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Tuesday 2pm	Understanding and Growth of Spirituality <i>(Korean-speaking)</i>	No seminar	Teaching Theology to Children	Equipping Minority Ruling Elders to Serve Their Presbyteries and the GA	Why Evangelism Fails to Connect in Our Culture and What to Do About It
Tuesday 3:15pm	Come to the Table, Come Back to the Word! Leadership Issues of the Korean Immigrant Church in America <i>(Korean-speaking)</i>	Church Renewal Through Gospel Coaching in the Local Church	Ministering to Transgender and Transgender-Affirming People in Your Church and Community	Humility Together	Discipling Through Bible Studies: Choosing the Best Approach
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Wednesday 8:00am	No seminar	Preaching, Teaching, and Counseling About Sex and Gender	Pastoral PTSD: What's Going On?	Preaching the Whole Counsel of God: Design and Deliver Gospel-Centered Sermons	Church Revitalization: The Apostolic Map and Mandate
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Seminars

TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2:00pm

Auditorium 2

Understanding and Growth of Spirituality *(Korean-speaking)*

▲ *Seminar Speaker:* **Sam Jung Suh**, Senior Pastor

Korean First Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, GA

Every man has a thirst. Often, we do not know what we exactly thirst for. However, we sense a longing that comes from deep within. Then we wander to and fro searching for the thing that will quench our thirst. Men are spiritual by nature. Therefore, we are not satisfied by material things alone. Rather, we thirst for spiritual things. That is why there are many so-called mystic false spiritual movements, even in highly developed societies such as America. In fact, the spiritual thirst becomes even stronger once a person's spirit has been revived.

Therefore, we need to be equipped to have the right understanding of spirituality. This seminar, derived from the Word and the Spirit, will help you understand spirituality. Also, with the speaker's own testimony, the seminar will show you the attributes of the human spirit, including its personality and growth.

Augusta AB

Teaching Theology to Children

▲ *Seminar Speaker:* **Marty Machowski**, Author, New Growth Press
Pastor, Covenant Fellowship

Did you ever stare at the large study Bible sitting on your table and wonder, "How am I ever going to teach this to my kids?" Communicating the core beliefs of Christianity can feel intimidating, but if you have the right resources, imparting these truths to your children is easy. Join this seminar and learn how you can pass sound doctrine to your kids without breaking a sweat.

Colony A

Equipping Minority Ruling Elders to Serve their Presbyteries and the GA

▲ *Seminar Speaker:* **Omar Ortiz**, Leadership Development Director
Christ the King Church Planting Center, Boston, MA

Minority ruling elders do not generally participate in their presbyteries or the General Assembly. Their lack of participation hurts local churches because their voice is not heard at the higher courts. It also hurts our denomination because we are not challenged to adapt to the changing realities of the United States. This seminar will present (1) a pathway to help prepare minority elders and (2) explain the options available for them to serve in both their presbyteries and the General Assembly.

Colony B

Why Evangelism Fails to Connect in Our Culture and What to do About It

▲ *Seminar Speakers:* **Alan Avera**, Executive Director
Christianity Explored USA

Barry Cooper, Director, Product Development
Christianity Explored Ministries

We need to understand how to better connect evangelism with people in today's culture, discover how story can transform your evangelism and teaching, and uncover how the theme of idolatry helps people, especially millennials, admit their sin. Learn about *Life Explored*, a new resource from Christianity Explored. Dr. D.A. Carson says, "This is one of the best of the rising number of evangelistic tools addressing men and women in the twenty-first century."

Grandover East

Planting and Pastoring a Multi-Cultural Church

▲ *Seminar Speaker:* **Corey Jackson**, Senior Pastor, Trinity Park Church
The Biblical imperative for church planting is that diverse people from many nations be reached with the Gospel of Jesus. Additionally, the demographic imperative of a changing America demands that church plants and established churches engage with and eventually represent the diverse population of their local communities. The reality, all too often, is that our churches are not diverse—they look strikingly similar to their pastor or their original core group. Is there any way to break up this inertia so that the Gospel can reach all the people God has given us as our neighbors? Can diverse people worship God together, or are we destined, until heaven, to worship apart? Come hear Corey Jackson, who pastors a young church made up of 30 distinct cultural groups, share what he's learned while planting and pastoring a multi-cultural church.

Grandover West

Friends and Mentors: A Forgotten Aspect of the Reformation

▲ *Seminar Speaker:* **Dan Doriani**, Professor of Theology and
Vice President, Covenant Theological Seminary

This seminar explores the role of mentors in the spiritual development of the reformers. After a short exegetical section on Ecclesiastes 4:9-12, the lecture describes the relationship between John Calvin and his older mentor, Martin Bucer. Drawing on biographies and the letters of Calvin, this lecture shows how, as historians sometimes say, "Calvin became Calvin" through Bucer's work with him. The lecture more briefly explores the relationship between Luther and his mentor, Staupitz.

Pebble Beach

A Practical Tool for Taking Truth to Your Heart and to the Hearts of Others

▲ *Seminar Speaker:* **Emily Hartman**, Parakaleo

Calvin's image of the human heart as an idol factory is all too familiar, isn't it? We know that the gospel invites us to a life of freedom, so how do we get this good news from our heads to our hearts? Come learn visual, practical tools that will expose and uproot our idols and help us to find Jesus to be most beautiful, freeing us to live a life of love. Together we'll learn to increase fluency and agility in taking the gospel to our own hearts and to the hearts of others.



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Sandpiper

Church Planting in Small Town, Working Class Communities

▲ *Seminar Speakers:* **Jeph Guinan**, Lead Pastor, Cornerstone Church, PCA
Rick Hutchinson, Christ Community PCA

This seminar will focus on the challenges and need for church planting in the oft-neglected small town, working class communities. We will look at strategies for reaching these areas, and the economic, theological, and social challenges that one can expect, as well as the qualities that a church planter should possess to reach these areas effectively. This seminar is especially geared for those considering church planting in, or supporting plants in, these communities.

Tanglewood

Issues and Strategies for Travel Sports and the Church

▲ *Seminar Speakers:* **Bob Schindler** & **Ken Cross**
CedePartners, formerly Church Sports Outreach

At a recent pastor's conference, the hot topic outside of the formal presentations between the pastors dealt with Travel Sports and how it was affecting worship attendance of families and the other aspects of church life. Most pastors lamented what it was doing to families and to the church. This seminar will give you insight into this issue and strategy ideas.

Tidewater

The Fitting Rooms of Fact: Richard Wilbur Celebrates the Fourth of July

▲ *Seminar Speaker:* **William Tate**, Professor of English, Covenant College

This session will offer an accessible and—I promise—interesting interpretation of Richard Wilbur's poem "The Fourth of July." We will consider details of the poem in order to pursue two goals: first, the reading of the poem will indicate why poetry ought to be, and how it can be, a part of the way Christians understand our lives and faith. Second, since the poem is about the ways language forms cultural understanding, the reading will particularly model careful awareness of how we use language to understand, especially, race.



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TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 3:15pm

Auditorium 2

Come to the Table, Come Back to the Word! Leadership Issues of the Korean Immigrant Church in America & Our Responses From a Practical Theology Point of View (Korean-speaking)

▲ *Seminar Speaker:* **Kyu Hyun Lee**, Vice President for International Affairs and Executive Dean of the Korean Division
Faith International University

This seminar is about current leadership issues of the Korean Immigrant Church in America and our responses to become a God-honoring healthy church according to the Scriptures. Part One includes: Acknowledging Current Issues, Church Leadership Quality, Lack of Understanding of Biblical Ecclesiology, Loss of Holy Impact on Society, and Lack of Systematic Understanding and Leadership. Part Two includes: Responses to Become a God-honoring Healthy Church, Discussion of Reclaiming the Truth of Scripture, Following the Work of the Holy Spirit, Restoring Relationship with God & Others, and Restoring Christian Ethics.

Auditorium 4

Church Renewal Through Gospel Coaching in the Local Church

▲ *Seminar Speaker:* **Tom Wood**, President
Church Multiplication Ministries, Inc.

Church leaders long for renewal in their church. New programs may not be needed. Existing relationships simply need the gospel coached into the lives of leaders so the gospel does its work. GOSPEL COACHING is the single most important ingredient for health and thriveability in ministry leaders. It empowers leaders to intentionally apply the gospel to relational, personal, missional, and spiritual needs in the local church context. This seminar will expose learners to gospel coaching and the gospel's power to bring change.

Augusta AB

Ministering to Transgender and Transgender-Affirming People in Your Church and Community

▲ *Seminar Speaker:* **Tim Geiger**, Executive Director, Harvest USA
Culture has redefined gender to reject God's creative intent. There may be people in your church who agree with the cultural notion that gender is not fixed at birth, and that gender is non-binary. How do you engage these people with the gospel and speak the truth in love to them? This workshop will help you articulate a biblical definition of gender and how to call God's people to understand and embrace it, as well as help you help your members interact with a culture that has adopted an increasingly post-Christian view of gender.



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Colony A

Humility Together

▲ *Seminar Speaker:* **Christopher Hutchinson**, Senior Pastor

Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, Blacksburg, VA

What does a humble church look like? Humility lies at the heart of the Reformed faith as we rightly reserve all glory to God alone and emphasize our personal need for grace. Yet, we have often allowed worldly mindsets and methodologies to come into the life of the Church in ways that obscure this humility which ought to be so central. We will discuss together from Scripture how we as leaders can explicitly pursue and promote humility corporately in our congregations—humility together—without in turn becoming proud of our humility!

Colony B

Discipling through Bible Studies: Choosing the Best Approach

▲ *Seminar Speaker:* **Mark Lowrey**, Director of Publications

Great Commission Publications

Not everyone learns the same way. How can you determine which type of Bible study approach will work best in various discipling situations? Each method has its strengths and weaknesses and meets a particular need. This seminar will help you evaluate your ministry and needs as you discover the pluses and minuses of three effective methods to disciple children, youth, and adults.

Grandover East

The PCA and Hispanic Church Plant: Challenges and Opportunities

▲ *Seminar Speakers:* **William Castro**, Church Planter

Al Guerra, Church Planter and TE

David Moran, President, Cita-Edu

Fernando Mejia, Church Planter & High School Teacher

Brad Taylor, Pastor for Hispanic Ministries,

Briarwood Presbyterian Church, Birmingham, AL

Planting Hispanic churches in the PCA is considered a great need and also a great challenge. In our denomination, the struggles are tremendous as there is a lack of communication and understanding between both cultures in terms of what a church plant is. Common questions are: Is it worth it to plant Hispanic churches? What are the differences between Hispanic and Anglo/Hispanic churches, and between multi-ethnic churches and multicultural churches? How can we help leaders, churches, and presbyteries apply their passions and avoid common errors in that regard? How do we build self-sustained churches?

Grandover West – sponsored by *Five More Talents*

Lost Legacies: African American Fathers and Brothers in Presbyterian History

▲ *Seminar Speaker:* **Sean Lucas**, Sr. Pastor, Independent Presbyterian Church
Professor of Church History, RTS

While many PCA elders “know” American Presbyterian history, there is actually a stream about which most of us are unaware. In the 19th and 20th centuries, there were several African American Presbyterian leaders who labored faithfully in Word and prayer and who serve as models for us. Join Dr. Sean Lucas as together we explore these lost legacies.

Pebble Beach – sponsored by *Palmer Home for Children*

Parenting in the Fishbowl: Raising Covenant Children in the Church

▲ *Seminar Speakers:* **Stephen Estock**, CDM Coordinator

Sue Jakes, Children's Ministry Coordinator

How do we parent our children with the whole church looking on? This seminar will consider how church leaders can be sensitive to the needs of their covenant children, while at the same time guiding them to understand the blessing of growing up in the covenant community. What are some principles and priorities to remember? What are some common pitfalls to avoid? Join us as we explore how God's grace works in the messiness of the fallen nature. Our hope in the ups and downs of parenting always lies in the never-failing love of God.

Sandpiper

Only Human. . .Facing the Emotional Challenges of Ministry Life

▲ *Seminar Speaker:* **Roy A. Yanke**, Executive Director, PIR Ministries

Life as a person in a ministry role can be dangerous. Serving with a heart that is whole, while we navigate the emotional challenges, requires an intentional process. Together, we can learn the importance of acknowledging both our humanity and the power of the Gospel while we craft a healthy way to do ministry. This seminar is designed for both pastors and ruling elders. PIR brings over 20 years of experience in pastoral renewal and restoration to this seminar.

Tanglewood

In His Image? How Racial and Ethnic Stereotypes Shape Our Views of God's Creation

▲ *Seminar Speaker:* **Alicia Jackson**, Associate Professor of History
Covenant College

As people committed to the ministry of His word and prayer, how do we “evaluate” people who might enter our church foyers, our counseling offices or seek help from our mercy ministries? The Oxford English Dictionary defines stereotype as: “A preconceived and oversimplified idea of the characteristics which typify a person; an attitude based on such a preconception.” Do we as Christians follow this pattern about other people who are created in the image of God? Why is one person drawn upon and shot multiple times for a traffic stop, and another given a citation with a cordial warning? Why is the motion of “Hands Up” perceived with fear by one person and greeted with surrender by another?



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Tidewater

Marriage: Design, Distortion, Redemption and You

▲ *Seminar Speaker:* **Steve Cavallaro**, Pastor

Desert Springs Evangelical Presbyterian Church

This seminar is designed to help us place the story of our marriages back into the context of God's Story. It will examine marriage thru God's greater Story of Creation, Fall, and Redemption. Creation introduces us as image bearers with a mission (the creation mandate) as a context for the covenant of marriage. Then we will briefly explore how the Fall distorts the image, mission, and covenant. Christ restores marriage by restoring us as image bearers. In God's story marriage is viewed in light of mission and holiness rather than personal fulfillment (our story). I intend to help people make a pastoral application of a biblical theology of marriage.

TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 4:30pm

Auditorium 4

The Exercise of Religious Liberty in a Hostile Environment

▲ *Seminar Speakers:* **Dan Carrell**, Attorney, and Ruling Elder

Stony Point Reformed Presbyterian

Matt Fender, Attorney and Ruling Elder

All Saints Reformed Presbyterian

This seminar will provide an overview of religious liberty under federal and state law and address its exercise in light of Scripture and the Westminster Confession of Faith. It will then present some practical steps toward protecting that exercise in local PCA churches in light of increasing legal challenges within a secular culture.

Augusta AB – sponsored by *Appalachia Service Project*

The Crucial Ministry of Ruling Elders Who Promote Healthy, Reformed, Presbyterian Local Churches

▲ *Seminar Speakers:* **Harry Reeder**, Sr. Pastor

Briarwood Presbyterian Church

Al Baker, Evangelist

Presbyterian Evangelistic Fellowship

This seminar is designed to focus upon two issues. First is the distillation and explanation of the seven distinctives which mark a Gospel-healthy, Reformed, Evangelical, and Presbyterian local church. Second, what is the crucial role of a ruling elder to promote the seven distinctives through effective oversight and shepherding of the flock?

Colony A

Dear White Christian: What Every White Christian Needs to Know About Black Christians in America

▲ *Seminar Speaker:* **Aaron Layton**, Founder and CEO of Relate2Color

Find out what white Christians need to know about how black Christians see, think and experience racism in America. Aaron Layton will explore the invisible and emotional racial divide that often exists between white and black Christians. Aaron will also give solutions on how to close these emotional gaps.

Colony B

Gospel-centered Church Revitalization in an Asian-American Context

▲ *Seminar Speaker:* **Owen Lee**, Senior Pastor

Christ Central Presbyterian Church, Centreville, VA

This seminar will consider the work of church revitalization in an Asian-American context (specifically, a second generation Korean-American, English-speaking context) by applying Gospel-centered leadership principles and practices in a way that is contextualized to an Asian-American context. This seminar will be oriented to pastors, ruling elders, and church leaders laboring in an Asian-American ministry context, but all are welcome.

Grandover East – sponsored by *Five More Talents*

"Almost Christianity" Revisited

▲ *Seminar Speakers:* **Stephen Estock**, CDM Coordinator

Danny Mitchell, Youth Ministry Coordinator

Committee on Discipleship Ministries (CDM)

In 2010, Kenda Creasy Dean wrote *Almost Christian*, which was an eye-opening look at the faith of teens as revealed by the findings of the National Study of Youth and Religion. In the 7 years since publication, PCA churches continue to search for ways to avoid witnessing another generation "who did not know the LORD" (Judges 2:10). This seminar will consider various issues current in PCA youth ministry and the ways that leaders can equip and encourage the next generation to know the Lord and serve his kingdom.

Grandover West – sponsored by *The Chalmers Center for Economic Development at Covenant College*

An Invitation to Listen, Respond, and Connect

▲ *Seminar Speakers:* **Carl Ellis**, Academic Dean

Makazi Institute and adjunct faculty at RTS

Jon Seda, Senior Pastor, Grace Presbyterian

This session will focus on hearing from those who have concerns, questions, and encouragement about the aims of the Committee on Racial Reconciliation. The goals will be (1) to invite the greater community to understand the Committee's methodology and the progress made; (2) to present the Committee's theological foundation that aims to maximize linguistic and hermeneutical accuracy; and (3) to invite the greater community to assist the Committee in gaining wisdom on pitfalls to be avoided.



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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 8:00am

Pebble Beach

Practical Help and Gospel Hope for Hurting Wives

▲ *Seminar Speaker:* **Ellen Dykas**, Women's Ministry Coordinator, Harvest USA
When sexual unfaithfulness intrudes upon a marriage, hearts and lives are painfully impacted. This workshop will offer biblical guidance and hope to assist those who desire to come alongside women facing this painful trial. We'll also talk about how pastors and session members can serve together with women to provide guidance in the marital restoration process.

Sandpiper

Seeking Refuge: A Biblical Response to the Refugee Crisis

▲ *Seminar Speaker:* **Joe McCann**, World Relief
High Point/Winston-Salem
Director of Church Engagement

The arrival of refugees into the United States has recently become a controversial political topic, but for Christians it is first and foremost a biblical issue. In this workshop, we will explore what the Bible says that should inform our thinking, address several of the most common concerns about refugees, and provide practical guidance on ways that PCA Churches can reach out to the nations arriving within their communities with the love of Christ and the witness of the gospel.

Tanglewood

Patriarch vs. Caliph: Christian-Muslim Apologetics From 781 AD

▲ *Seminar Speaker:* **Kevin Ball**, TE, and PhD student
Semitic Languages and Literatures
Catholic University of America

While we in the West find ourselves increasingly in dialogue with Muslims, many Christian communities have been engaged with Islam since its very beginning. This seminar will explore one of the earliest "official" Christian-Muslim religious debates, reported to have taken place in the late 8th century AD in Baghdad. The arguments in this debate were widely influential in the Churches under Islamic rule for centuries. We can learn much from this example of respectful, faithful inter-religious dialogue as we encounter Muslims in our contexts today.

Tidewater

The Cost of Neglect:

Why the PCA Needs the Scottish Reformation Story

▲ *Seminar Speaker:* **Ken Stewart**, Professor of Theological Studies
Covenant College

A Scottish accent still fascinates in PCA pulpits. The PCA maintains Scottish missionary involvements. But in reality, the PCA is cut off from Scotland, the 'homeland' of Presbyterians. Scotland's Reformation era is now considered a mere side-note to a more important story in Geneva. This slighting of Scotland's Reformation heritage costs us dearly. We are hampered by our neglect of Scotland's 1) early Presbyterian polity, 2) flexible approach to ministries and offices, 3) restrained approach to liturgy/sacraments and 4) determination to maintain Scriptural sung praise.

Auditorium 4

Preaching, Teaching, and Counseling about Sex and Gender

▲ *Seminar Speaker:* **Tim Geiger**, Executive Director, Harvest USA
Sex and gender are two issues that challenge every Christian daily. Whether dealing with lustful thoughts, pornography use, same-sex attraction, or confusion about whether the biblical male-female gender binary really is God's intent, there isn't any person engaging with your preaching and teaching who doesn't wrestle with how to apply Scripture to these issues in their life. Harvest USA President and PCA Teaching Elder Tim Geiger will help you grow in your understanding of these issues and how to apply that understanding through illustrations and application in your public ministry.

Augusta AB

Pastoral PTSD: What's Going On?

▲ *Seminar Speaker:* **Ed Eubanks**, Executive Director, Doulos Resources
A pastor's daily and persistent struggles and challenges can accumulate and result in Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), leaving him shell-shocked and reeling in ways similar to the experience of war veterans or those who have been victimized. In this seminar, we will discuss how trauma adds up, what its effects can be, and some ways to approach healing. While backed up by research and data, my seminar will also be reflective on personal experiences, inviting attendees to engage personally as well.

Colony A

Preaching the Whole Counsel of God:

Design and Deliver Gospel-Centered Sermons

▲ *Seminar Speaker:* **Julius J. Kim**, Professor of Practical Theology
Westminster Seminary CA

Based on Julius Kim's new book from Zondervan, this seminar will provide an introduction to the primary elements involved in the preparation and presentation of gospel-centered sermons from all the scriptures. Both the interpretive and communicative parts of the preaching task will be discussed, from genre analysis and typology to the influence of neuroscience on teaching.

Colony B

Church Revitalization: The Apostolic Map and Mandate

▲ *Seminar Speaker:* **Harry Reeder**, Senior Pastor
Briarwood Presbyterian Church

An increasing number of leaders in an increasing number of denominations are realizing that church revitalization is a real and growing need. In this seminar, Dr. Harry Reeder will point out that it is also a biblical mandate which is called for in 1 Timothy and Titus and the books of Acts and Revelation. He will share what he has learned and promoted through the *Embers to a Flame Ministry* about church revitalization. Now is the time, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to produce Christ-exalting, Spirit-filled, prayer-saturated, Bible-shaped, Gospel-healthy churches on mission, message and ministry. How can you get started? Let us not delay.



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Grandover East

Creating a Culture of Ongoing Strategic Planning and Execution

▲ *Seminar Speaker:* **John Purcell**, Founder, Transform

Is strategic planning something you do every 5 years or should it be an ongoing process? Are your annual goals all tied to a strategy? How often do you actually make those goals? Most churches have a Vision, Mission, and Goals—somewhere in a file drawer or on a computer hard drive. Learn why it is crucial to establish the foundation of who God wants you to be as a church, how to assess where you are in comparison to that, and how to establish an ongoing process of planning that focuses on continually moving the church toward that vision. And we'll discuss how to build a church that continually works to accomplish goals so that you're allowing God to move you where He wants you.

Grandover West – sponsored by Harvest USA

Walking on the Road of Racial Reconciliation

▲ *Seminar Speakers:* **Kevin Smith**, Senior Pastor, New City Fellowship
Chattanooga, TN
Russ Whitfield, Pastor, Grace Mosaic
Washington, DC

Though our American mission field is quickly changing, God's calling to his missionary people does not change. Yet, this tension raises many questions. How can we faithfully respond to God's calling over our lives in this globalized society? How can we actually live out racial reconciliation in our ordinary days? What kind of changes does God's word require of us in these matters? Join us as we consider how to faithfully follow Christ as ministers of reconciliation.

Pebble Beach

Cultivating Christian Contentment

▲ *Seminar Speaker:* **Melissa Krueger**, Director of Women's Ministries
Uptown Church

From a Roman prison, the apostle Paul wrote, "I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content." In the midst of life's ups and downs, how can we learn this same lesson and share in Paul's joy? This seminar will seek to understand the meaning of contentment, the snares that keep us from joy, and how to cultivate contentment in our daily lives.

Sandpiper

Helping Our People Connect Their Faith to Their Work and Callings

▲ *Seminar Speaker:* **Bill Pence**, RE, Service Manager (IT Department)
State Farm Insurance

Do the people in your church think that only "full-time Christian work" has value in God's eyes? The speaker will bring his unique perspective of being a leader in the marketplace, a seminary graduate, and ruling elder to this session. Transform your congregation's thinking about work (drudgery, working for the weekend) and encourage them regarding the value of their work (God-glorifying!). Learn how you can help people connect their faith to their work and callings—connect Sundays to Mondays.

Tanglewood – sponsored by Hood Theological Seminary

Bi-Vocational Ministry and the PCA

▲ *Seminar Speaker:* **Douglas Morgan Barcroft**, Senior Pastor
Hickory Withe Presbyterian Church, Bartlett, TN

The goal of this seminar is to explore pertinent questions related to bi-vocational ministry in our denomination: What is bi-vocational ministry? Are there Scriptural examples of bi-vocational ministers/ministry? What are the different approaches to bi-vocational ministry? What are the 'Pros'? What are the 'Cons'? What is the receptivity level in the PCA toward bi-vocational ministry/ministers? What are some possibilities for the use of bi-vocational ministers in the PCA? What are the speaker's conclusions after serving in bi-vocational ministry for 20 years?

Tidewater – sponsored by Appalachia Service Project

GA for Rookies

▲ *Seminar Speaker:* **Roy Taylor**, Stated Clerk
Come hear Dr. Taylor talk about what is really going on at General Assembly. Whether you are a Rookie or a long-time attendee, you are sure to learn something about the inner workings of the General Assembly! Don't be hesitant to ask questions—this is your chance!

Assembly-wide Seminar

The Roles of Women in the PCA

Wednesday, June 14, 2017

9:15 – 10:45am

Guilford Ballroom

*Sponsored by US Air Force Chaplain Corps Recruiting
and Logos Bible Software*

Speakers

Irwyn Ince, Dan Doriani, Harry Reeder

Mary Beth McGreevy, Bruce O'Neil

The Assembly-wide Seminar this year will be presented by the Ad Interim Committee on the Role of Women and will be led by the chairman of the Committee, Dr. Irwyn Ince. The seminar will feature an overview of the committee's work, issues with which the committee dealt, the narrative portion of the committee's report, and an explanation of the recommendations the committee is making to the Assembly. There a time for questions from the audience and responses from the committee.



Seminars

THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 8:00am

Auditorium 2

Learning from John Calvin's Biblical Interpretation and Preaching

(Korean-speaking)

▲ *Seminar Speaker:* **Eung Yul Ryoo**, Senior Pastor
Korean Central Presbyterian Church, and
Former Professor of Homiletics
Chongshin Theological Seminary

While most of the research up to now relating to John Calvin has been conducted in the fields of systematic theology or the study of church history, it is important to remember that Calvin viewed himself mainly as a minister and a preacher. In this seminar, I wish to focus upon Calvin's methodology of biblical interpretation portrayed in his sermons by briefly addressing Calvin's perspective of the Word of God as well as his philosophy of preaching. Calvin viewed the Bible as the absolute revelation of God, and the preacher's mission as the exposition of God's Word to the people. Calvin's sermons reveal four main characteristics that define his methodology of biblical interpretation. First, Calvin identified the goal of preaching as simply unfolding biblical text as it was. Second, Biblical interpretation must communicate the intent of the author. Third, Calvin emphasized the absolute lordship and grace of God centered upon Jesus Christ. Fourth, Calvin's aim was not merely to explain Biblical text, but to apply it to the lives of the audience.

Auditorium 4 – sponsored by Langham Partnership USA

Gospel Reformation Network:

For the Continued Faithfulness of the PCA

▲ *Seminar Speakers:* **Brian Cosby, Kevin DeYoung, David Garner, Julius Kim, Jon Payne, Harry Reeder, and David Strain**

The Gospel Reformation Network (GRN) strives to cultivate healthy Reformed churches within the PCA. The GRN Council members have a desire to promote irenic dialogue and courageous action that would spur biblical fidelity, confessional integrity, missional clarity, Reformed worship, and godly leadership within our churches (among other things). Come and see how the GRN envisions present and future generations of PCA elders, deacons, and members who are "faithful to the Scriptures, true to the Reformed faith, and obedient to the Great Commission of Jesus Christ."

Augusta AB

Ministry for an Aging Population

▲ *Seminar Speakers:* **Stephen Estock**, CDM Coordinator
Jake Bennett, TE, CDM Older Ministry Consultant

The wave is coming. Every day, the number of Baby Boomers transitioning from a career to "retirement" is growing. At the same time, leaders wrestle with questions from members who are caring for aging parents, and some of those parents suffer from the effects of dementia or other health concerns. This seminar will consider issues PCA members are facing and how church leaders 1) can mobilize older adults for ministry and 2) provide care for those who are suffering. We will consider resources that already exist, as well as discuss what is needed to minister effectively across the generations.

Colony A

Infant Baptism: Bringing Black Children to the Font

▲ *Seminar Speaker:* **Leon Brown**, Pastor
Crown Et Joy Presbyterian Church

More and more black men are becoming hashtags. The death of Walter Scott, Eric Garner, and Tamir Rice at the hands of police sparked national outrage in the African American community. One frequent response to these tragedies was, "Why are you doing this to us?" The black community often speaks and acts in communal terms, yet the sacrament of baptism is often viewed along individual lines. "We" becomes "me." "Us" becomes "I." Is there a way to better convey the covenantal nature of baptism so that African Americans more willingly bring their children to the font?

Colony B

Surviving Ministry: How to Weather the Storms of Church Leadership

▲ *Seminar Speakers:* **Mike Osborne**, Associate Pastor
University Presbyterian Church (PCA), Orlando, FL

God calls a pastor to challenging work. Not only does he shepherd and equip God's people—that's difficult enough! Periodically he also encounters joy-killing "hurricanes" of dissent, disorder, discord, or division in the church. These storms can cause a pastor to question his calling, lose his way, make unwise decisions, or even throw in the towel. Mike tells his story honestly and assures you that you are not alone. His aim is to help elders and pastors prepare their churches for conflict, endure the turbulence of ministry, and emerge on the other side with hope and energy for the future.

Grandover East

Real Power for Fruitful Ministry: The Ordinary Means of Grace

▲ *Seminar Speaker:* **Aaron Messner**, Senior Pastor
Westminster Presbyterian Church, Atlanta

As ministers we are under relentless pressure to achieve numeric, programmatic, and financial growth, and often we turn to the latest pragmatic solutions in the hope of achieving these ends. This seminar seeks to remind us all of the awesome power and complete sufficiency of God's own ministerial solutions. It is a call for ministers and churches to devote themselves to the reverent, joyful, and confident practice of the ordinary means of grace: the Word, prayer, and sacraments in the context of relational fellowship.



Seminars

Grandover West – sponsored by *New Growth Press*

If Diversity Can Happen in Old First Pres, It Can Happen Anywhere! A Tale of God's Faithfulness and Practical Tips for Pursuing Diversity in an Established Majority Culture Church

▲ *Seminar Speakers:* **George Robertson**, Senior Pastor
Sylvester Brown, Ruling Elder
First Presbyterian Church of Augusta

What does the body of Christ lose when our churches lack racial diversity? Founded on Jesus Christ, the Church is entrusted with the gospel, the only power sufficient to effect true, purposeful, and loving unity among diverse groups of people. All churches with a history of racial injustice must repent and commit never to turn a blind eye to the sin of racism. Every church can and must objectively demonstrate the reconciling power of the gospel by intentionally practicing it in public worship, corporate ministry, and personal outreach.

Pebble Beach – sponsored by *Covenant College*

Gospel Encouragement for Ministry Marriages

▲ *Seminar Speakers:* **Karen Hodge**, CDM Women's Ministry Coordinator;
Cindy Reeder, Senior Pastor's wife; **Anna Peterson**, Associate Pastor's Wife;
Rachel Stevener, RUF Pastor's wife; **Meaghan May**, Church Planter's Wife;
Donna Sutton, Ruling Elder's Wife; **Donna Outen**, Chaplain's Wife

Are there days when you just want to have the opportunity to sit across from someone who just "GETS IT"? We invite you to pull up a chair to the table and enjoy a safe and friendly dialogue about the holy and unique calling of being a Ruling or Teaching Elder's wife in the church today. Bring your questions, concerns, and insights to share. This time is sure to be filled with encouragement and a bit of laughter sprinkled along the way.

Sandpiper

Moving Beyond Statements and Politics to Being a Pro-life Church

▲ *Seminar Speaker:* **Marie Bowen**, Executive Director
Presbyterians Pro-life, Research, Education, & Care, Inc.

What does it mean to be a "pro-life" congregation? We sense it is not enough to merely hold the "right" position on abortion. Christ's example of all-in engagement to rescue human life from sin is our model. An active response to the threats of abortion and assisted suicide is required—one that protects the lives of innocent, weak, and voiceless human beings. Jesus' command to love our neighbor leads us to compassionate and yes, costly, care of those who are desperate and in need. Marie Bowen shares ideas and vision for mobilizing congregations for ministry that leads to life.

Tanglewood

Pastor Sabbaticals: Proposing, Planning and Funding

▲ *Seminar Speaker:* **Robert Burns**, Pastor of Spiritual Formation
Seven Hills Fellowship (PCA), Rome, GA

Pastoral sabbaticals, a regular aspect of ministerial calls in many denominations, have increased in frequency in the PCA. Bob has studied sabbaticals as part of his work on Resilient Ministry and has consulted with numerous PCA pastors and congregations on this matter. In this seminar, he will discuss how to propose a sabbatical to the Session, what to plan for during the sabbatical, how to communicate it to the congregation, and how to apply for a Pastoral Renewal Grant from Lilly Endowment.

Tidewater

George Herbert and the Modern Mind

▲ *Seminar Speakers:* **Nathan Kline**, Senior Pastor, Friendly Hills Church
Jamestown, NC

Christopher Hodgkins, Professor of Renaissance
Literature and Atlantic World Studies
University of North Carolina-Greensboro

There is a resurgent interest in the metaphysical poets, especially George Herbert, a great poet and village pastor during the era of the English Reformation. Herbert provides the modern thinker and preacher with a great wellspring of gospel metaphors taken from the common experiences of life. He also provides a vividly practical approach to gospel ministry through his pastoral manual, *"The Country Parson."* This seminar will be filled with rich illustrative material, down-to-earth tips on ministry, and unforgettable poetry.



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