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WHY CONSIDER HISTORIC DENOMINATIONS

Do you feel called to pastor a congregation?

There are more open pulpits in historic denominations than any other place in America. Mainline churches include the American Baptist, Disciples of Christ, Episcopal Church USA, Evangelical Lutheran Church, Presbyterian Church USA, United Church of Christ, and United Methodist Church

Do you believe that God is calling you to reach out to a community with the message of Christ?

These churches are located at the center of most towns and cities in America. They are already connected with the people and are part of community life. You can love the community from the inside out.

Do you have an unshakeable love for Christ's church even with all her flaws?

Many of these congregations, though certainly not all, would be open to loving leadership by a pastor who is evangelical, conservative, orthodox, or traditional (ECOT). The historic gospel is their heritage and they need a shepherd to help them focus on their gospel roots.

Does the idea of church replanting intrigue you?

Church planters often face significant obstacles such as the lack of a building, financial resources and people. Church replanting begins with the basic church structures in place. You can focus your time and energy on preaching, discipling, evangelizing, and equipping.

Do you desire to transform a church towards being missional in all it does?

These churches want to serve the community and care about social justice but this service needs to be integrated with the message of the gospel. American foreign missions began in these mainline denominations. As a pastor you can play a central role in rekindling this vision to reach the world for Christ.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



ED STETZER

Ed Stetzer is currently the Director of Lifeway Research and Lifeway's

Missiologist in Residence. He will be speaking on how to be missional in a mainline local church.



JIM TOMBERLIN

Jim Tomberlin is founder of MultiSite Solutions, a company dedicated to

assisting churches in going multi-site. He will address how the multi-site concept can help grow churches and reach new communities.



JOHN HULL

John Hull is President/CEO of EQUIP, a leadership development organization.

He will be speaking on leadership training for the local, national and international church.



JOHN
ARMSTRONG

John Armstrong is the director of ACT 3, which seeks to encourage the

church to pursue doctrinal and ethical reformation and to foster spiritual awakening. John's theme will emerge from his new book, *Your Church Is Too Small*, a call to missional ecumenism.

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ASSOCIATION FOR CHURCH RENEWAL

The Association for Church Renewal was called into being by God to encourage and support renewal and reform leaders from the "mainline denominations" to proclaim the ecumenical convictions of our common faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, through a cooperative publication, news service, and the presentation of resources for renewal. It is our mission to mobilize the faithful members and leadership of our historic churches for discipleship, evangelism, holy living, orthodox faith, Biblical apologetics, and the protection of the sanctity of human life, sexuality, marriage and family.



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ANSWERING THE CALL

REPLANTING, REVITALIZING AND PASTORING THE CHURCH



CHICAGO 2010
AUGUST 6-8, 2010

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CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS



LEARN

- » Hear from those who have a deep and Godly passion to reach communities for Christ
- » Learn about historic denominations and where you would best fit
- » Keynote speakers: Ed Stetzer, John Hull, Jim Tomberlin and John Armstrong. Check the website for additional information



CONNECT

- » Dialogue with church pastors and leaders who have successfully replanted/revitalized their churches
- » Special track for those interested in mentoring/equipping young pastors for ministry in the historical denominations
- » Find out how to receive ongoing leadership training and ministry mentoring.

DISCUSS

- » Preconference Workshop during the day on Friday
 - » Focused workshop for pastors and future pastors considering a call to a mainline church. See website for additional details.
- » Practical workshops on the “how to” aspects of church replanting/revitalization
 - » How do I present the faith to an unbelieving world
 - » What is it like to minister in an historic denomination
 - » How do we faithfully and winsomely confront culture
 - » How do I lead a congregation towards being missional
 - » How does a pastor go about church replanting/revitalization
 - » How does one get ordained in an historic denomination
 - » How to mentor a younger pastor
 - » How can I as a lay person help with church replanting/revitalization

CONFERENCE LOCATION



ELMHURST COLLEGE

190 Prospect Avenue,
Elmhurst, Illinois 60126-3296
630 617 3500

Find directions online at
www.elmhurst.edu/visit

REGISTRATION INFO

Register as soon as possible. Your confirmation of registration payment will include details on overnight accommodations and meals choices. Deadline for reserving rooms and selecting a meal plan is July 1, 2010. A \$25 service fee per person will be charged for cancellations, and will be deducted from refund. No refunds after July 23, 2010.

Note: Dorm room and meals may be reserved with payment at the same time as initial registration or any time before July 23, 2010. Rooms will be assigned on a first come, first served basis.

Note: Some Scholarship money is available upon request

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REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

Spouse's name (if attending) _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email address _____

I am Clergy Lay leader Seminarian (current or considering)
 Other _____

Name of church attending _____

Name of seminary or college (if attending) _____

Denomination of Interest (if applicable) _____

Gender male female

Special needs _____

REGISTRATION

- Friday's pre-conference workshop \$15
Boot camp for church replanters
- Early Registration (postmarked on or before April 30) \$60
- Late Registration (postmarked after May 1) \$75
- Walk-in registration \$80
- One-day registration \$15
 - Friday only \$15
 - Saturday only (lunch included) \$50
 - Sunday only \$15
- Overnight Accommodations \$38
Dorm suites of single and double rooms available.
Single beds only. Price includes one bed with linens
- Meals Breakfast \$8 Lunch \$9 Dinner \$10 \$_____
(Saturday lunch included in registration)
 - Friday Breakfast Lunch Dinner \$_____
 - Saturday Breakfast Dinner \$_____
 - Sunday Breakfast \$_____
- Meal Plans \$_____
 - Six-Meal Plan (Friday–Sunday) \$40
 - Four-Meal Plan (Friday Lunch, dinner; Saturday breakfast, dinner) \$30

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$_____