

2024 FL-GA District Pastors Conference - Breakout Schedule

Location	10:35 AM	2:15 PM	3:15 PM
BALLROOM	Victor Belton	Matt Peoples	Matt Peoples
Rounds	<i>Proclaiming Jesus Without a Pulpit</i>	<i>Incorporating Intentional Discipleship in Every Area of Your Ministry</i>	<i>Simplifying Discipleship</i>
	We are to disciple and proclaim Jesus 'as we are going.' This may be confusing for some, intimidating to others, and down right terrifying for an introvert. Let's spend some time getting familiar with Jesus' sharing and some strategies that may help us in proclaiming and sharing our faith in Jesus and testimony of His grace in our lives in ways that are winsome and not threatening or intimidating.	It's easy to think about what it looks like to make disciples in a worship service, during a Bible Class, or in confirmation. But what if your fiance team, usher team, or even your grounds crew had opportunities for intentional disciple-making. How would your church look different if somebody incorporated intentional disciple-making into every meeting your church held? Sound too good to be true? In this session, we will dig into how you can integrate intentional disciple-making in every area of your ministry.	Complexity is one of the most prominent lids to disciple-making in the local church. So often, lay people struggle to see themselves as disciple makers because the models they see are complex and usually run by trained professionals. What would it look like if your church had a simple discipleship process? Any lay person could engage in one within the church and their community. In this session, we are going to dig into a simple disciple-making process anyone can incorporate into their local ministry.
Flagler A Theatre	William Utech <i>Learning FOR Ministry VS. Learning IN Ministry</i>	William Utech <i>The Multiethnic Imperative</i>	
	Theological education is vital for pastoral education. There are timely and cost efficient ways and means to attract and raise up the kind of seminary students and future pastors that the church needs today. This breakout will explore and discuss such possibilities.	Do you love your traditions more than your children and your grandchildren? This breakout will present the dire need for our congregations to take positive steps toward looking, more and more each day, like the Church described in Revelation 7.	
FLAGLER B Classroom	Peter Meier <i>Once You See</i>	Scott Gress <i>A Coach Approach to Lift up the Next Generation</i>	Nick Moss <i>Confirmation - It can be Great!</i>
	In his novel, "Once You See" author Jeff Christopherson works through seven temptations of the Western Church. We will discuss these "temptations" and how they apply to our congregations and planting the Church today.	How to use coaching to train and develop lay leaders and disciples: Invitations, Engagement and Follow Up that encourages."	Confirmation can be the key to engaging parents and youth in your congregation. Through the lens of the 7 Practices for Healthy Youth Ministry, we will explore how to make the most out of this critical time in a young person's life. Participants will self-evaluate their own Confirmation program, identify areas they want to improve, and gain tools on how to make these changes.
FLAGLER C Classroom	Tilahun Mendedo <i>Every Baptized Member is A Missionary</i>	Paul vonWerder <i>TAG-Teaming with a New Generation of DiscipleMakers</i>	Rick Armstrong & Megan Miessler <i>The T.A.G. Dance</i>
	We are called to be witness through our callings and vocations. Through our baptism we are set aside for a purpose, to connect the gospel to our fellow men and make disciples. A case study from the Ethiopian Evangelical Mekane Yesus Church, with application to North America.	We will focus on what biblical values and relational skills help Jesus' disciples of today Transform and Grow in order to make more disciples who Affect our culture.	Our conference theme Transforming, Affecting and Growing is our call from God for each of us personally and a call regarding the relationships in which we live and serve. In his book Divine Dance Richard Rohr reflects "this divine dance takes on a centrifugal force, moving the energy (God's love) in, but then it becomes the centrifugal force, moving the energy (God's love) out" into our world and those who live in it. In this break out our presenters will explore walking along side those with mental health issues, those who are younger than us and older than us, those who have served where we have served. We will look at how that can be done effectively in all phases of our lives and how that is done as we are centered on God's love and relationship with each of us.
Grand 6 Classroom	Chad Lokies <i>How to Reach Out in a Secular Age</i>	Chad Lokies <i>The Spiritual Conversation Curve: A tool for the Reluctant Witness</i>	Paul Heins <i>Your Devotional Life and your Place in the Kingdom of God</i>
	We live in a secular age. The culture is hostile. We weren't trained for this and we feel unprepared. We're frustrated and exhausted in trying to figure out how to offer a winsome and effective witness. What if there's a better way? What if we can understand the culture better? What if there are helpful strategies for better sharing our faith? This presentation will help you better tap into the openness to the Gospel that's all around us and teach you an effective strategy for outreach.	St. Paul encouraged all Christians to discern wisely "how to answer" each non-Christian in their life (Colossians 4). But how exactly do we do that in an age where many non-Christians have experienced "church hurt" and don't show any interest in Jesus at all? Learn the simple but revolutionary tool developed by Lutheran Hour Ministries that can help you and your congregation discern how to talk with the non-Christians in their lives.	We will explore how identity, purpose and belonging are opened up and shaped by our devotional life.
Grand 7 Classroom	Ben Hoyer <i>Follow Me as I Follow Christ</i>	<i>Keynote Conversation</i>	<i>Keynote Conversation</i>
	The work of discipleship is perhaps best done like a children's game of follow the leader. Ben Hoyer will share some stories about times when he asked himself, where he was leading people to, and how they might follow him. Along the way we might be reminded of the importance of forgiveness to move past our own limitations; and the Spirit to awaken empathy, imagination, confidence and hope. Hopefully we will be reminded of the ways in which we're all still being discipled.	This session gives participants the opportunity to engage with our Keynote speakers. Ask questions, listen, learn, and apply our topics.	This session gives participants the opportunity to engage with our Keynote speakers. Ask questions, listen, learn, and apply our topics.
Grand 8 Theatre	Jennifer Tanner <i>Walking Alongside School Leaders in Partnership</i>	Jennifer Tanner <i>The TRANSFORMING Power of Encouragement</i>	Ron & Barb Pennekamp & Dave & Sally Wesche <i>Intentional Conversation for Transformation</i>
	Pastors are important champions for our Lutheran schools and Early Childhood Centers! School ministry thrives when pastors walk alongside school leaders. During this session, we will discuss practical, impactful ways pastors support and engage the school community to TRANSFORM lives, positively AFFECT relationships, and GROW disciples.	Authentic encouragement transforms hearts, affirms excellence, and strengthens leadership teams. This interactive session unpacks the 7 Essentials for Encouragement identified by Kouzes and Posner in the book Encouraging the Heart. Explore techniques you can start using today to unlock the power of encouragement to cultivate a positive culture and elevate ministry.	How is the Matthew 28 "Great Commission" best understood and practiced? Has disciple-making become equated with Confirmation? Which TV show would best describe many church's/people's mode: Dragnet or Friends? This workshop will be conversational among the presenters and with the participants. We will be challenged to consider how we currently convey information of the faith and with whom we typically invest. We will wrestle with adjustments that may be made in your specific mission environment to better facilitate relational transformation and not merely informational transferral.
OceanView Rounds	Anette Shanks <i>Ministry Wives Meet-Up</i>	Ministry Wives Team <i>Visual Faith Make & Take Prayer Cards</i>	Anette Shanks <i>Trust and Lean...The Pastor's Wife as an Along-sider...</i>
	Grab your favorite morning beverage and come together for conversation and connection. Participants will gather for a devotion, followed by an informal time to connect (or re-connect) with other Ministry Wives. This session is immediately followed by lunch, and we invite you to return to the Oceanview Room with your buffet lunch and join the Ministry Wives Team as we share, support and encourage each other.	Participants will be given a brief introduction to Visual Faith Ministry resources followed by instructions, materials, and time to create "Praying for..." cards, one for every day of the month. Personalize them for your spouse, children, grandchildren, or neighbors to bless those for whom you pray – in this generation and the next.	Sharing real-life stories with Biblical connections and showing how lives are transformed by God's power (including my own) and lived out by building loving relationships with others.
Ponce De Leon Classroom	Greg Walton <i>Alongsiders for Staff Wellness</i>	Greg Walton <i>Rest for the Weary: Ministry Sabbaticals</i>	Peter Meier <i>The HOW of Disciple-Making</i>
	Intentional care for Workers leads to a happier, healthier staff.	A presentation on the need and a plan for a ministry sabbatical.	We know that we are called to "make disciples." But HOW do we do that? We will work with the Discovery Bible Study (DBS) method as a primary tool for HOW we can best make disciples. Resources will be shared and we will participate in DBS.