

**THE 2018 LEADER and LEARNER EVENT
PRE-REGISTRATION FORM
EAST DALLAS CHRISTIAN CHURCH
JANUARY 27, 2018
8:30 am - 3:00 pm**

NAME _____ CHURCH _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

_____ I PLAN TO ATTEND THESE WORKSHOPS (see following pages): _____, _____, _____
(Descriptions can also be found on the Area webpage - www.ntaccsw.org)

_____ I PLAN TO EAT LUNCH

\$ _____ COST PER PERSON \$20.00

_____ I am registering ON-LINE \$20.00 + 2.03 service charge

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO HELP!

_____ I WOULD LIKE TO HELP AT THE REGISTRATION TABLE (SATURDAY 8:00 A.M.)

PRE-REGISTRATION FOR CHILD CARE IS REQUIRED!

Child care will be provided for Pre-School age children. Reservations for child care must be made **NO LATER** than January 22nd. You will need to bring a sack lunch for your children (NO PEANUT PRODUCTS). Please check here if child care is needed and list their names and ages.

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**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: NTACC
AND MAIL TO: 3525 Lawler Rd., Ste. 101, Garland, TX 75042-5338**

**PRE-REGISTRATION FOR THE EVENT IS REQUESTED
PLEASE SEND TO ABOVE ADDRESS BY JANUARY 24th.**

WORKSHOP OFFERINGS

Please indicate which three (3) workshops you are interested in attending or plan to attend:

Workshop Session #1 (10:00 - 11:15 a.m.)

1. **Electronic Evangelism: Transforming Your Ministry Through Technology** - Presenter, Terrell McTyer, Minister of New Church Strategies, Hope Partnership, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Indianapolis
Interested in becoming a digital evangelist? Explore how to use digital technologies, such as smart phones and social media, to share the Word of God. There are a number of things that you can do to participate in this new wave of evangelism in this new era of digital technology. Learn how to evangelize electronically to reach the ends of the earth.
2. **Church Business and Legal Issues I** - Presenter, Mike Hunter, Minister, First Christian Church, Midland and "CCA" with *The Church Network*
Church's Ministry of Administration: Your church needs good accounting, accountability, and policies and needs to be aware of liabilities. Learn how to use administration to say YES to real ministry!
3. **Trusting Your Eyes or Trusting the Lord** - Presenter, Craig Walls, Disciples Church Extension, Indianapolis
This workshop will provide an overview of Disciples Church Extension Fund services from capital fund-raising, to loans, to visioning work all from the perspective of stewardship. We will use the passage in 1 Kings 17:8-15 about Elijah, the widow, and her jar of meal.
4. **Regional Restructure** - Presenter, Andy Mangum, Regional Minister of the Southwest
Andy will provide an overview of the core guiding forces for the Regional Restructure transition, an update on the progress and a look at the road ahead. He will also be available for questions. Come, meet the new Regional Minister.
5. **Window Shopping: Making Sure Your Church is Worth a Second Look** - Presenters, Eddie Hill, Minister, Monica Park Christian Church, Garland and DeAnna Golsan, Minister, Disciples Christian Church, Plano
You know the old saying, "You only get one opportunity to make a good first impression?" What does your church's first impression say about it? Is it a place of warmth and welcome, where people really care? Or is it a bit worn, unkept, sad and lonely? Come and share your ideas on ways to make your church worth a second look. Bring pictures of projects you have completed or problem areas. Let the group dynamics lead you to new thoughts and ideas. Don't forget to be thinking about your web page, social media, church signage and all the other ways that people go "Window Shopping" for a church.
6. **New Streams of Funding for Your Church/Ministries: Growing Endowment Funds** - Presenter, Bobby Hawley, Christian Church Foundation, Vice President, South Central Zone
How can you encourage end of life and later in life gifts to support the mission and witness of your institution? How can your ministry put a plan in place for such gifts that will encourage growth in mission and witness instead of becoming a crutch which takes the place of supporters' need to give? Leaders are often intimidated about promoting this kind of ministry because they fear that the ministry is about arm-twisting and guilt. Nothing could be further from the truth. Focusing on this ministry builds a sense of excitement and hope in the institution as it focuses upon **teaching, inviting and mentoring** a spirit of generosity.

7. **Attractional Children's Ministry** - Presenter, Cara Gilger, Member, Northway Christian Church, Dallas
In this session we will take time to explore the different missional opportunities available to churches to engage both existing children as missionaries and children in your mission field to create connection and opportunities for growth. Too often as church leaders we get too bogged down in the BIG goals and see other churches' BIG programs, but in this session we will talk about how a few well done events throughout the year can lay the ground work for growth and make a large impact in your community.
8. **Evangelism on the Margins** - Arthur Stewart, Minister, Midway Hills Christian Church, Dallas
Churches are called to minister to "those people," (whoever "those people" might be) as the good news of Jesus Christ is proclaimed. Congregational culture can be assessed, conversations can be had, and change can happen - this workshop will offer some tips, trades, and tropes on this subject.

Workshop Session #2 (11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.)

9. **Questioning Evangelism: Engaging People's Hearts the Way Jesus Did** - Presenter, Terrell McTyer, Minister of New Church Strategies, Hope Partnership, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Indianapolis
Sometimes the best answer is a question. It's the way Jesus often talked with people as He led them into discussions about the issues that mattered most. Join us as we walk through thought-provoking and practical ways to help Christians engage others in meaningful spiritual conversations. We will be challenged on how we think about people, their questions, and our message.
10. **Church Business and Legal Issues II** - Presenter, Mike Hunter, Minister, First Christian Church, Midland and Certified Church Administrator with *The Church Network*
Church's Ministry of Administration: Mike will teach about stewardship, member assimilation and evangelism and share how good administration can support these aims
11. **Tent v. Temple** - Presenter, Craig Walls, Disciples Church Extension, Indianapolis
Are our buildings more tent or more temple? This workshop will explore the common issues facing many congregations in terms of aging buildings and locations. Do we renovate, re-envision, remodel, or relocate?
12. **Building Community with Young Families and Young Adults in the 21st Century** - Presenter, Casey Tanguay, Associate Minister to Families and Young Adults, First Christian Church, Garland
We all wish we could increase the number of young families and young adults in our congregations. The world has changed (and continues to change) and likewise the landscape of faith has changed. How can we effectively minister to young generations in these changed conditions? While there is not a magic solution or a one-size-fits-all approach to effectively do ministry with these young generations, there are some general principles and strategies that can help us nurture life-giving connections. Join me as we think together about how to go about building authentic faith communities with young families and young adults in the 21st century.
13. **Discovering the Values of the North Texas Area** - Presenter, Larry Ross North Texas Area Minister
By the end of this decade, the ministry of the North Texas Area could look very different, due to Regional Restructure. The NTA Transition Team has been working on the VALUES that need to be continued no matter what shape Area Ministry will take. The best way to discover core values is by listening carefully to the stories people tell. In this workshop we will tell stories about what have been the best experiences people have had with the Area's ministry, and will name what things need to be continued.

14. **Together** - Presenter, Allison Drake, Associate Minister, East Dallas Christian Church
 Started over 3 years ago, Together is an Area-wide Youth Ministry offering for 3rd - 8th graders. Not limited to one church or location, we meet roughly once a month for food, fun, and a service project. Together is a wonderful opportunity for youth groups of all sizes. Just have one youth? We'd love to help them feel like they have a larger youth group to be a part of. Have a lot of youth? Together is an excellent place to reconnect with camp friends. Co-director Rev. Allison Drake explains the ministry and how your church can get involved by sending youth or hosting a gathering or both!
15. **Disciples Crossing - Why Church Camp Matters** - Matt Chandler, Executive Director, Disciples Crossing Camp and Retreat Center, Athens, TX
 This workshop will cover the state of the camp and its immediate future plans. We will talk about the role camp can play in leading children and youth to Christ, and helping them develop their understanding of God. We will also discuss ways that Disciples Crossing can be a resource for your congregation and a partner in your ministry.
16. **Do What You Love: How to Grow a Church** - Presenter, Mike Spitters, Minister, Expedition Church, Frisco
 What draws unchurched and de-churched people to follow Jesus Christ? You do; especially if you are doing what you love to do out in the community! Mike will help you identify what you enjoy the most in life and help strategize how that can become a means of sharing your faith!

Workshop Session #3 (1:45 - 3:00 p.m.)

17. **What Would a Church Planter Do?: The New Church Approach to Evangelism** - Presenter, Terrell McTyre, Minister of New Church Strategies
 Church planters are passionate, innovative, entrepreneurial risk-takers. Even if you are not being called to start a church from scratch, the methods and madness of planting can help you transform and revitalize your ministry. Embrace new and different ways to change your community, your church and yourself.
18. **Church Business and Legal Issues** - Presenter, Mike Hunter, Minister, First Christian Church, Midland and CCA with *The Church Network*
 Church's Ministry of Administration: Mike teaches about the Pastor's toolkit - salary/benefits package, time management, self-care, retirement, education
19. **Are You Called to Ministry?** - Presenter, Larry Ross, North Texas Area Minister
 A tidal wave of retirements is facing the church nationwide. From where will the next group of ministers come? Could you be among those being called to ministry: bi-vocational, volunteer, commissioned, or seminary trained and ordained? In this workshop, we will explore what it means to be 'called' into a ministry different from the general 'priesthood of all believers'. What does it mean to say, "Here am I, Lord, send me"?
20. **NTA Transformation Grants: A Pebble Can Start an Avalanche** - Panel Presenters: Sarah Almanza, Irving North Christian Church; Kentry Ellison, The Way, The Truth and The Life Christian Church, Dallas; Jack Mullins, First Christian Church, Denton; Mike Spitters, Expedition Church, Frisco; Paul Johnson/Stephen Studnicka, Midway Hills Christian Church, Dallas
 Come hear and share ideas of how NTA Transformation Grants have helped churches find new ways of ministry that have helped transform their congregations.
21. **The Rough Cut Men Mission** - Presenter, Jeff Johnson, Minister, First Christian Church, Denison
 This workshop will reflect on the application of the principles learned from the workshop led by David Dusek to our existing Men's Ministry and how church and community transformation has begun through new vision and relationships.

22. Deciding to XPLORE and Living Into It - David Cartwright, Minister, Community Christian Church, Richardson

The National Benevolent Association's XPLORE program is alive and well here in Dallas and would love for you to be a part of it! XPLORE residents (ages 21 - 30) come from all over the country to spend 10 months in a new place, with new people and churches, to figure out what God might be calling them to do as a vocation. Our churches are their support communities during this time. We will explain the program and local church involvement and hear from some of the current residents about their experience with the program (and maybe a previous XPLORE resident).