Headwater Ministries &amp; Investor Relations Manager at Lifewater International) (337 A)</td>
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<td><em>Discipling Global Christians</em></td>
<td>As God’s people, we’re on mission with God. God’s plan is to bless all the nations and peoples of the earth through us. Since it’s easy to lose sight of God’s global purpose as we disciple and send, come explore how we can maintain a global focus in these essential arenas! Breakout led by Andrew Adair (Executive Director of The Antioch Partners) (339 A)</td>
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<td><em>Gospel City Movements</em></td>
<td>How many churches are there in your community? The answer: ONE. What does Jesus long for? That the faithful would be one (John 17:21)! How are you answering his prayer? A Gospel City Movement strives for unity among Christ followers as they seek to bless their city (Jeremiah 29:7). Over 300 Gospel City Movements have emerged across the country seeking to address the difficult issues of their communities such as racial divisions, homelessness, family deterioration, and educational struggles. Breakout led by Chris Handley (Associate Pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Florence, SC) (337 B)</td>
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<td><em>Growing the Church: Process Not Program</em></td>
<td>Come explore how your Session can cooperate with the Holy Spirit in bringing the life of Christ and His growth to your congregation. We will briefly introduce principles in <em>Growing the Church in the Power of the Holy Spirit</em>, and include time for prayer, listening and debriefing (the “dance of cooperation with the Holy Spirit”) to get a vision for using the book with your Session. This is what you might experience at a Growing the Church retreat. Breakout led by Presbyterian Reformed Ministries International (335 A)</td>
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<td>Is your church in need of transformation? Ready to be transformed? Or even just open to learning more about what it could mean to be a transformed church? Join Paul Borden, our 2017 National Gathering keynote speaker, to learn more about being involved in a game-changing Church Transformation Cohort that includes coaching, pastor learning groups, lay leader training, and on-site consultation and evaluation that leads to health, growth, and new disciples coming to faith in Jesus Christ in your church context. Breakout led by Paul Borden (Director of Church Health Initiative) (328)</td>
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<td>Church Administration&lt;br&gt;As we approach and enter retirement, we face questions, fears, and challenges. Learn how to make a smooth transition and what to expect in life’s fourth quarter, including the different seasons of retirement and how God wants to continue using you. Breakout led by Bruce Bruinsma (Founder of Envoy Financial &amp; Live With Meaning Foundation)</td>
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<td><strong>Understanding Polity Overtures</strong></td>
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<td>BALLROOM</td>
<td>Engaging Your Community&lt;br&gt;If you are like me, you dream about being a church where three things are happening: 1) Christians are growing in their faith&lt;br&gt;2) Unchurched people are becoming the church and seeing its importance&lt;br&gt;3) Skeptical people are engaged, moving towards belief, and eventually believing. In this breakout we will look at how to be a church that is reaching unchurched and skeptical people while continuing to help Christians grow. Breakout led by David Hancock (Church Planter at The Grove Church, Port St. Lucie, FL)</td>
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<td><strong>Gender Dysphoria and the Transgender Experience</strong></td>
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<td>Engaging Your Community&lt;br&gt;This will be a brief introduction to the complex issue of gender dysphoria and the varying degrees of distress people feel when having a gender identity (the gender they perceive themselves to be) that doesn’t match their biological sex. The larger transgender experience will also be discussed. Scott will share some of his own personal experiences with these issues, along with some other factors to consider when thinking through this topic (like which pronouns to use when talking with a transgender person). Breakout led by Scott Kingry (Program Director at Where Grace Abounds)</td>
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<td><strong>Transitional Pastors</strong></td>
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<td>Enhance Your ECO Experience&lt;br&gt;In 2018 ECO is working to develop a Certified Transitional Pastor curriculum. Those selected for this certification will receive specific training in leading a congregation through transition. This break-out is designed to explain the role of a Transitional Pastor in ECO, the process of becoming a Transitional Pastor in ECO, and a first look at what will be expected of Certified Transitional Pastors in ECO. Breakout led by Nate Dreesmann (ECO Executive Director of Ecclesiastical Support)</td>
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<td><strong>Identifying and Developing Women Leaders in the Church Setting</strong></td>
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<td>Enhance Your ECO Experience&lt;br&gt;Everyone knows that the basic tools of leadership development are not one-size-fits-all. This is especially true when it comes to identifying and developing leaders who are female. This breakout will look at the following concepts: Providing creative venues for identification of potential leaders; Developing a strategic plan to foster flourishing women leaders; Mentoring and reverse-mentoring; Collaboration, synergy and delegation – what we may not know; Conflict resolution – conflict happens, and male/female resolution patterns are often quite different; and providing meaningful feedback to women leaders. Breakout led by Bonnie Fearer (Associate Pastor at Santa Barbara Community Church, Santa Barbara, CA)</td>
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<td><strong>Good News from Hard Places</strong></td>
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<td>Global Engagement&lt;br&gt;Come learn why the Church in difficult places has much to teach us about both the cost of discipleship, and its fruits! Marilyn Borst shares first-hand experience behind global headlines as she sheds light upon the work and witness of the Presbyterian Church in Syria, Iraq and Egypt, and invites us to come alongside that work with our prayer and presence. As Paul reminds us, “we rejoice in our suffering because suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us…” Breakout led by Marilyn Borst (Associate Director for Partnership Development at The Outreach Foundation)</td>
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<td><strong>Recovering from Natural Disasters: Does it Really Take That Long?</strong></td>
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<td>Global Engagement&lt;br&gt;Journey the road of disaster recovery. See the realities, roadblocks, and successes that families and communities face in the days, months, and years after a disaster. Learn how World Renew Disaster Response Services and its volunteers help to fill the gaps to make sure the elderly, disabled, and low-income disaster survivors do not fall through the cracks, but are supported on their road to recovery. Find out how you and your church can be a part of this ministry. Breakout led by Bob Laarman (World Renew Disaster Response Services Director)</td>
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Racial Reconciliation – Let’s Talk!  
Come discuss and share ideas surrounding the topic of racial reconciliation. If you are interested in pursuing new initiatives towards that end, and contributing to a discussion that could continue throughout the year, come gather with like-minded leaders as we seek God’s direction as individuals and for our churches. Breakout led by Mark Tumney (Pastor at Christ Community Church, Milpitas, CA) and Barbara Brice (Pastor & Executive Director First Ministries, Jacksonville, FL)

One Year into the Paul Borden Cohort  
Wondering about the church transformation project with Dr. Paul Borden? Come ask your questions, and hear from the pastors and elders in the 2017 Borden Transformation Cohort about their experiences, and where they will be going in 2018. Breakout led by Paul Borden (Director of Church Health Initiative)

Leadership: Succession Planning Toolbox  
The topic of Succession Planning has come to the forefront of leadership thought and conversation. Today’s churches realize the importance of stewarding a succession planning process that builds on their history, honors its aging leaders, and prepares for the future. What leadership transition process makes the most sense for our situation? How do we go about developing a succession planning strategy? How prepared are we from an organizational structure standpoint to navigate a season of leadership transition? How do we lead our people through a season of significant leadership transition? Join us as we explore answers to these questions and share Auxano’s resources that can assist your church in this important stage of ministry. Breakout led by Will Heath (Lead Navigator at Auxano)

The Incredible Power of a Small Church  
Does your church suffer from a poor self-image because it is lacking numbers in the pews? Are you feeling inferior when you hear what larger churches are doing? Do you feel overwhelmed and defeated when you look at a Christian Ed Curriculum that is clearly designed for a church with many leaders? What a nasty trick of the enemy to make us believe that small churches are less than their large church counterparts! Whether your definition of small is 80 or 8, this seminar is designed to get you excited and focused on the strengths that come with being small. We will explore shifts in thinking and self-perception that will empower and encourage a church of any size to embrace who it is in the community God has called it to be in Christ’s presence. Bring your stories to share of what you have accomplished because you are small! Breakout led by Karen Ballard (Pastor of Rome Presbyterian Church, Rome, PA)

Becoming a Flourishing Church  
The mission of ECO is to build flourishing churches that make disciples of Jesus Christ. This series of six videos and exercises is designed to help you understand the marks of a flourishing church and learn how to grow in that direction. The premise we will build from is flourishing churches are led by flourishing leaders, who are themselves flourishing disciples. This breakout will be an overview of our Becoming a Flourishing Church course so that you can discern if this resource is right for your church. Breakout led by Lisa Johnson (ECO Director of Lay Leadership Development)

Loving Beyond the Boundaries  
During his ministry, Jesus stepped out-of-bounds to spend time with cultural outsiders. We will examine Biblical stories to see the importance of “loving beyond the boundaries.” As a group we will examine boundaries in the culture we live in and explore how we can be drawn to the uncomfortable fringes of ministry for the sake of the students we work with. Breakout led by Cesar Castillejos (Richfield Young Life Area Director & Creative Director at The Well, Hope Church, Richfield, MN)

Pastor Trek: Going Where No PNC Has Gone before to Find Your Next Pastor  
Have you heard 40% of ordained ECO pastors are 60+? How will we replace this base of wisdom and experience with pastoral leadership who will help our ECO churches thrive? The traditional means of recruiting from particular seminaries or just looking within denominational bounds is no longer a viable option. The hundreds of resumes received from an online job posting might produce some decent candidates, but how does your PNC assess theology, ecclesiology, leadership style, and character? This session will help elders and pastors begin to think comprehensively about how a church might conduct an ongoing search or begin succession planning for the future. Breakout led by Joe Farrell (Vice President of Ministry Relations at AGORA Search Group)
Welcome ECO National Gathering attendees! I want to offer you free and deeply discounted resources to help your mission. These discounts are available only to you and only until the end of January. I hope they are a blessing to your ministry. - Ed Stetzer

**Free Resources**

- **Exegete Your Culture** - A 25 page download geared to help you understand and reach your culture
- **Steps Toward Neighborhood Mission** - A simple guide to share with your church to help you think and act like a missionary in your neighborhood.
- **Stetzer Coaching Class (One month free!)** - Monthly coaching from Ed Stetzer. You will get 3 monthly videos on a theme (like leadership, small groups, and preaching) to coach pastors and church leaders. You will also get live monthly Q&A with Ed on the theme and a private coaching forum for church leaders.

**Discounted Resources**

- **Breaking the 200 Barrier ($150 off!)** - This 14 session web-based resource includes 50+ bonuses to help you with the barriers that research shows in smaller churches. Learn how to structure leadership and volunteers, set up systems for assimilation and outreach, and a lot more. A resource you can use over and over! Use coupon code: ECO200
- **Strategic Leadership for Ministry & Mission ($150 off!)** - This 18 session web-based seminar is geared to help you grow as a leader and train leaders. Learn to lead a church through change, develop and communicate your mission, vision, and values, and a lot more.

Visit edstetzer.com/eco/ to learn more!
# New Resources for ECO Churches

## Succession Planning

We recognize that many of our churches are experiencing pastoral change and transition in the next few years. We are partnering with Auxano to train ECO navigators to assist churches and help them understand and apply transitional principles that can help develop effective stewardship transition based on important elements of succession planning.

## Pastoral Search Assistance

ECO has partnered with PDPworks to create a process to help Pastor Nominating Committees (PNCs) clarify a measurable behavior profile and style desired in their next pastor. We also offer services to profile candidates and help PNCs ask the best questions of candidates (and their references) in order to make an informed hiring decision.

## Church Transformation Cohort

We are currently finishing the first Church Transformation Cohort in Western Pennsylvania. Paul Borden introduced this process at our 2017 National Gathering, and we are seeing tremendous success from the churches in this initial cohort, and are now ready to offer the cohort across the country via a combination of virtual and face-to-face engagements.

## Flourishing Disciples

We have created a resource to help churches develop a disciple-making culture, reworking the former Discipleship Initiative.

## Flourishing Leaders

This resource helps elders, as well as other leaders and ministry teams, experience Spirit-led transformation and learn more effective ways to lead a flourishing church together, fulfilling God’s desire for their congregations. We have reworked aspects of ELI (Elder Leadership Institute) to make it more applicable to ECO polity and ethos.

For more information about these resources, please email info@flourishmovement.org

We are excited to bring you an overview of these resources in a recorded webinar. [vimeo.com/242273247](vimeo.com/242273247)
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# Getting Around Downtown

## Parking

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Map Key

- Restaurant Locations
- Parking
- Coffee Shops
- Grocery Store

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Thank You!

On behalf of the ECO staff and Synod Executive Council, thank you to our entire ECO family for joining us in Houston. We pray that through this week you will feel renewed, refreshed, empowered and excited about embarking on a new year of ministry together.

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