

The Work of the Missional Church - Moving Back into our Neighborhoods

Overview

Rather than a conference where a list of speakers provide information and inspiration we've put together a working consultation in which we learn, discover and plan together how to develop practical missional life in our churches. The sub-title of the consultation is *Moving Back into our Neighborhoods*. In our two days together Alan and Mark will assist you in identifying practical ways your congregation can make gospel connections with the people of the communities where they live, work, and worship.

They want to work with what the Holy Spirit is already doing in your context and provide you with real, hands-on resources for creating experiments in missional life tailored to your context and people. Through workshops and hands-on plenaries they will tell stories of what God is doing in local churches and lead you in ways of imagining and planning mission with your people.

Bring Your Team

Initiating change is difficult even in the best of situations and doing it alone only compounds this. You've likely had the experience of that "ah-ha" moment at a training event only to come back to your church and be unable to share it effectively with those who work alongside you. Bring your ministry staff, key leaders, elders and anyone else that you'd like to share in this process with you. You can sit together, discuss *your* congregation and its particular needs, and develop strategies together. To encourage this, bring five team members and the sixth goes free of charge!

The cost of this consultation includes all conference materials as well as dinner on Friday and a continental breakfast and lunch on Saturday.

Directions/Hotel

LOCATION

The Moving Back into our Neighborhoods consultation will be held at Solana Beach Presbyterian Church (SBPC). SBPC is located in the small beach community of Solana Beach located in the scenic northern coast of San Diego County.

120 Stevens Avenue, Solana Beach, CA 92075

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Email: info@solanapres.org

Web: www.solanapres.org

Include google map of above address:

http://maps.google.com/maps?f=q&source=s_q&hl=en&geocode=&q=120+Stevens+Avenue,+Solana+Beach,+CA+92075&sl=32.998262,-117.273345&sspn=0.00871,0.019226&ie=UTF8&ll=32.997236,-117.262509&spn=0.00871,0.019226&z=16&iwloc=A

From Interstate 5

Exit onto Lomas Santa Fe Drive and head west.

Turn left onto Stevens Ave.

SBPC will be on your left.

From Highway 101

Turn east onto Lomas Santa Fe Drive.

At the top of the hill, turn right onto Stevens Ave.

SBPC will be on your left.

HOTEL

If you would like to stay in a hotel during Moving Back into our Neighborhoods there is a Holiday Inn Express near SBPC that we recommend. Please contact them directly for rates and availability.

Holiday Inn Express

621 S. Highway 101

Solana Beach, CA 92075

Hotel Front Desk: 858-350-0111

Reservations: 1-800-972-2802

Website: www.hiexpress.com

Leadership

Rev. Mark Lau Branson, Ed.D., is the Homer L. Goddard Associate Professor of the Ministry of the Laity at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California, where he teaches courses in congregational leadership and community engagement. He was ordained at San Francisco Christian Center, an African American pentecostal church, and has served on the pastoral teams in United Methodist and Presbyterian churches. Branson has served with several Christian agencies active in education, community development, and community organizing, and works frequently as a consultant. He has graduate degrees from Claremont School of Theology and the University of San Francisco. His most recent book is *Memories, Hopes, and Conversations: Appreciative Inquiry and Congregational Change* (Alban). He contributed chapters to *The Missional Church in Context* (Craig Van Gelder, ed.), *Leadership in Congregations* (Richard Bass, ed.), and *The Three Tasks of Leadership* (Eric Jacobsen, ed.). Mark, Nina, and sons Noah and Nathan are members of First Presbyterian Church, Altadena, California.

Alan serves as the Vice President for Allelon Canada. He is the Director of Educational Resources throughout North America and serves as the coordinating team leader for the [Mission in Western Culture Project](#). He has over twenty-seven years of experience in church leadership as a pastor of congregations in small towns, urban centers and the suburbs and in denominational leadership. As seminary faculty he was responsible for teaching in the areas of leadership development and domestic missiology. Alan is ordained in the Baptist Federation of Canada. He and Jane, a school principal in Vancouver, Canada, have been married for thirty-seven years and have three grown children whose occupations vary from lawyer, plumber and theologian.

Schedule

Friday

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| 9:00 am – 1:00 pm | Registration |
| 10:00 am – 11:30 am | Optional Pre-Conference workshop “An Introduction to Missional Church” (offered at no extra charge) |
| 1:00 – 5:00 pm | Opening session |
| 5:00 – 6:30 pm | Dinner break |
| 6:30 – 8:00 pm | Workshops (4) |

Saturday

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| 8:00-9:00 am | Continental Breakfast |
| 9:00 – Noon | Morning session |
| Noon – 1:00 pm | Lunch |
| 1:00 – 3:00 pm | Closing session |

Session Descriptions

Pre-conference workshop “An Introduction to Missional Church”

Opening Session

Morning Session

Closing Session