



**February 24, 2018**  
**Kernersville Moravian Church**

## CONFERENCE AGENDA

- 9:00am** | Check-In & Fellowship
- 9:30am** | Opening Prayers & Keynote
- 10:30am** | Adjourn to Morning Workshops
- 10:45am** | Morning Workshops
- 12:00pm** | Lunch
- 1:00pm** | Afternoon Workshop
- 2:15pm** | Adjourn

**B**eing the church in the twenty-first century calls us to new challenges and demands greater commitment and understanding of our faith and action.

This year, we'll explore how we are still relevant and what it means to be Moravian today. How are Moravians relevant in their spiritual lives, congregational lives, and mission in the world? What is God calling us to do or be in the 21st century? A day of learning and fellowship, Leadership Focus provides education, training, and discussion opportunities for Southern Province Moravians.

## KEYNOTE: WHAT'S NEXT FOR CHURCH? NAVIGATING THE MODERN TO POSTMODERN SHIFT

It's not that often that everything changes; only about every 500 years. We are those Christ-followers who are positioned in the "in-between" time, between the Modern and Postmodern Eras. What shifts in culture are directly influencing our lives as congregations? We'll discover ways congregations are responding to this transformational shift and introduce tools we can use to reflect on our congregational response.



**The Rev. Mark Tidsworth** is a leadership coach and congregational consultant. Mark is the author of *Shift: Three Big Moves For the 21st Century Church*, *Making the Shift Field Guide*, and *Farming Church: Cultivating Adaptive Change in Congregations*.



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# WORKSHOPS MORNING



## BEST PRACTICES FOR BOARD MEMBERS

This workshop engages first-time and experienced members of church boards in learning and group discussion about best practices for meetings, decision-making, board leadership and communication. **Presented by the Rev. David Guthrie, President, Provincial Elders Conference**



## THE CHANGING WORLD OF FAITH FORMATION: MEETING THE DEMANDS OF THE CULTURE

The world we live in is ever changing. Our faith-formation methods and programming needs to meet these changes where the people in churches are. In this workshop, you will have the opportunity to explore several alternative ways of doing faith formation and how they have worked in several different congregations. There will be time for some open dialogue after each of the models is presented. **Led by educators of the Moravian Church**



## “MISSION IS...”

The Board of World Mission is sometimes referred to as the “Board of World Missions.” However, the truth is that there is only one mission, and we all have a part in it. How we use our specific gifts in our individual context may differ however. Come to the workshop to learn about the contextualized mission work happening around the world, and then be ready to think and critically discuss the ways you can initiate or join a tangible mission effort right now! There are lots of ways to engage in mission, and no shortage of needs to be met. Come ready to Act(s 2:42-44)! **Presented by Justin Rabbach, Executive Director and the Rt. Rev. Sam Gray, Director of Intercultural Ministries, Board of World Mission**



## SEEK THE WELFARE OF THE CITY: HOLY EXPERIMENTING AS A WAY FORWARD

With so many congregations mired in survival mentality, draining us of passion and energy, this session will examine ways to shift our focus to life-giving endeavors. Attendees will learn the concept of holy experimenting, and explore ways in which it can lead to innovative, incarnational ministry at the local level that can lead us forward in faith, love, and hope. **Presented by the Rev. Chaz Snider, Ardmore Moravian Church and the Rev. Rusty Rushing, Peace Church Charlotte**



## THREE HOPE-FILLED, LIFE-GIVING SHIFTS FOR CONGREGATIONS

During this workshop, participants will learn about spiritual movements rising up within the Christian tradition in response to the postmodern shift. The major cultural changes all around us are like the winds fanning the dormant coals of our faith into flame. Mark Tidsworth will describe in this workshop the Member to Disciple Identity Shift, Attractional to Missional Church Shift, and the Consumer Church Culture to Sacred Partnering Shift. **Presented by the Rev. Mark Tidsworth**

# WORKSHOPS AFTERNOON

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## ALWAYS RELEVANT! MORAVIAN STEWARDSHIP TODAY

When they hear the word “stewardship,” many people think “money,” but in reality stewardship is a way of life that’s rewarding and joyful. This workshop will explore the spiritual and economic aspects of stewardship, what it means for us as individuals and in our congregations, and how we can focus on healthy stewardship practices in a culture that tells us we never have enough.

**Presented by Chris Spaugh, President, and Laura Watson, Director of Stewardship and Development Services, Moravian Ministries Foundation**



## THE AUTHENTIC CHURCH: CREATING ENGAGING CONTENT

Valuable attention has shifted to major platforms like Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. At the same time, many prefer “traditional” media when interacting with their congregation. In order to adapt and thrive in the 21st century, our church must go where the people are. A key to success in using any media, social or otherwise, is simple: authenticity. We’ll share strategies, tools, and ideas to help your church on the path to authentic communication, and help assess how your congregation can stay on that path for growth.

**Presented by Mike Riess, Executive Director, Interprovincial Board of Communication and Andrew David Cox, Communications Project Manager, The Moravian BCM**



## EVANGELISM: RONDTHALER STYLE! WHAT MIGHT WE LEARN FOR TODAY?

The late 19th and early 20th centuries were a time of tremendous growth and opportunity for the Southern Province of the Moravian Church. We’ll hear the story of this era (under the leadership of Bishop Rondthaler) and discuss ways we might apply some of these earlier principles of success to the church today.

**Presented by the Rev. Dr. Tim Sapp, Advent Moravian Church**



## INCLUDING YOUNG ADULTS IN THE LIFE OF YOUR CONGREGATION

These days a lot of people are talking about young adults in church—how to get them there, how to keep them, and how to get them involved. Participants will hear from two young adult Moravians with diverse perspectives on how our churches might engage young adults.

**Presented by Jessy Burcaw, Unity Moravian Church and Sarah Durham, Home/Macedonia Moravian Churches**



## TRADITIONAL WORSHIP IN NON-TRADITIONAL WAYS

How many ways can we tell the story? How can music, scripture, drama, dance, and visuals make an older adult connection as well as connecting with children, youth, and young adults? What does a sermon look like or sound like? Does worship strengthen you in living faithfully for Christ and Christ’s cause for the kingdom of love? Do our rituals continue to hold their meaning? “Liturgy” means:

“the work of the people.” Are you ready to work when you come to worship? Come, and let’s

“rethink” worship. **Presented by The Rev. Barry Foster, Unity Moravian Church and Joe McCready, Director of Music, Little Church on the Lane**