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Reshaping Church in a Volatile World: Congregational Leadership Collective

A Thriving Congregations Initiative by Central Seminary in partnership with Pinnacle Leadership Associates

Our world is growing less stable with increasing volatility. Extreme economic disparity, racial injustice, political destabilization, distrust for institutions...we could go on. No wonder conversations, research, and exploration of volatile, uncertain, complex, and ambiguous (VUCA) conditions is ramping up. These are some of the large-scale shifts we are likely to see in the near future. All of this in a culture which was already undergoing major culture change, from the modern to postmodern era.

Though no one wants volatile events to come our way more frequently, we recognize that trend in our common experience. So what do followers of Jesus do when VUCA conditions arise? How do we respond? What's our spiritual perspective or posture toward these kinds of experiences? What does effective church leadership look like in this kind of world?

This is the focus of the Reshaping Church Congregational Leadership Collective.

Church leaders, ordained and lay, are invited to join the Collective which will meet from February – June, 2022.

Anticipated Outcomes:

- A greater and more accurate understanding of our VUCA context, along with greater understanding of how churches are responding
- Increased confidence and competence for leading effectively during volatile times
- Learning emerging church leadership practices which help open the door for missional movement and reshaping the church for effective ministry during volatile times
- Collaborative learning with other congregational leaders

Activities and Format

Three primary activities are the heart of this Congregational Leadership Collective.

1. *Monthly Online Seminar* - Third Tuesdays, 1:00 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. (central time), February – June.

Participants will engage in an online Seminar once a month (75 minutes), facilitated by Mark Tidsworth, author of *ReShape: Emerging Church Practice In A Volatile World*. Since March 2019, Mark has led numerous seminars for church leaders on emerging leadership practices which open the door to forward progress. Each participant receives a copy of the ReShape book as the text for this Seminar.

2. *Coaching Group* - Participants engage in an online coaching group each month (90 minutes) with other congregational leaders and a Coach. The primary activity in each coaching group is linking emerging church practices with one's church context and discernment of implementation opportunities.

3. *Basecamp Online Platform* - Participants are invited to join us on Basecamp, an online place to collaboratively learn and share emerging church practices.

Participation Fee is \$250 per church. This fee includes an unlimited number of clergy or lay leaders from each congregation and a book for each participant. Participation is subsidized by Central Seminary's Thriving Congregations Initiative grant through the Lilly Endowment.

Opportunities for Congregations and Individuals

RESHAPING CHURCH CONGREGATIONAL COHORT 2022	GROUP COACHING FOR CLERGY OF 2021 RESHAPING CHURCH CONGREGATIONS	RESHAPING CHURCH CONGREGATIONAL LEADERS COLLECTIVE	RESHAPING CHURCH CONVERSATIONS	RESHAPING CHURCH SMALL GROUP EXPERIENCE
Five congregations will make up a multicultural community of practice will engage the original design of RESHAPING CHURCH in 2022	Clergy from the 2021 RESHAPING CHURCH congregations are invited to participate in ongoing group coaching	Monthly seminar and monthly group coaching Designed for congregational leaders who are ready to engage and prepare their congregations for adaptive change	Dialogues with scholar-practitioners on topics relevant to congregational ministry today Open to all	An opportunity for congregational leaders considering RESHAPING CHURCH 2023 to become more acquainted the content Will also benefit any congregations with leaders who participate in the small groups but do not engage in 2023
November 2021 – June 2022	January – June 2022	February – June 2022	Monthly June – November 2022	8 weekly sessions Late August – October 2022
Application period is closed	Registration closes January 7, 2022	Registration closes February 7, 2022	Registration opens May 2022 and is ongoing	Registration opens June 2022
	\$250/participant	\$250/church with unlimited number of participants from each church	Free	\$250/church with unlimited number of participants from each church



- ❖ FOCUS is a newsletter published for professional church leaders in the Central Region, and it is distributed monthly. It is on the Region website, <https://abccr.org/>.
- ❖ The deadline for FOCUS is the first of the month of publication.
- ❖ A variation in content and format is required for copy to be printed in two or more successive issues.

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Check our ABC Central Region Twitter link — <https://twitter.com/ABCCRegion>

Please like and share the posts made on these Central Region social media accounts to help us spread the news!

Sr. Adult Retreat to have Central Region pastor, Joel Grizzle as Keynote Speaker



Originally from Georgia but transitioned to Dallas, Texas to attend Dallas Seminary in his mid-twenties. Married to a fiery Texas redhead named Kendra, who baptized him into ways of Texas A&M. Together they have 3 children: Kennedy 14, Jace 13, Gage 10. He has served at churches in North Atlanta, Dallas and has been in Lyons, Kansas since 2009.

"Handshakes, Hugs & Hallelujahs"
April 27-28, 2022
McPherson First Baptist Church



MIDDLE SCHOOL WINTER WEEKEND

"CRAZY FRIENDS"

JANUARY 28-29, 2022
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
410 S HICKORY ST, OTTAWA, KS 66067

SPEAKER: ERIC MOSHER, LIVING A LEGACY CHURCH, NEWTON, KS

\$35 A STUDENT IF REGISTERED BY JANUARY 14TH
\$50 LATE REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 6:30PM ON FRIDAY.
DEPARTURE IS AT 5:30PM ON SATURDAY.

CENTRAL REGION

ANNUAL
MISSIONS
CONFERENCE

JANUARY 14-15

HAVE YOU HEARD?



TODAY, we're launching the 2022 Missions & Evangelism Annual Conference, and we don't want you to miss out on all the features and tools that can help your church grow.

Regardless of COVID, this conference will be in-person and simulcast.

This is not just about missions. You will receive tools that make missions relevant and practical. The tools you need to grow your church!

We'll see you there!

Central Region
Annual Missions Conference

It's LIVE and It's ONLINE.

JANUARY 14-15
MARK YOUR CALENDAR



MISSION & EVANGELISM ANNUAL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

January 14-15

Name:			
Church Name:		City:	
Cell Phone:		Email:	

\$25.⁰⁰/Person

The Mission & Evangelism Committee has \$750 in matching funds. For every dollar the region receives above your \$25 fee, up to \$750, will be matched. The monies received will be divided equally between the four special offerings: America For Christ, One Great Hour of Sharing, World Mission Offering, and Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering. Can you help us reach our goal of \$1500.⁰⁰?

Check One:			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes – I'll Be there!	My Registration Fee	\$25. ⁰⁰
<input type="checkbox"/>	No – I can't make it.	But I Still Want to Give	
Total Due			\$

Conference Details

FRIDAY JANUARY 14 - The 2022 Mission & Evangelism Conference kick-off with a mission challenge from Ray Schooler our Zoom Keynote speaker. Mark your calendar- Friday Evening January 14, 2022 Keynote 7:00 pm. When we receive your registration, a link will be sent to you.

SATURDAY JANUARY 15 – COVID Pending, we will have 'Watch Parties' in 8 locations across the Region. Our theme is TOGETHER – when we put our Missions Money, 'Together' we can do better! If we are under COVID restraints and cannot meet, you will receive a link. Please check the location where you will come 'Together' in ABCCR mission learning, and development.

Check One: I will attend the following Watch Party. A light lunch will be provided.

<input type="checkbox"/> Garden City FBC	<input type="checkbox"/> Great Bend FBC	<input type="checkbox"/> Hiawatha FBC	<input type="checkbox"/> Humbolt FBC
<input type="checkbox"/> KC Victory Hills	<input type="checkbox"/> McPherson FBC	<input type="checkbox"/> Topeka FBC	
<input type="checkbox"/> Wichita Faith Renewal			

Return this Registration Form to Wilma Engle - wilmaengle10@gmail.com or mail to: Wilma Engle; 6745 Interurban St.; Wichita, KS 67204-1323. Please make checks payable to: **Mid-Winter Missions**

Registrations Due By: January 1, 2022

AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

FROM YOUR ABCCR STAFF
GREGG, JENNIFER, BILL, AND MORGAN

Wishing you all many blessings this season and in the new year to come. We are blessed to serve among you.

