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## ***Honoring Dependent Parents: An Opportunity for the Church***

**Bill Davis**, Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church/Covenant College

**L004**

Even though the PCA is adding younger people to its ranks, older members are living longer. Physical frailty, social isolation, and altered cognitive powers are among the challenges facing older members. PCA churches today have a growing opportunity to meet the needs of older and younger members who are seeking to honor parents as they deal with the effects of aging. This seminar will focus on practical steps that churches can take to meet this need. Support groups for caregivers, training and rotating family visitation plans for shut-ins, attention to the physical and cognitive needs of older worshipers, and session-level attention to systems of pastoral care for older members and their children (from both teaching elders and other trained leaders) are just some of the steps that will be explained and discussed. Case studies will be used to illustrate how the fifth commandment informs these efforts.

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## ***Small Town Talk: The Unique Character of Small Towns and Rural Places and Why It Matters for Church Planting***

**Corey Pelton**, Rural Church Planting - MNA, Rural Church Development, Tennessee Valley Presbytery

**L005-009**

Small towns and rural places can present unique challenges and unexpected joys for church planters. We will explore both and seek to better understand the need for church planting in these oft neglected areas.

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## ***Information Overload: Helping Youth Navigate the Digital Revolution***

**Brent Corbin**, Reformed Youth Ministries (RYM)

**L006**

The teenage years are always full of challenge and change, but what youth are facing in today's digital landscape is nothing short of an onslaught of information and stimulation that has drastically affected them in these important developmental years. We will

talk about what parents and the church can do to help their youth cultivate resiliency in their faith and lives amidst today's challenges.

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## ***Resonance and the Psalms: Faithful Limits in a Control-Driven Age***

**Hayden Nesbit**, Walnut Creek Presbyterian Church

**L007-008**

Modern life tells us the good life comes from having more under control. In reality, it often leaves us hurried, anxious, and spiritually dull. This seminar draws on sociologist Hartmut Rosa's idea of "resonance" to argue that our weariness comes from trying to control what was never ours to control. Scripture offers a different way of life—one shaped by listening and response rather than mastery. The Psalms show this way with particular clarity. As songs and prayers rooted in human limits and God's sovereignty, they train us to live with rightly ordered control and deeper connection. The Psalms give us not a method to manage life, but a rhythm for meeting the living God.

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## ***"Speed Them on Their Way": Creating a Culture of Sending Missionaries to the Mission Field***

**Dee Hammond**, Mission to the World

**L010-014**

Does your church have a culture of raising up and sending out missionaries? Christians agree that the Great Commission is a priority in Christianity. Most churches agree that getting missionaries to the field is a priority in the life of the church. While we can agree on these priorities, sometimes our priorities can get snuffed out by other things. Going cross-culturally with the message of the gospel is a high calling. Many people in our churches wonder what it means to be called to the mission field. They wonder how a person knows for certain. They wonder what the steps are that someone needs to take to become a missionary. This seminar will explore a missionary-sending culture in the life of the local church.



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### *Resetting the Foundations of Moral Reasoning*

**Scott Hatch**, Christ Presbyterian Church - Burke VA

**L011-012**

Many of the controversies of our day are marked by moral outrage, but we lack a shared foundation for actual moral reasoning. Even within our churches, we have questions about how to integrate ethics with other aspects of the Christian life in a way that is holistic and not merely an academic exercise. Some put hope in natural law, but there are more biblical approaches that can be drawn upon as well. This seminar will explore what is needed in thinking through how to recover a moral philosophy that is holistic, integrated, and consistent with a biblical Christian worldview.

### *Exploring Hospice Care within the Church*

**Deborah R. Hoopes** and **Duncan Hoopes**, Reidville Presbyterian, SC

**L013**

Hospice care in America emerged to provide holistic care to the terminally ill, offering the church an opportunity to integrate medical and spiritual care. When a congregant receives a hospice diagnosis, shock and confusion often follow, along with difficult questions about care and providers. Drawing from more than a decade of hospice volunteer leadership, this seminar will help elders and church members navigate end-of-life decisions while exploring how hospice fosters service, compassion, and meaningful care for both patients and families.

### *Rethinking Session Communication*

**Matthew Bohling**, Flourish Coaching

**L015-019**

Many Sessions regularly receive criticism about their communication with the Congregation. Much of this critique is received as commentary on the wisdom of the Session's decisions. This serves to provoke defensiveness in the Session and an aversion to further communication, leading to increased distrust and a breakdown in the relationship. How can this unhelpful cycle be changed? One way it can change is

to completely rethink Session communication. What if there was a way to communicate maximally, rather than minimally, that fostered the relationship between the Session and the Congregation? Come learn how to do that in this seminar.

### *Tools for Financial Wellbeing*

**Paul Chi**, Geneva Benefits Group

**L016**

Geneva Benefits Group has recently transitioned to Fidelity as our record keeper, giving you access to the NetBenefits platform and its powerful tools. In addition, Geneva offers other valuable resources to support your financial well-being. Whether you're a DIY enthusiast when it comes to your finances or you prefer a bit more guidance, this seminar will show you how to utilize these amazing tools so that you can meet your current needs and achieve your future goals.

### *Counseling Ministries in The PCA: A Discussion*

**Rev. Braden Benson** and **Rev. Gary Spooner**, The Owen Center

**L017-018**

This seminar aims to open the discussion about the role of biblical counseling in the PCA. We will consider how counseling is understood and practiced across our churches, including the roles of parachurch organizations and in-church counseling ministries. Together, we will explore the theological convictions, pastoral responsibilities, and practical implications shaping these models, with the aim of fostering clarity, charity, and wisdom as we seek to shepherd Christ's people faithfully amid differing approaches and views.

### *Church Safety/Security Update*

**Dr. Daniel Fitzsimons**, Krisis, Inc.

**L020**

This seminar delves into the evolving role of volunteer and professional safety and security ministries within churches across the United States. Key topics encompass current threat actors, best practices for cultivating respectful, collaborative, and culturally sensitive worship

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environments; the utilization of Bible-based tools that support both divine law and the Covenant of Grace; and response-planning strategies for escalating or disruptive incidents. The seminar underscores servant leadership, de-escalation techniques, and aligning security practices with the church's cultural mission.

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### ***Bonhoeffer: Discipleship and Resistance***

**Dave Abney**, Christ Community Church

**L027**

Given global trends of rising authoritarian and populist governments, Christians are looking for ways to navigate such trends with Biblical wisdom, courageous witness, and peaceful protest. Dietrich Bonhoeffer offers us a compelling model from church history to help us think about how Christian discipleship can help believers for counter-cultural resistance to the ways of the world.

### ***Common Mistakes in Pastoral Succession Planning***

**Rev. Dr. Chris Polski**, Trinity Church Kirkwood - Trinity Pastoral Succession Planning

**L028**

In this seminar Dr. Polski will address common errors in pastoral succession planning and provide core principles for overcoming them.

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### ***Healthy Churches Grow***

**Tucker York**, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Lancaster, PA

**L029**

Healthy Churches Grow offers a roadmap to a healthier, more effective way your church can operate. You'll learn practical ways to eliminate confusion and buy back time by improving these five interconnected aspects of church operations:

- Organizational health: Creating healthy, efficient systems
- Crisis mitigation: Putting plans in place to rein in the chaos
- Strategic planning: Building a vision that includes room for growth

- Leadership development: Raising up tomorrow's leaders from within
  - Transition planning: Serving with an eye towards finishing well
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### ***Stop Choosing: Christian Life Requires Christ, the Church, and Me.***

**Kelly Kapic**, Covenant College

**M104**

Christian life is a response to the love of God, and to properly frame that response, we must always keep in mind how human agency functions in this response as a three-corded rope. The three strands of this rope are Messiah, Ecclesia, and Ego (me). These three cords together allow our understanding and experience to be Christologically centered, personally engaged, and ecclesologically anchored. Trying to pick one from among them is a false and destructive choice.

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### ***Nurturing Trust: Pastoral & Sessional Impact Through Authenticity***

**Greg Smith** and **Bob Flayhart**, Oak Mountain Presbyterian Church

**M105-106**

I have listened intently as pastor after pastor have uttered the words, "I do not feel safe with my own Session." What is behind the mistrust and unsafe culture? What is it that drives church leaders away from authentic, vulnerable fellowship? This seminar will address those very questions and hopefully propel leaders into real community. I Peter 5:3 reads, "Don't shepherd by ruling over those entrusted to your care but become examples to the flock." We, Ruling and Teaching Elders, should be an example to the flock. To move into a culture of authentic vulnerability, we need to examine the obstacles along with the salve of the gospel for it is as true today, as it was on the day of our salvation.

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### **Technology and Christian Wisdom**

**Robbie Griggs**, Covenant Theological Seminary

**M107**

Since the fall of 2022 when OpenAI unveiled ChatGPT, predictions both dire and utopian about AI and the future of education, work, and life have mushroomed. In the face of widely diverging opinions about emerging technologies, how might ministry leaders get their bearings? This seminar will focus on a range of biblical texts and theological doctrines, in order to develop an understanding of technology as a development of the potential of God's good creation itself. Whether you are bewildered or overjoyed, this seminar will equip church leaders to help their congregations glorify God in the midst of rapid technological change.

### **Welcoming the Generations to Worship**

**Stephen Estock, Katie Flores, and Heather Dirkse**, PCA Discipleship Ministries (CDM)

**M108**

Worship begins with the welcome of God, who invites His covenant people—of every age and ability—to gather before Him. This seminar explores how PCA churches can and do reflect that welcome through a culture of intergenerational worship. We will explore various tools and practical resources for ministry that lead to lasting change. We will consider lessons learned from churches who partnered with CDM to use the Teach Us to Worship resources—identifying common impediments, sharing examples of what is possible, and considering accessible strategies. Our goal is for members of every generation to experience God's welcome through worship.

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**Booth 136**

### **When the Church is Silent on Abortion, Congregants Suffer**

**Dawn Darby**, Faith Presbyterian Church/Care Net of Puget Sound

**M109**

Church leaders may feel apprehensive about addressing the topic of abortion with their congregations due to its potential political connotations, their uncertainty regarding the medical aspects involved, and their concern for causing emotional distress.

Maintaining silence on this issue does not provide clarity or alleviate suffering. Congregants often interpret silence as tacit approval of their own circumstances or are silenced by the guilt and shame that accompanies abortion.

This session equips church leaders to engage in informed discussions about abortion, communicate grace to individuals who have chosen abortion, and provide resources for those seeking help.

### **GA for Rookies**

**John R. Bise**, PCA Administrative Committee

**M111**

This essential seminar is for first-time Commissioners who want to understand how the General Assembly (GA) functions. Gain the knowledge and practical tips you need to fully participate, make informed decisions, and maximize your GA experience. Don't just observe—come learn how to effectively contribute!

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## ***Ministry to the Incarcerated***

**Lowell Ivey**, Metanoia Prison Ministries

**L004**

Prison ministry is mentioned in our BCO as part of the work of the church. However, many churches are not sure what this means for them, or how to go about the work of biblically faithful prison ministry. This seminar will equip church leaders with a biblical theology of prison ministry, while also offering practical suggestions on how to incorporate prison ministry into the home missions and mercy ministry strategies of local churches and presbyteries.

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## ***Bold as a Lion: Christian Courage in an Age of Fear***

**Rev. Dr. Matthew Everhard**, Gospel Fellowship PCA; Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary (RPTS)

**L005-009**

We all experience fear in our lives at some level; from fretfulness, to anxiety, to full-blown cowardice. In this seminar, we will explore four kinds of fear: rational, irrational, natural, and supernatural. We will contrast the “fear of man” with the “fear of the Lord” and consider how the Gospel frees us from fears of death, disease, persecution, and rejection. We will also examine five Biblical models of courage: the disciple, prophet, philosopher, warrior, and martyr. Ultimately, our goal is to find lasting assurance in Jesus Christ, the quintessentially brave man in the Bible.

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## ***Safeguarding the Next Generation***

**Julie Lowe**, Evangelical Council for Abuse Prevention

**L006**

Because children are vulnerable, they need to be protected. It is important that ministry leaders know how to think about the dangers that exist and that both principles and answers are found within scripture. The seminar will help to shepherd parents and caregivers through thinking wisely and biblically about the dangers children face. Instead of living in fear or denial, we can equip ministries and families to assess people and situations and model for them how to live by faith in a world where evil exists.

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## ***Publics, Counterpublics, and Christian Apologetics***

**Justin McLendon**, AZ Presbytery, King of Kings Church

**L007-008**

Many Christians today sense that traditional apologetic approaches often feel less effective than they once did. Arguments that are logically sound and confessionally faithful are often met with indifference or suspicion rather than engagement. This seminar explores why that is and how the church can respond with renewed clarity and confidence. Drawing on insights about culture and community formation, participants will consider how people are shaped by shared stories, habits, and loyalties before formal arguments are heard. The goal is not to replace classical apologetics, but to strengthen its effectiveness within today’s cultural context.

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## ***The Major Trend of Diaspora Mission and its Impact on Iran and the PCA***

**Richard Joe**, Covenant Theological Seminary

**L010-014**

Jesus commissioned his disciples, and by extension his Church, to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth. While it is certainly still necessary for churches in general and the PCA in particular to send foreign missionaries, it is also true that the ends of the earth have come to us such that our missions work at home can have a significant impact abroad as well. Dr. Richard will explain this major trend called “diaspora mission” laying out its practical impact on our churches here at home while referring to the explosive growth of Christianity in Iran as an example.

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## ***Presbytery Diaconal Connectionalism***

**Benjamin Schultz**, Presbytery of Central Florida

**L011-012**

Connectionalism is one of the most fundamental elements of being Presbyterian. PCA Teaching Elders and Ruling Elders benefit greatly by learning from one another, encouraging each other, and spending time together. Our congregations, presbyteries, and denomination are all improved by this sense of community and shared culture. So too, our Deacons



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would benefit greatly by being equipped with, supported by, and connected to Deacons from other churches within their Presbytery, thus improving Diaconal ministry in our churches and communities. This seminar will present ideas, experiences, and lessons learned on how to bring connectionalism to Diaconal ministry at the Presbytery level.

### ***The Frozen Yet-to-Be-Chosen: Visiting Orphans in Their Affliction Through Embryo Adoption***

**Tyler Kenney** and **Elizabeth Button**, Immanuel Presbyterian Church, PCA

#### **L013**

Public attention to In Vitro Fertilization rightly highlights the plight of babies (fertilized eggs) who are wrongly destroyed through carelessness or worse. This seminar focuses on frozen embryos and the opportunity Christians have to welcome them into their wombs and homes. Seminar leaders will share firsthand experiences of embryo adoption, explain the process, provide biblically grounded guidance, and discuss how churches can support families pursuing adoption. Time will also be given for questions. Above all, this seminar highlights the hope of providing loving homes for vulnerable image-bearers of God.

### ***Preaching and Pastoring in a Polarized Culture: Lessons from Francis J. Grimké (1850-1937)***

**Drew Martin**, Covenant Theological Seminary

#### **L015-019**

Born enslaved, Francis Grimké studied under Charles Hodge at Princeton Theological Seminary and pastored in Washington, D.C. for nearly 50 years. Ministering through Reconstruction, Jim Crow, and early civil rights struggles, Grimké remained steadfast in Reformed orthodoxy, gospel preaching, and public moral clarity. This seminar explores the theological convictions and pastoral practices that shaped his ministry. In an age of cultural confusion and moral drift, Grimké offers enduring wisdom for pastors and elders committed to faithful shepherding and confessional integrity.

### ***Incarnational Youth Ministry***

**Donnie Clinton**, Sycamore Presbyterian Church

#### **L016**

Incarnational Youth Ministry is designed for youth ministry leaders seeking to root their work in the way Christ ministered by coming near. This seminar explores what it looks like to show up with faithful, embodied presence in the everyday lives of students. Rather than centering ministry on programs alone, incarnational youth ministry emphasizes relationships, patience, and long-term commitment. Participants will reflect on practical ways to cultivate trust, offer meaningful pastoral care, and walk with middle and high school students through their real questions, struggles, and joys, trusting God to work through ordinary, consistent presence.

### ***How to Kick-Start a Culture of Evangelism in Your Church***

**Dean Faulkner** and **Matt Brubaker**, RTS-Charlotte

#### **L017-018**

Many PCA congregations long for a deeper culture of evangelism but struggle to know where to begin. Building on two years of strong engagement at GA, this seminar offers a practical, theologically grounded roadmap for fostering a culture of evangelism. Drawing on his experience training planters and pastors at RTS Charlotte, Dr. Dean Faulkner will outline key priorities and practices for leaders who want their people to confidently open the Bible with non-Christians. Christianity Explored provides a Bible tool to show how CE and Mark's Gospel can help ordinary members invite friends to explore Jesus in a low-pressure, relational setting.

### ***Bridging the Gap in Parishioner Care: From Church to Clinic***

**Rodney T. Wilson**, Covenant College

#### **L020**

As ministers often serve as the primary point of contact for parishioners experiencing emotional distress, knowing when and where to refer to a licensed counselor offers an opportunity to shape spiritual care and clinical outcome. This seminar will focus on equipping ministers with a practical framework in helping their congregants

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find competent, theologically appropriate, and ethically grounded counselors. Topics will include an overview of therapeutic approaches, common indicators for needing to refer, how to evaluate a counselor's training and world view, and offer tools for collaborative care alongside a mental health professional once care is started.

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## ***Called to Lead, Called to Parent: Grace-Filled Parenting in Ministry Life.***

**Katie Polski**, Trinity Church Kirkwood

**L027**

Ministering to our children while serving in ministry can feel like a constant balancing act. Ministry leaders often carry the weight of caring for God's people while wondering how their calling impacts their own families. In this seminar, we'll lay a grace-filled foundation rooted in Scripture, reminding ourselves that God—not us—is the author of our children's stories. Drawing from personal experience as both a pastor's kid and a ministry parent, this workshop offers encouragement, honest reflection, and practical principles for loving Jesus, loving the church, and loving our children well.

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## ***Introducing Family Worship to a New Generation***

**Tyson Heyn**, Family Worship Ministries

**L028**

While family worship can be traced to Abraham, the practice faces considerable headwinds in today's culture and society. This class provides proven resources for elders to reintroduce this discipline to a new generation.

Topics covered include:

- Understanding the key ingredients for successfully introducing family worship.
- Leveraging this Reformed distinctive to bolster your church's community impact.
- Building a church lay leadership pipeline through this discipline.
- Utilizing free, bespoke resources to help ensure discipleship success.

Complimentary materials will be provided to all seminar attendees, and post-GA support will also be available free of charge from Family Worship Ministries.

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## ***From Handouts to Transformational Relationships: Building a Better Benevolence Ministry***

**Justin Lonas**, The Chalmers Center

**L029**

Local churches often struggle to develop and implement an effective benevolence ministry. Helping individuals and families move from crisis to lasting change can feel overwhelming and complicated. This workshop presents a biblical framework for moving beyond transactional aid toward relationship-based, transformational care. Participants will explore five key elements of a sustainable benevolence ministry: defining mission and policy, creating a welcoming intake process, developing action plans, recruiting and training volunteers, and building effective church and community partnerships for wraparound support.

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## ***The Relationally Wise Shepherd***

**Ken Sande**, RW360

**M104**

When a pastor gets into serious conflict with his leadership team, he almost always loses his pulpit. This is one reason 79 pastors leave ministry every week. This workshop will provide practical tools elders can use to strengthen their own relational and peacemaking skills, as well as those of their church members. In addition to improving a pastor's chances of enjoying a longer and less stressful tenure, this type of training can strengthen marriages, reduce divorce and enhance a church's evangelistic witness in its community. Attendees will receive a free scholarship to RW360's foundational course on Relational Wisdom®.

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## ***From Buddhism to the Reformed Faith - A Korean American doctor's journey***

**Billy Park** and **Dr. Gill Jeong**, Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church

**M105-106**

There are some amazing people in the PCA. One of them is Dr. Y Gill Jeong, a pulmonologist, who was born in South Korea and grew up a devote Buddhist but



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was converted to Christianity later in life. His journey from Buddhism to the Reformed Faith is a journey of extraordinary grace. It's a story worth hearing, not only for personal edification but also very instructive and challenging for how to witness to those of other faiths. Dr. Jeong currently serves as a ruling elder at Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church.

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### *The History and Role of the Book of Common Worship*

**Patrick Curles**, Covenant Presbyterian Church, Nashville, TN

#### **M107**

Historically Presbyterianism has had both a directory for worship and a service book, normally called a book of common worship. However, though both pieces have a long history in Presbyterianism there is still often widespread confusion between the two and the role of each. This seminar traces the history and use of prayer books in the Presbyterian tradition up to the 1946 Book of Common Worship in the United States.

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### *Empowering Women for Effective Ministry*

**Seth Hammond, Andrew Halbert, and Susan Horn**, Christ Covenant Knoxville

#### **M108**

Women make up half of the church, and a healthy women's ministry can enhance the life of the church. How do churches value women's involvement without violating biblical principles? In this seminar, we will discuss the importance of a paid women's staff member, how to provide continuity between pastoral staff and women's ministry, and how to properly disciple and shepherd women in the church. We will also discuss healthy ways to move from stereotypical women's activities (ex. planning potlucks and baby showers) to a richer ministry of discipleship.

### *Walking With the Flock: The Lost Art of Pastoral Visitation*

**DeMyron Haynes**, New City Fellowship

#### **M109**

Pastoral visitation has long been a defining practice of faithful ministry. In 16th–19th c. pastoral theologies, our Reformed forebears taught that visitation stood alongside preaching, sacraments, and prayer as a core duty of the minister, essential to the health of the church. This seminar explores its biblical and historical foundations and considers how pastors today can recover this vital practice—walking among the flock, nurturing spiritual growth, and embodying the shepherd's presence as a guiding philosophy of ministry.

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### *"...Paid With Good Intentions": Funding from Local to Global Going Sideways.*

**Sam Kang, Mark Bates, and Victor Nakah**, MTW (Mission to the World)

#### **M111**

"...Paid with Good Intentions" examines how well-meaning financial support can unintentionally disrupt the ministry of the global church when given without clear accountability or wise partnership. This seminar explores historic and contemporary examples where unchecked funding weakened local leadership, distorted partnerships, and reshaped gospel witness. Hosted by MTW, the session aims to equip PCA churches and ministry leaders with a biblically grounded framework for wise generosity, offering theological principles, practical guidelines, and case studies that strengthen indigenous leadership, long-term fruitfulness, and healthy missions partnerships.