

SEMINARS

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TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 3:00PM

PASSING THE LEADERSHIP BATON

SEMINAR SPEAKER: Randy Pope, Sr. Pastor, Perimeter Presbyterian

ROOM: Peacock Terrace

Through the years Randy Pope has discussed the characteristics of a healthy church. He has written and spoken on the importance of being intentional in discerning God's unique call to leaders and the formulation of an effective ministry plan. In this seminar Randy will discuss the importance of beginning the work of transition planning to ensure that the ministry can continue with a greater probability of ongoing impact. In Randy's style of working through a deliberate process, he will share how he and the leaders of Perimeter Church began to think about the leadership transition over 20 years ago.

THE GOSPEL COMPELS US TO SPEAK WORDS OF LIFE

SEMINAR SPEAKER: Deborah Hollifield, Exec. Dir., Presbyterians Protecting Life

ROOM: Coronado B

Too often we don't talk about difficult life issues like abortion, children and adults with special needs, and the growing support for assisted suicide and euthanasia, because we think it will be a stressful conversation. We don't know everyone's personal story, and the issues are nuanced, so we hold back. But we can enter into life conversations at any point along the spectrum from fertilization to natural death, because what is true of God's view of life at any stage is true at every stage. The Gospel compels us to tell the story that *all human life is worth what Jesus paid for it*. Deborah Hollifield shares practical steps for equipping Presbyterians to champion human life at every stage.

A HOLY PRESBYTER: LEARNING FROM THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF ROBERT MURRAY M'CHEYNE

SEMINAR SPEAKER: Jordan Stone, Sr. Pastor, Redeemer PCA, McKinney, TX

ROOM: Coronado C

Robert Murray M'Cheyne's legacy as an evangelical Presbyterian captivates countless people and is worthy of imitation (cf. Phil. 3:17). Yet few know the fullness of his pastoral work. This seminar means to encourage pastors in their love for Christ by examining M'Cheyne's ministry in several areas—especially his piety, preaching, and ecclesiastical labor.

PASTORAL COMPETENCIES: SO MUCH TO BE GOOD AT IT, YET SO INSUFFICIENT TO DO IT

SEMINAR SPEAKER: Randy Nabors, Urban & Mercy Coordinator for Mission to North America

ROOM: DeLasalle

This is a look at 7 areas of needed skill, the A&B side of theology (Doctrine & Ethics), Ecclesial, Pastoral, Cultural Intelligence, Self-Care, and Spirituality. This seminar is totally discouraging, unless we are called to trust and hope in the God of grace who makes the impossible doable. If you feel insufficient in your role as a pastor we invite you to come and join us in this discussion about some areas of pastoral responsibility of which you may or may not be aware, and to enjoy the forgiveness, mercy and enabling power of Christ for the awesome calling we have received.

CHURCHES PLANTING CHURCHES - HOW CAN MY CHURCH DO THAT?

SEMINAR SPEAKER: Paul Hahn, MNA

ROOM: Cortez A

This seminar can be attended by RE's and is key to church planting. Churches planting churches is a strategic and effective way to reach the lost and re-engage church members in mission. This seminar will answer these questions and provide the practical, tangible steps a church can take to cast and achieve this vision: How can my church become involved in planting churches? Where does one begin? What role do Ruling Elders have in preparing a church to become more involved in or even plant a church? How do we prepare our congregation to plant a church now? What are the different ways to plant a church? What's involved in planting a daughter church or starting a "second site"?



A BIBLICAL VIEW OF SEX, SEXUALITY, AND GENDER

SEMINAR SPEAKER: **Tim Geiger**, President, Harvest USA

ROOM: **Cortez B**

God created his image-bearers as sexual and gendered beings. His divine design is infinitely good and wise. However, recent generations have begun to reinterpret that design from an anthropocentric perspective. Sex, sexuality, and gender are now retooled to serve the creature, rather than the Creator. How can God's people communicate God's timeless design and its inherent goodness to their own, and future generations? This session, based on 1 Corinthians 6-7, will present God's design, and address that question.

INFUSING GOSPEL HOPE THROUGH OUR CHURCHES TO EACH EMERGING GENERATION

SEMINAR SPEAKER: **Tony Souder**, Pray for Me Campaign, Founder/Director

ROOM: **Cortez C** *Sponsored by ACS Technologies*

God has established the Church so that His goodness and glory can be Seen, Savored and Shared from one generation to another. Every young person who grows up in our churches should feel so cared for, connected and saturated with Gospel Hope that it would be the most natural thing in the world for them to love the church and long to stay vitally connected with the people of God for a lifetime. In this seminar we will explore practical ways to help every young person taste and see the goodness of God in His Church through His people in order to help them flourish in faith and life for a lifetime.

TWO QUESTIONS EVERY CHURCH MUST ASK

SEMINAR SPEAKER: **Mark Lowrey**, Dir. of Publishing, Great Commission Publications

ROOM: **Cortez D**

Does your church have a framework for analyzing, evaluating, and setting a strategy for ministry? By asking two questions about those in your church and others that you have contact with, you can have "eyes" to analyze and evaluate your present ministry efforts and then work on strategies and plans to reach and equip those in and outside your church or ministry. This practical, hands-on approach has worked for RUF for almost 50 years, and many former campus ministers have applied these principles in churches and church plants.

PRESSING ON FOR GOD'S GLORY IN OUR EVANGELISM: HOW THE PURITAN APPROACH CAN BEAR FRUIT TODAY

SEMINAR SPEAKER: **Rev. Dr. Nathan Thomas Parker**, Pinelands Presbyterian Church, Senior Pastor

ROOM: **Desoto A**

This seminar will provide an overview of one Puritan's approach to sharing the Gospel, namely John Flavel. Blending theory and practice, the goals for our time together are three-fold: to inform minds, to generate passion to share the Gospel, and to motivate evangelistic efforts through Gospel-empowered obedience. In addition to presenting Flavel's evangelistic methods, attention will be given to a looming crisis within Evangelicalism. To make the seminar as practical as possible, a comparison and contrast of two popular approaches to evangelism will be presented, the Alpha Course and Christianity Explored.

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TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 4:15PM

DEVELOPING DISCIPLES THROUGH SMALL GROUPS

SEMINAR SPEAKER: **TE Stephen Estock**, CDM Coordinator

ROOM: **Peacock Terrace**

In most PCA churches, small groups are the primary vehicle for discipleship beyond the weekly worship service. Yet over time, groups can lose momentum, and leaders lose sight of the value of the small group model. This seminar will help elders and group leaders who want to lay (or rebuild) a good foundation for spiritual growth in their group(s). We will consider lessons learned from a variety of small group models around the PCA, including campus ministry where small groups are the key to building healthy growth and genuine community.

CAN/SHOULD YOUR CHURCH PAY THIS BILL?

SEMINAR SPEAKER: **Chris Sicks**, Pastor of Mercy, Alexandria Pres.

ROOM: **Coronado B**

If your church has a phone number or a doorbell, you probably get requests for financial help. Folks ask for rent, utilities, food, gasoline, etc. What is the right response? How does God want us to use His resources? For whom, for what, and in what way? Join us to discuss various approaches to this perennial issue, including the respective roles of the pastor, deacons, church secretary, and congregation. Discover ways your church can be loving, responsible, and Biblical as you respond to these requests.

CHILDREN OF IMMIGRANTS: PCA CHURCH LEADERS OF THE FUTURE

SEMINAR SPEAKERS:

Patricia Hatch, MNA Refugee and Immigrant Ministry Director

Sarah Kalichman, MNA Refugee and Immigrant Children's Ministry Specialist

ROOM: **Coronado C**

One in four children in the US is growing up in an immigrant family. While some of their parents are believers, others - from Unreached People Groups - have NEVER heard the gospel!

The future of any church or denomination is its children. Immigrant children, who bridge cultures, can potentially become leaders of vibrant PCA churches that are biblically sound and relevant to ALL in our rapidly diversifying communities. How can a mostly homogenous church connect with them? Learn how churches are successfully reaching immigrant children, youth and families. Consider how your church might develop diverse leadership for the future!

PRESBYTERIANS, POLITICS, AND AMERICAN SOCIETY: A CONVERSATION WITH HISTORIANS IN THE PCA

SEMINAR SPEAKERS:

Dr. Brian Franklin, Southern Methodist University; New St. Peter's (Dallas)

Bobby Griffith, University of Oklahoma, Ph.D.; City Presbyterian (Oklahoma City)

Malcolm Foley, Baylor University (Ph.D Candidate); Redeemer Presbyterian, Mosaic Waco

Dr. Otis Pickett, Mississippi College; Redeemer Jackson

Dr. Nicholas Pruitt, Eastern Nazarene College; Christ the King (Quincy)

Dr. Ansley Quiros, University of North Alabama; Redeemer Presbyterian (Florence)

ROOM: **DeLasalle**

American Christians continue to disagree intensely about many issues in politics and society today: racism, immigration, social justice and reparations, and the role of religion in the public square, to name a few. And yet, the church must continue to engage with the world in a loving and redemptive way. How should Christians navigate these troubled waters? This seminar panel brings together six historians in the PCA to discuss how the study of American history offers us both historical perspective on present-day issues, and wisdom for engaging with them going forward.



THE POLITICS OF MINISTRY

SEMINAR SPEAKERS:

Robert W. Burns (Bob), Pastor of Spiritual Formation, Church of the Good Shepherd, Durham, N.C.

Donald C. Guthrie, Professor of Educational Ministries and Executive Director, Center for Transformational Churches

ROOM: Cortez A Sponsored by Ministry Brands

The word “Politics” often brings to mind lies and manipulation, accusations and scandals. But at its most basic level, politics is simply the everyday activity of getting things done with other people: understanding their interests, recognizing the power dynamics at play, and learning how to negotiate relationships and institutions to achieve a common goal. Two authors of the recently released book *The Politics of Ministry* present a helpful summary of the volume’s basic themes along with practical application to daily ministry.

THE EFFECT OF PORNOGRAPHY ON THE CHURCH, AND HOW TO HELP THOSE WHO STRUGGLE WITH IT

SEMINAR SPEAKER: Tim Geiger, President, Harvest USA

ROOM: Cortez B

Pornography is a modern epidemic not only in the wider in the culture, but among Christians, as well. Christians who use pornography can develop unbiblical and self-destructive ways of relating to others. They often withdraw from the kinds of active involvement in family, marriage, and Church life. In this seminar we will explain how leaders can take initial steps to help those who struggle with pornography use in the Church, as well as how to help their family members.

MINDFULNESS AND THE MIND OF CHRIST

SEMINAR SPEAKER: Jesse M. Robinson, Trinity Pres. Charlottesville, Doctoral Candidate, UVA

ROOM: Cortez C

Mindfulness is all the rage. Celebrities, psychologists, doctors, and educators all attest to the many psychological benefits of practicing mindfulness. Many Christians have adopted mindfulness meditation as part of their practice. This seminar will explain what mindfulness is, where it comes from, and how the church can engage critically and constructively with mindfulness.

NAVIGATING MEDICARE AND SOCIAL SECURITY

SEMINAR SPEAKER: David Anderegg, Financial Planner, RBI

ROOM: Desoto A Sponsored by Brotherhood Mutual

Trying to understand the healthcare and retirement plans provided by the Social Security Administration can be more than a little confusing! When do I file? What benefits will I receive? What are my options? Is there a way to optimize my benefits? And if I fail to act in a timely manner, can I be penalized? This seminar will address all of these questions, ‘demystify’ both of these programs, and provide you with the knowledge needed to make wise enrollment decisions. While this seminar will be limited to this topic, PCA RBI Financial Planning Advisors will be available at GA to meet with you and address any specific financial and retirement planning questions that you may have.

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 8:00AM

THE CHURCH & CULTURE: BIBLICAL MODELS FOR CHRISTIAN ENGAGEMENT WITH CULTURE

SEMINAR SPEAKER: **Richard D. Phillips**, Senior Minister Second Presbyterian Church

ROOM: **Peacock Terrace** Sponsored by Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary

The seminar will consider biblical models of cultural engagement, both positive and negative. We will consider the Bible's teaching of cultural antithesis, the cultural mandate, and the relationship between biblical terminology and categories in contrast with the terms and categories of the world.

READING THE PSALMS FOR SPIRITUAL THEOLOGY.

SEMINAR SPEAKER: **Scott C. Jones**, Professor of Biblical Studies, Covenant College

ROOM: **Coronado C**

This seminar focuses on the biblical collection of Psalms as a book with an over-arching message, the use of Psalms in the New Testament, and how we can appropriate various psalms for private and public prayer.

MENTORING — PRINCIPLES AND REALITIES

SEMINAR SPEAKER: **Al LaCour**, RUF International, Retired

ROOM: **Coronado D**

How does an older leader — a Mentor — impact the life of a younger leader — a Protégé? How is a Mentor different from a teacher, a coach, a sponsor, or a spiritual director? How do hospitable Mentors offer you the time and space to discover your own gifts and calling from God?

FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION: DISCIPLING 2ND AND 3RD GENERATION PASTORS TO NAVIGATE THE SHIFTING CULTURAL LANDSCAPES IN THE KOREAN AMERICAN CHURCH

SEMINAR SPEAKERS:

Billy Park (Moderator)

Alex Jun

Owen Lee

Mike Park

ROOM: **DeLasalle**

A panel of second generation Korean-American leaders will discuss the shifts that have occurred within immigrant Korean churches, and the ongoing developments of second generation pastors and churches. They will discuss lessons learned from immigrant generations that came before them, highlighting what to do as well as what not to do. They will then focus on the critical role that rising generations of early 2nd and 3rd generation Korean-American leaders ought to play, identify their unique struggles in an increasing multi-cultural ministry context, and identify emerging trends and future pathways that will impact future ministers of the Word.

CHRIST & CAPITOL HILL

SEMINAR SPEAKER: **Michael Langer**, MNA

ROOM: **Cortez A**

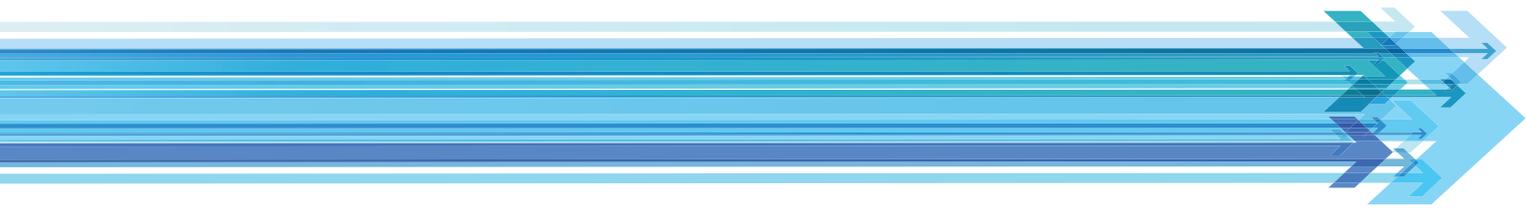
With the 2018 elections now behind us and the 2020 elections looming, many of us are asking, "What's next? More rhetoric? More gridlock?" However, there are better questions. How can Christians and local churches create healthy relationships with those in serving in the government, and how can we pray for them more intentionally? What issues face those serving in government? During this forum, we will discuss practical issues of ministry in our nation's capital, as well as the critical role of the local church in developing conversation and engagement with elected officials on the national, state and local level.

GA FOR ROOKIES

SEMINAR SPEAKER: **Dr. Roy Taylor**, Stated Clerk, PCA

ROOM: **Cortez B**

Come and see what is really going on at General Assembly! You will learn how things work, why we do it the way we do it, and other items that will help you make the most of your General Assembly experience.



THE 55+ PASTOR AND THE NEXT STAGE OF MINISTRY: UNDERSTANDING THE STAGE AND BUILDING THE PLATFORM

SEMINAR SPEAKER: **Pete Deison**, Associate Pastor, Park Cities Presbyterian Church

ROOM: **Cortez C**

The current 55+ generation is exploding with people who have reached a plateau of fulfillment, rich experience and success. The idea of retiring is not a preferred or desirable next step, rather there is a deep, innate desire for a new challenge. Pastors are not exempt. They are asking what their next stage should look like even more seriously they are asking how can I get there and what would be required. This seminar is designed to examine these questions and open new tracks to explore.

Specifically: How can I use what I do best? How can I envision new ways to use my gifts? How do you build new platforms to support it? What is involved in a succession plan?

BUILDING AN EPHESIANS 4 CHURCH WHERE A CULTURE OF OPENNESS AND VULNERABILITY PROMOTE SPEAKING THE TRUTH IN LOVE LEADING TO DEEP RELATIONSHIPS, ONGOING PERSONAL GROWTH (STARTING WITH THE LEADERS), AND SERIOUS MISSION RESULTS FOCUS

SEMINAR SPEAKER: **John Purcell**

ROOM: **Cortez D** *Sponsored by New Growth Press*

You will be truly challenged as we discuss how to replace a culture of hiding our fears, weaknesses, and true opinions with a culture of safety, love, and truth, and all of this being done in the context of uncompromising pursuit of the mission of the church. This is what a true Eph 4 church can look like. If your culture were open, vulnerable, and accountable, and if all leaders were continuously working on their growth with the aid of their teammates around them, you would in effect have discipleship permeating every single leader, team, meeting, and discussion.

LOCAL EXPRESSIONS OF SEMINARY TRAINING

SEMINAR SPEAKERS:

TE Dan Passerelli and **TE Jim McKee** (Chaplegate and Metro Baltimore Sem.)

TE Randy Schlichting, **TE Bob Carter**, and **RE Joe White** (Perimeter Church and Metro Atlanta Seminary)

ROOM: **Desoto A** *Sponsored by A Soldier's Child Foundation*

Come and hear TE Dan Passerelli and TE Jim McKee (Chaplegate and Metro Baltimore Seminary); TE Randy Schlichting, TE Bob Carter, and RE Joe White (Perimeter Church and Metro Atlanta Seminary) talk about how they are building local, accredited seminaries that are accessible, academically sufficient, mentor based and practically oriented while being cost effective. Plenty of time for Q and A.

WOMEN, SEXUALITY AND THE CHURCH: GOSPEL SIGHT FOR OUR BLIND SPOTS

SEMINAR SPEAKER: **Ellen Dykas**, Harvest USA

ROOM: **Coronado B**

The Church has a long way to go in dealing with the fallout of the Sexual Revolution and the emergence of the internet. While there has been growth in addressing the sin that men are struggling with, and the impact on marriages, there remains a huge blind spot regarding the sexual struggles that women have. This session addresses what sexual brokenness looks like in women's lives and how local churches can engage gracious, redemptive ministry to them.

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 9:15AM

THE INTERDEPENDENT RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN MISSION, MESSAGE AND MINISTRY IN A LOCAL CHURCH

SEMINAR SPEAKER: Harry Reeder, Sr. Pastor, Briarwood Presbyterian Church

ROOM: Peacock Terrace *Sponsored by Lifeline Children's Services*

This seminar, designed for Ruling and Teaching elders, is based on the Biblical principle that the narrow mission of the church must be maintained to produce the far-reaching, effective mission of each Christian for the preeminence of Christ and proclamation of the Gospel.

PREVENTING CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE: KEEPING THE WOLF OUT OF THE SHEEP PEN

SEMINAR SPEAKER: Kimberlee Norris, MinistrySafe

ROOM: Coronado B

We cannot reduce a risk we do not understand. One in four girls and one in six boys will be sexually abused before reaching 18 years of age, regardless of demographic or spiritual paradigm. When ministry leaders understand the basic characteristics of the sexual abuser, the process by which an abuser picks and prepares a child for abuse, and key indicators of abuse, they are better equipped to prevent sexual abuse in ministry programs.

MENTORING RULING ELDERS

SEMINAR SPEAKERS:

Larry Hoop, PCA Administrative Committee Staff
Richard Dolan

ROOM: Coronado D

This seminar will provide a forum for ruling elders to apply "Mentoring — Principles and Realities" } to mentoring newer/younger ruling elders. The seminar leaders will help participants apply the principles of that seminar to their particular contexts through guided discussion, specific applications, and real-life examples.

USING RELATIONAL WISDOM® FOR COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND EVANGELISM

SEMINAR SPEAKER: Ken Sande, President, RW360

ROOM: DeLasalle

PCA churches are usually effective at teaching and ministering to their members, but they are typically less effective at serving and evangelizing the unchurched people in their communities. RW360 has developed a "values-based" line of training resources related to emotional intelligence that churches can use to take biblical principles on relationships, conflict resolution and the gospel itself, into businesses, schools, military bases and other secular venues. The resources, which include a smartphone app and online training, contain links to the faith-based versions of relational wisdom, which include a clear gospel presentation.

WHY THE OPPOSITE OF POVERTY ISN'T THE AMERICAN DREAM

SEMINAR SPEAKERS:

Dr. Brian Fikkert, Founder and President, The Chalmers Center; Prof. of Economics and Community Development, Covenant College
Dr. Kelly Kopic, Prof. of Theological Studies, Covenant College

ROOM: Cortez A

Dr. Brian Fikkert and Dr. Kelly Kopic discuss their recently released book, "Becoming Whole: Why the Opposite of Poverty Isn't the American Dream." They will talk about the true sources of brokenness and poverty and uncover the surprising pathways of human flourishing, for poor and nonpoor alike. Through biblical insights, scientific research, and practical experience, they will discuss how the good news of the Kingdom of God reshapes our lives and our poverty alleviation ministries, moving everybody involved toward wholeness.

SHEPHERDING THE NEXT GENERATION

SEMINAR SPEAKER: Tom Pearce, National Director of Shepherding the Next Generation

ROOM: Cortez B

"And I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding" (Jer. 3:15)



Shepherding the Next Generation is a free national network of evangelical pastors and ministry leaders who are committed to caring for and speaking out on behalf of children and their families growing up in poverty. During this session you will get a glimpse of why reaching these children is so important and ways in which pastors and their churches are successfully doing so within our communities today.

IMMIGRATION AND THE PCA - HOW THE MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE ACROSS BOUNDARIES IS SHAPING OUR CHURCH

SEMINAR SPEAKER: **Jason Kang**, Intown Community Church, Ruling Elder

ROOM: **Cortez C**

People move for different reasons, whether voluntarily or involuntarily. Yet, we see that God determines the boundaries of where people live, that they should seek Him, and perhaps feel their way toward Him and find Him. This seminar will explore the movement of people across boundaries through the lens of redemptive history, and how the Lord uses this movement for His purposes. Jason Kang will share from his previous work as an immigration attorney, his family's story of immigration to the United States, and how immigration patterns have been (and may continue) changing the church in North America.

TRANSFORMED IN COMMUNITY

SEMINAR SPEAKERS:

TE Stephen Estock, CDM Coordinator
TE Greg Poole, OMPC Associate Pastor
TE Bob Flayhart, OMPC Pastor

ROOM: **Cortez D** *Sponsored by Shepherding the Next Generation*

In salvation, God redeems individual sinners into a community of those who live by faith. Though the message of the gospel is singular (by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone), every person has a different story and displays a unique aspect of the work of the Spirit (1 Corinthians 12). In a culture consumed by individualism, believers can lose sight of God's work AMONG his people. This seminar will examine how a church can design and implement a church-wide devotional experience that centers on the power of God's Word and how the Spirit uses the Word to transform a community of believers who are eager to follow Christ.

HOW DO I PRESS ON WHEN I FEEL SO PRESSED UPON?

SEMINAR SPEAKER: **Susan Tyner**, Advisor to the RUF Permanent Committee

ROOM: **Desoto A**

Let's be honest--sometimes being married to an elder or pastor isn't very heavenly. And it can be difficult to know where to turn when your congregation feels more like your husband's workplace and less like your church family. We want to serve and love this Bride of Jesus, but the honeymoon is over and we find ourselves tired, sad or even cynical about our relationship with church. Our goal for this workshop is to admit the challenges of being a ruling or teaching elder's wife as well as find joy and strength to press on alongside your husband.

BIRDS & BEES, OH HELP ME PLEASE

SEMINAR SPEAKER: **Mary Flo Ridley**, Founder/President of The Birds & The Bees

ROOM: **Coronado C**

This seminar is designed to equip and encourage parents of young children (preschool to pre-teen) to begin conversations about God's Design for Sex. The training for this workshop is based on Genesis 1 & 2 and also Deuteronomy 6:7. We walk parents through 6 simple steps that give them confidence for answering their children's early curious questions, such as, "Where do babies come from?" and also to initiate conversations with their children when appropriate. With sample conversations, and the Biblical view of God's good design parents can begin to shape their child's sexual character in a foundational way.

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 10:30AM

THE CURRENT STATE OF THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION: A BRIEF FOR PCA PASTORS AND ELDERS

SEMINAR SPEAKER: **Ligon Duncan**, Chancellor and CEO of RTS

ROOM: **Peacock Terrace** Sponsored by Great Commission Publications

It's important for pastors and elders to understand current trends and issues in theological education. These things impact the future ministry of the church and should influence the way pastors help to prepare and evaluate candidates for ministry now, as well as the way candidates themselves evaluate the various options for study. This seminar will bring you up to date on the things you need to know, explain some of the concerning trends in seminaries and curriculums, as well as suggest some ways of fruitful present and future cooperation between the church and seminary.

FAITHFUL LOOKING: HOW IMAGES HELP US LOVE OUR NEIGHBOR

SEMINAR SPEAKER: **Dr. Elissa Weichbrodt**, Assoc. Prof. of Art and Art History, Covenant College

ROOM: **Coronado B**

This seminar will consider the difficult task of faithfully managing our "image archives"—the large mental file cabinet of images that we use to make sense of the world. Close attention to just a few images will highlight both the power of our image archives and the complexity of the task to steward the archive well. Particular attention will be given to the role that images play in our thinking about race and gender.

DEBATING GRACE AND DEFENDING REFORMED THEOLOGY?: THE RELEVANCE OF RECENT SCHOLARLY DEBATES ON DIVINE BENEFACATION TO THE REFORMED DOCTRINES OF JUSTIFICATION AND SANCTIFICATION

SEMINAR SPEAKER: **Dr. Robbie Griggs**, Asst. Prof. Systematic Theology, Covenant Seminary

ROOM: **Coronado C**

For over forty years scholars of the New Testament and early Judaism have debated the relation between early Christian and Jewish conceptions of divine grace. With the recognition that,

summarizing John Barclay, "grace" was everywhere in antiquity but "grace" was not everywhere the same, scholars have been able to get a clearer sense of the particularity and peculiarity of the New Testament's conception of Jesus' self-offering as divine grace. In this session we'll explore the context of the scholarly debate, locate Paul's definition of grace in Galatians in its Jewish context, and reflect on the significance of all this for the Reformed doctrines of justification and sanctification.

SMALL CHURCHES IN SMALL TOWNS - BIG MINISTRY WHERE YOU LEAST EXPECT TO FIND IT

SEMINAR SPEAKERS:

Paul Kooistra, moderator

Chris Accardy, TE, RN

John Kinser, Pastor for Seniors, FPC, Macon

Ken McHeard, Pastor, Duanesburg Reformed Presbyterian Church

Tim Diehl, Pastor Emeritus

ROOM: **Coronado D**

Through a series of questions and answers, a panel of four small church pastors from the Mid-West, Northeast, and the South will offer unique perspectives on ministry in small towns and rural areas. What pastoral gifts and characteristics are most important for successful ministry? How can you position the church family to move ahead and move outward? What are the most important opportunities and pitfalls in a small town pastorate? What are creative ideas to address the challenges of limited resources? What resources could connect and encourage small town pastors? Dr. Paul Kooistra will moderate this seminar.

RELATIONAL WISDOM® FOR CRUCIAL PASTORAL ISSUES

SEMINAR SPEAKER: **Ken Sande**, President, RW360

ROOM: **DeLasalle**

PCA pastors are typically skilled in theology and preaching. What they often lack is the skills needed to unite their Sessions, win over critics, resolve conflict and inspire their congregations for sacrificial kingdom work. This workshop shows how pastors can improve their relational wisdom, and use it to improve Session cohesiveness, prevent conflict, reduce staff, volunteer and member turnover, lead effective planning and smooth leadership transitions, and increase ministry impact and evangelistic outreach.



PASTORAL CARE FOR THE SPIRITUALLY APATHETIC

SEMINAR SPEAKER: **Bijan Mirtolooi**

ROOM: **Cortez A**

A recent article for Christianity Today observed, “Ease is the new vice.” As pastors, how do we provide pastoral care for the people in our churches who are spiritually apathetic—those who are there but just don’t seem to care, and don’t want to be bothered? Through dialogue with pastoral leaders from the past, this seminar will offer practical guidance for how pastors can faithfully provide pastoral care for the spiritually apathetic.

WHY CARE ABOUT THE CENSUS

SEMINAR SPEAKER: **Tom Pearce**, National Dir., *Shepherding the Next Generation*

ROOM: **Cortez B**

“In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world.” (Luke 2:1)

Next year the U.S. Constitution mandates we have an accurate count of each individual living within the country. During this session we will look at reasons why an accurate count is so important to our communities. Also, how we can help and how the church can utilize to information gathered to better build and equip our congregations.

THE PCA’S UNITY FUND

SEMINAR SPEAKER: **Scott Bridges**, PCA Unity Fund Development Coordinator

ROOM: **Cortez C** *Sponsored by A Soldier’s Child Foundation*

So, what is the PCA Unity Fund? Come and find out how it is already working! All are welcome to find out about this strategic gospel initiative to raise up minority leaders in the PCA. The PCA Unity Fund’s MISSION is to “subsidize the training, development and mentoring of minority leadership in the PCA through partnership with individuals,

churches, and presbyteries.” It’s TARGET is to move the PCA toward the Church in her glory. It’s ETHOS is to find new and/or deeper ways to love our neighbors as ourselves. It’s COMMISSION is to expand our ability to take the gospel to all the people living in our country and beyond. Last year, the PCA Unity Fund awarded 41 seminary tuition subsidies, and is now preparing for an expansion of this gospel initiative. Come and join this gospel initiative.

WORKING TOGETHER: A COVENANTAL STRATEGY THAT GROWS THE CHURCH

SEMINAR SPEAKERS:

TE Stephen Estock, CDM Coordinator
Sue Jakes, CDM Children’s Ministry Coordinator

ROOM: **Cortez D** *Sponsored by Marketplace Chaplains*

As a denomination committed to Scripture, our theology should shape everything we do. In this seminar, we will examine a covenantal strategy for ministry to children that draws together all the generations of the church in a way that supports, sustains, and supplies ALL the ministries of the congregation. The essence of a covenantal approach combines biblical truth and compelling relationships designed to build up the next generation of those who follow the Lord. The goal is to encourage, train, and equip God’s people to make disciples of all nations.

HELP HER... HELP ME... HELP MY HEART!

SEMINAR SPEAKERS:

Meaghan May
Maria Garriott

ROOM: **Desoto A**

As leadership wives, we are called to come alongside others. But you cannot give what you do not have. Join fellow pilgrims who are learning to coach their own hearts with Biblical, visual, teachable gospel tools. This is a joint seminar with CDM and Parakaleo designed for Ruling and Teaching Elders’ wives.

ASSEMBLY-WIDE SEMINAR — THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 8:00AM CHRISTIAN CIVILITY IN AN UNCIVIL AGE; SPEAKING THE TRUTH IN LOVE

PANEL: **Sean Lucas, Irywn Ince, Bryan Chapell, and David Richter**

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