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JUNE 24, 2:30PM

Building Emotional Resilience Amid the Longsuffering of Ministry

SEMINAR SPEAKERS: **Rev. Stephen Jones** and **Rev. Spencer Thomas**, Counselling Global

Room 2

Ministry leaders often carry the emotional weight of shepherding others, and enduring wounds inflicted by those they serve. Scripture's guidance is frequently reduced to "turn the other cheek," overlooking deeper resources for resilience. This session integrates biblical principles with counseling insights from attachment theory, particularly Emotionally Focused Therapy, to equip leaders with practical tools to process challenges, experience Christ's comfort, and build resilience.

Objectives

- Understand emotional resilience through an attachment framework.
 - Experience Christ's comfort amid ministry pain using 2 Corinthians 1.
 - Apply practical tools to strengthen emotional and spiritual health.
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Advocating for the Persecuted Church

SEMINAR SPEAKER: **Corey Jackson**, The Luke Alliance & Trinity Park Church and **Hannah Nation**, Center for House Church Theology

Room 3

We often hear that God uses persecution to grow his church, but is that a complete summary of the matter? Though God is at work in persecution, the suffering of his children at the hands of terrorists, dictators, and totalitarian regimes is always a great evil.

As we witness the challenge facing our brothers and sisters, how should we respond? We have a responsibility to be a voice for the voiceless, to care for the vulnerable, and to tell their stories of faith.

Through the lens of the persecuted church's experience in China, this seminar will explore a theology of advocacy and will include practical ways that you and your churches can join an alliance of global advocates.

Corporate Worship and the Arc of Christian Life

SEMINAR SPEAKER: **Kelly M. Kapic**, Covenant College

Room 5

Christian life reflects and is shaped by the basic contours in the arc of corporate worship, which moves in the rhythm of call and response. In this liturgical and theological conversation, God reveals himself through the calling, proclamation, eucharist, passing of the peace, and benediction. By our union with Christ, he also joins us to Christ's own human response of coming, of faith, prayers, and praises, of peace-making, of offerings, and even in going out into the world.

God's Big Story and Innovation

SEMINAR SPEAKER: **Brian Fikkert** and **Tabitha Kapic**, The Chalmers Center at Covenant College

Room 6

Brian Fikkert and Tabitha Kapic will share how God's Big Story applies to poverty and innovation. Learn about the Chalmers Innovate Process and specific tools to address roadblocks that you have experienced in your ministry to the material poor. Change is possible, we can show you how.

Fellows Programs: Intentionally Developing Young Lay Leaders in Your Church

SEMINAR SPEAKER: **John W. Kyle**, McLean Presbyterian Church / The Fellows Initiative, and **panel**

Room 7

We have an important opportunity to connect (or reconnect) with the emerging generation of lay leaders for the local church, workplace, and world. In this panel discussion, we will explore ways that Fellows programs have been doing just that in PCA churches. A Fellows program is an intensely practical, head+heart+hands, 9-10 month spiritual and vocational leadership program that prepares recent college graduates to live seamless lives of faith in Christ. In this session, you will hear from program leaders and alumni. This ministry model has proven itself as part of a comprehensive strategy to engage and retain young leaders in the church.



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Disability Ministry & the Whole Person

SEMINAR SPEAKER: **Mr. Jim Perry**, Romanian Christian Enterprises, and **panel**

Room 8

Disability ministry is often compartmentalized into either “spiritual” ministry that fails to address physical challenges and skill deficits or is a completely secular approach devoid of the Biblical principle that every life is created in God’s image and of equal value in his sight. We will discuss ways the Church can fulfill our responsibility to see and value those with disabilities and serve them more effectively. We’ll explore biblical principles that nurture spiritual and physical growth, allowing those with physical and/or cognitive disabilities to thrive. This seminar will also address issues related to housing, education, therapy, vocation, and discipleship within the disability community.

5 Key Trends Shaping Church Planting in 2025 and How to Prepare Today

SEMINAR SPEAKER: **Robert Kim**, Covenant Theological Seminary

Room 9

As we continue to trust that the Lord is building His church and the promise that nothing will prevail against it (Mt. 16:18), we also want to faithfully prepare for what is to come. This seminar will explore the five key trends influencing church planting in 2025, including the mental health crisis, cultural and generational shifts, new models of community engagement, and the changing landscape of evangelism. Participants will gain insights into how these trends are impacting church health and sustainability, and most importantly, how to prepare effectively for the challenges and opportunities they present. Whether you’re planting a church now or preparing for future ministry, this seminar will equip you with practical strategies for faithful gospel ministry.

The Universally Neglected Demographic

SEMINAR SPEAKER: **Melanie Kay Crippen**, Christ Our Hope PCA/The Senior Network, and **panel**

Room 10

This seminar will show how the church can and should use seniors in leadership roles. It will explain the

importance of accommodating seniors (and others) with disabilities. Starting with a PowerPoint presentation on some shocking statistics, questions are answered on who, what, when, where and how God can use the church to reach this population. Several Biblical characters will be highlighted showing how God used them in their senior years. The seminar will focus on guidelines and suggestions for outreach into the community, using Bible verses and Biblical principals, to show God’s plan for this neglected demographic.

The Shifting Face of Korean-American Mentorship

SEMINAR SPEAKER: **KALI Panel**, Korean American Leadership Initiative

Room 11

This seminar will compare/contrast the church mentorship experience of three Korean American pastors from three different generations (Gen X, Millennial, Gen Z), discussing the strengths and weaknesses of each mentorship experience. We’ll explore the ways that each generation desires to be mentored in order to be better equipped to fruitfully mentor the next generation of Korean American leaders (younger Millennials, Gen Z, Gen Alpha).

Lift Your Eyes to See the Children Worship

SEMINAR SPEAKERS: **Stephen Estock, Katie Flores, Laney Stayton**, PCA Discipleship Ministries (CDM)

Room 12

Covenant children are a vital part of our worshipping communities. How do we help them lift their eyes and worship our King? This seminar will review some of the findings discovered through the interaction of a diverse group of PCA leaders. This group gathered in January to discuss how children could be active participants in an intergenerational worship service. We will consider how this Philosophy of Children in Worship Statement can be adapted to individual churches, as well as give practical ideas to help children be active participants in the service.

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What is a Sexually Faithful Church?

SEMINAR SPEAKER: **Mark Sanders**, Harvest USA

Room 13

This seminar is an overview of 5 different essential features of a sexually faithful church. Those features include moral integrity at the leadership level, the relational and spiritual culture of the church, proactive teaching and discipleship on matters of sexuality, redemptive ministry for those struggling with sexual sin or those impacted by it, and helping everyone in the church see how talking about sex is a theological and doxological matter that should lead to the worship of God.

God's Inexpressible Gift: The Gospel and the Generosity Movement

SEMINAR SPEAKER: **Tim Townsend**, PCA Foundation

Room 16

The seminar will consider Bible passages about, or commonly understood to be about, wealth and giving. We will give special attention to Deuteronomy 8 and its quotation by Christ, the Parable of the Talents (and the Parable of the Sower), and II Corinthians 8 and 9. Questions addressed will include what are the purposes of wealth and giving, whether we are owners of the wealth God gives or entrusts to us, or really only stewards, and what is the relation of giving to the Great Commandment to the Gospel of Grace. The seminar will conclude with a brief practical consideration of how to steward not one's wealth, but one's giving.

Shepherding in the Valley of the Shadow of Death

SEMINAR SPEAKER: **Leonard** and **Amy Bailey**, Hope of Christ Church and The Ilona Foundation

Room 17

"In the world you will have trouble..." (John 16:33). This is not one of Jesus' promises we like to focus on. Yet, until our Lord returns, death, loss, and grief are inevitable marks of the fall. Everyone in your church (including you) will bury a spouse or a parent or a child or a sibling. Many will endure more than one of these losses. How can we prepare our congregations for walking the long road

of grief and loss with one another? And how do pastors walk that path of personal loss and continue to shepherd God's flock?

How Will Your Church Make Itself Attractive to Qualified and Quality Pastoral Candidates?

SEMINAR SPEAKER: **Matthew Bohling**, Flourish Coaching

Room 18

There is a present dearth of pastors, which will accelerate in the next five years. Not every church will be able to obtain a quality, qualified pastor. If your church is between long-term pastors or will be soon, what can you do to make yourself more attractive to pastoral candidates? What major issues should a church face while between long-term pastors? We will outline the ways in which your church can stand out to candidates so that you will be able to attract a gifted pastor who will serve at your church for ten years or more.

The Good News in Every Language

SEMINAR SPEAKER: **Chris Sicks**, One Voice Fellowship

Room 19

Does your church have neighbors who don't speak much English? Would you like them to understand the gospel?

We will discuss the biblical motivation for incorporating other languages in worship, and how to do it well. You can offer a "proactive welcome" to your new neighbors from unreached people groups, by translating of sermons, prayers, music, etc.

We have the joy and duty to "declare His glory among the nations!" (Psalm 96:3) But translation must be done with care, because we are handling God's Word and caring for the souls of God's people.



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Cross-Tethered Preaching: How to Maximize Redemptive Impact by Narrowing Expository Focus, Increasing Homiletical Clarity, and Improving Structural Flow

SEMINAR SPEAKER: **McKay Caston**, Cross-Tethered Preaching, Inc.

Room 20

This seminar will provide a practical framework for maximizing the redemptive impact of expository sermons by moving beyond conventional 3-point messages to a system that leverages sermonic movement.

My, What a Difference an Allusion Makes

SEMINAR SPEAKER: **Rev. Dr. Greg K. Beale**, Reformed Theological Seminary / Town North Presbyterian Church

Room 21

This seminar will show how important it is to be aware not merely of quotations from the Old Testament but also allusions. Most references to the Old Testament in the New Testament are not quotations but allusions. In particular, when preaching on New Testament passages, all of us as pastors need to be aware continually in our sermon preparation of the marginal references in our bibles citing allusions. In the seminar, we will look at three allusions in Acts 1:8, which have significant biblical-theological and practical implications.

GA for Rookies

SEMINAR SPEAKER: **Bryan Chapell**, PCA Administrative Committee

Ballroom E

Especially if you are a first-time commissioner, come and learn how General Assembly functions. You will learn how we do our business, why we do it the way we do, and other items that will help you make the most of your General Assembly experience.

Disciple Your Congregation for All of Life

SEMINAR SPEAKER: **Dr. Daniel Doriani**, Covenant Seminary and Center for Faith and Work, St. Louis

Ballroom G

The men and women in our congregations spend more than 70% of their waking hours in the office, shop, or home. They know those places should be used for evangelistic opportunities and to earn money to provide for the family and kingdom work. But there is more. What they do every day is important to God. All honest work is also God's work if it provides food, clothing, shelter, education, medical care, and more. This seminar will highlight the reformed view of work and provide Ruling and Teaching Elders with ways to disciple their congregations for all of life. That includes a grasp of the dignity and purpose of work as well as ways they may change their corner of the world through work (while making it a part of the church's ongoing discipleship ministries).

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Ministry Resilience: Navigating Seasons of Sustained Stress

SEMINAR SPEAKERS: **Adam Coppock** and **Alex Kocher**,
Young Meadows Church

Room 2

Stress is common to the human experience but ministry stress seems to have taken its toll across the landscape of the church. There have been rises in pastors quitting their jobs, reports of mental and physical health problems, vocational crises and relational challenges. Whether it is the rhythms of ministry you are in, church conflicts, cultural battles or our own personal struggles, the layers mount up to drive many to depression, anxiety and giving up. Let's look at some practical steps towards soul care that can produce resilience and endurance for a "grace-paced" sustainable rhythm of life and ministry.

How to Avoid Political Landmines

SEMINAR SPEAKERS: **Rev. Nathan Newman** and **Rev. Chuck Garriott**, Ministry to State

Room 3

In today's polarized culture, navigating political issues within the church requires wisdom, humility, and gospel clarity. This seminar will explore the practical implications of WCF 31.4, emphasizing the church's primary calling and the rare instances when engagement with civil matters is appropriate. We'll discuss strategies for avoiding political entanglements, including playing defense, maintaining transparency, and curating resources. Learn how to lead with radical humility, truth in advertising, and consistency—shepherding believers who are naturally political creatures without compromising the church's mission. Equip yourself to engage wisely, avoiding reactionary pitfalls while remaining faithful to Christ's kingdom.

Sin, Identity, and Same-Sex Desire: Some Lessons from Disability

SEMINAR SPEAKER: **Hans Madueme**, Covenant College

Room 5

The context of this seminar is ongoing debates about same-sex desire in light of the biblical story. To gain clarity, this seminar will interact with an intriguing dialogue among disability theologians about the resurrection. Many of them argue that conditions like Down syndrome will not be "healed" at the resurrection, as they believe such healing would erase identity. For instance, they claim a man with Down syndrome would lose continuity with his earthly self if his condition were removed. His identity, tied to his Down syndrome, would be obliterated.

This seminar will critique this perspective, particularly its understanding of identity, and use that critique to engage current debates about same-sex desire and identity. The goal is to articulate a biblically rooted and theologically resilient vision of identity that aligns with Scripture's teaching on sexuality and sin.

Who's Missing?: Making Room On Your Pews for People Impacted By Disability

SEMINAR SPEAKER: **Ashley Belknap**, Engaging Disability With The Gospel

Room 6

Pastors and elders are called to shepherd the entire flock that God has entrusted to them—not only those who are visibly engaged but also those who are present but unseen or who are not thriving in our churches. This seminar will challenge and equip you to extend discipleship and care to all members of the body, including children, teens, and adults impacted by disability.

Through a biblical lens, we will explore how Christ's call to love, shepherd, and build community includes those who may not easily fit into traditional ministry structures. We will address practical ways to disciple, enfold, and love every member of your congregation—not only those with the ability to serve and contribute independently but also those who may require extra support to grow in their faith.



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This seminar will stretch your understanding of the scope of disability across your congregation. You will learn more about the unique needs of those with visible and invisible disabilities, learning disabilities, mental health challenges, chronic illness, dementia, and senior adults.

Come ready to lift your eyes afresh and see the fullness of your congregation, learning how to lead with gospel-driven compassion so that all may flourish in Christ's church.

Pursuing a Unified Vision for Mission and Renewal in the PCA

SEMINAR SPEAKER: **Joel St. Clair** with members of the **Executive Board for AMR**, Alliance for Mission & Renewal

Room 7

Representatives from the AMR board will explore how the Presbyterian Church in America can pursue a unified vision for mission and renewal across the diverse regions, cultures, and ministry practices represented within our shared theological tradition. By fostering connection among gospel-centered believers, we will discuss practical ways that celebrating our differences, while maintaining our doctrinal foundation, can help us work together for the advancement of Christ's kingdom in our rapidly changing world. Participants will leave equipped to cultivate collaboration and unity in their churches and presbyteries.

Strategies for Churches Helping Pastors Obtain Housing

SEMINAR SPEAKERS: **Ed Dunnington**, Geneva Benefits Group and **Tim Townsend**, PCA Foundation

Room 8

Increasing housing costs in many parts of the country, combined with high interest rates, are making it increasingly difficult for pastors to find affordable housing. This seminar will overview creative strategies for churches to help pastors find and afford housing. We will also discuss approaches some churches use that may not be legal and propose more appropriate options. Finally, we will consider these questions in the broader context of churches providing a comprehensive call package for their ministers that creates an environment for wellbeing and sustainable ministry.

The Whole Deacon

SEMINAR SPEAKER: **Patrick Sanders**, Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church, Athens, GA

Room 9

The Office of Deacon is frequently misunderstood, underutilized, and unfortunately misused in the life of the church. The office is a gift from Christ and to make the most of the deacon we need to understand The Whole Deacon. The seminar hopes to communicate frequent misunderstandings of purpose of the office of Deacon, the proper place and role of a deacon, pitfalls for deacons to be on guard for, and how the Elders and Deacons can work together as co-laborers in the service of Christ for the Communion of Saints.

Safeguards & Stewardship: Child & Youth Protection Essentials for Leaders

SEMINAR SPEAKER: **Jeremy Herron**, Evangelical Council for Abuse Prevention

Room 10

Join us to learn more about abuse prevention and child & youth protection for PCA churches. The biblical truth that every person is created in the image of God informs our commitment to child protection. As a matter of Great Commission significance and biblical stewardship, child protection should be of the utmost importance to church leaders.

At this child protection workshop you will learn the basics of child protection, tap into helpful resources to help you protect the least of these.

Objectives

- Raise awareness for the importance of abuse prevention & child protection
 - Provide ministry leaders with resources to assist
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JUNE 24, 3:35PM

Building Cultures of Evangelism: Missional Strategies for PCA

SEMINAR SPEAKER: **William Fullilove**, McLean Presbyterian Church/RTS

Room 11

Join Rev. Dr. William Fullilove, Executive Pastor of McLean Presbyterian Church and Professor of Old Testament at Reformed Theological Seminary, along with a distinguished panel of experienced PCA Elders, as we delve into Scripture-based models for strengthening evangelism and discipleship. Drawing from diverse pastoral experiences, this interactive session will explore practical strategies for developing outreach initiatives, nurturing newcomers, and transforming church culture. The panel will present adaptable approaches suitable for various PCA contexts, equipping leaders to confidently champion evangelism and discipleship within our denomination, ultimately inspiring a renewed commitment to gospel-centered ministry.

Creating a Robust Pipeline for the PCA

SEMINAR SPEAKER: **Chris Vogel**, Mission to North America and **Bill Golden**, Mission to the World

Room 12

The need for more laborers in the Lord's harvest is constant. To meet this need, a more robust and lengthier pipeline is critical. A vital first step is assisting our members in considering how their service in the Church may intersect with their vocation. This seminar is a new joint venture by MNA and MTW toward that end. It offers a curriculum to assist churches in preparing their members to consider how their callings may be helpful as volunteers, part-time, or full-time workers in the PCA.

The Case for a Reformed Youth Ministry (in an Age that Needs It)

SEMINAR SPEAKER: **Brent Corbin** and **John Perritt**, Reformed Youth Ministries (RYM)

Room 13

It can be hard to know what the BEST way is to approach reaching and equipping our youth with the gospel. After all, youth culture changes so quick that it often leaves us with more questions than answers.

In this seminar, we will discuss how it is that your church (yes—your church!) can have what it takes to engage young people with the gospel, and why fruitful youth ministry efforts may be more attainable than you realized.

Updating Ethical Perspectives: Integrating Modern Science on In Vitro Fertilization into PCA's Pro-Life Commitment

SEMINAR SPEAKER: **Savannah Crossfield**, Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church

Room 16

This seminar explores the ethical and theological implications of in vitro fertilization (IVF) in light of the PCA's 1978 General Assembly statement affirming the sanctity of life from conception. With advancements in reproductive technology, new scientific insights have emerged that challenge and deepen our understanding of IVF's impact on human life and Christian stewardship. This session will examine how these developments intersect with our pro-life convictions, considering topics such as embryo attrition rates, freezing, destruction, selection, and genetic testing. Join us for a thought-provoking discussion on how the PCA can uphold its commitment to life while addressing the complexities of modern reproductive ethics.

Developing, Managing, and Creating a Positive Session & Staff

SEMINAR SPEAKER: **Seth Hammond** and **Dr. Jim Coffield**, Christ Covenant

Room 17

Dealing with different personalities on a Session and staff can bring challenges and opportunities. Sometimes conflict occurs and disagreements happen. In this seminar, Seth Hammond and Dr. Jim Coffield will discuss how to develop, manage, and create a positive session and staff that collaborates together and shares a common mission.



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The Pastor and Trauma Counseling: A Middleware for Shepherds

SEMINAR SPEAKER: **Alex Dean**, New St. Peter's Presbyterian Church, Dallas

Room 18

With the proliferation of good material on trauma, better diagnostic tools, and well-trained professionals in the counseling field, pastors have reason to be both encouraged and overwhelmed. Should we be up to speed on all the latest research? How and when should we refer congregants to counseling and medical professionals? Are there tools available from within the classical pastoral tradition that can help us answer these questions? This workshop seeks to provide a simple diagnostic tool for pastors as well as tangible ways forward in partnership with professionals as we seek to be part of helping congregants heal. I present a model which I call "Trauma-Conversant Pastoral Counseling."

Imagination and the Preeminence of Christ

SEMINAR SPEAKER: **Heather Louise Nation Hess**, Covenant College

Room 19

Jesus wants us to have robust imaginations. This seminar will explore the role of Christian imagination as a form of embodied knowing that enables us to live inside God's story. This seminar will argue that sanctified imagination is essential to whole person formation—educationally and liturgically—and contemplate how God can use any variety of things—from video games to gardening—to renew our vision and draw us deeper into His cosmic redemption narrative.

Process Evangelism—A New Paradigm

SEMINAR SPEAKER: **Dr. James Saxon**, The Church of The Apostles

Room 20

A new model of evangelism is emerging in our Post-Modern world that is built around a carefully sequenced process of gradual exposures to the gospel which filters out common objections, misconceptions, and caricatures of the gospel and brings seekers face to face with the

true Jesus which then allows them to make an informed decision about the true gospel. Once a person decides to become a follower of Jesus, they are then led through a two-year follow-up study process that translates their embryonic faith into a vibrant walk with God established upon a solid biblical foundation. Attend this workshop and learn how this culturally relevant, transformational model was developed and deployed at The Church of The Apostles, an Atlanta megachurch in Atlanta, over the last decade.

Suicide Care in the Church

SEMINAR SPEAKER: **Paul Loosemore**, Covenant Theological Seminary

Room 21

This seminar will unpack a biblical framework that guides the loving and responsive Church to minister well to those struggling with suicidal ideation. We will consider practical requirements and limits to care, covering issues such as assessment strategies, safety responding, and empathetic support. Churches that are prepared to respond to mental health crises will have increased opportunities to offer the transformative gospel of Jesus Christ. Come with your questions and receive support.

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Especially if you are a first-time commissioner, come and learn how General Assembly functions. You will learn how we do our business, why we do it the way we do, and other items that will help you make the most of your General Assembly experience.