

SEMINAR PRESENTER BIOGRAPHIES

As of 10/25/2021

Dr. Naji Abi-Hashem

Member Care International

Naji is a Lebanese-American clinical and cultural psychologist, involved in networking, teaching, counseling, training, international serving, and caring for the caregivers. He is an ordained minister and also an author, consultant, and visiting professor. He speaks to various groups and conferences and helps church leaders, migrants, orphanages, and refugees. He divides his time between the USA & Beirut, Lebanon.

Andrea Bailey

Frontiers

Andrea Bailey has served in India before returning stateside to AZ then WA. She and her husband have two kids who she is raising in community to love Jesus and love their neighbors, near and far.

Svein Bjorge

PAK7

Svein is a friend of the suffering church. His passion is to share their stories with the western church. He also works among the diaspora church communities in the Pacific Northwest, especially those coming from restricted countries.

Bob Blincoe

Frontiers

Bob led a Frontiers team to Iraq in 1990. Nearly 100 Frontiers team leaders were appointed while Bob was US Director. He is President Emeritus of Frontiers. His PhD in history is from William Carey International University. He has twice lost on television game shows.

Jeff Boesel

One Challenge

Jeff has one desire – to guide others in steps of obedience to God’s leading, especially if that leading is toward missions! He focuses all his experience as an author, composer, blogger, and mobilizer toward that one passion. More harvesters for a greater harvest!

Angela Brandle

BLF Ministries

Angela has spent over four decades in cross-cultural missions, serving in France, Quebec, West Africa, and the U.S.A. A writer and editor of the English and French languages, she is passionate about providing access to Bibles and biblical books and tools in the under-served French-speaking world that numbers over 300 million people in over 60 countries and regions. After many years with SIM, Angela is now Executive Director of BLF Ministries.

Robby Butler

Mission Network

In 1980 Robby dedicated his life to hastening Jesus' return by pursuing the blessing of God through Jesus among all people groups. For two decades he served at the U.S. Center for World Mission, as Ralph Winter's assistant and in other roles. Through Mission Network he now serves others in their vision for Frontier People Groups.

Ruth Chow

Ruth served in Asia for 12 years and grew up biculturally. Her heart is in seeing the Church make the Lord’s heart glad by fulfilling their destiny and full potential in obeying the Great Commission.

Rev. Michael Cox

Operation Nightwatch

As a street minister, I provide pastoral care to the homeless community in Seattle, Washington. I served as a chaplain for street-involved youth for ten years, and currently lead White Center Community Dinner Church and Capitol Hill Community Dinner in Seattle with my wife and two kids. Serving as a pastor and advocate for the homeless community is an honor.

Al Del Vecchio

Al is an aviator in the US NAVY. He leads a multiplying ministry network within the Impact X movement. Using the three essential discipleship experiences of Impact X, Al has initiated several church starts in the US, Pakistan, and Africa in the past twelve months.

Joe Eelkema

Cru Foundation

Joe serves with Cru Foundation, a ministry of Cru (formerly Campus Crusade). Their mission is to "Accelerate the Great Commission through Smarter Generosity." You might currently feel overwhelmed balancing family financial goals, giving, estate plans, and the tax code. Joe's committed to helping Christians steward money efficiently to family and ministries, less in taxes.

Heather Ewald

I was saved very young, but didn't realize how great a privilege that was until I was an adult. I attended Taylor U. and Moody Bible School. Roger & I married in 1972 and adopted 6 kids. We now serve together with the goal of reaching people for Jesus. With Zoom technology, that includes the world!

John Frick, M.B.A., M.A.C.M., C.F.R.E.

Sat7

John is a gifted speaker and has had many opportunities to address civic, political, and church groups regarding various current events and issues. He is passionate about the cause of the poor both in spirit and in body, as well as giving a voice to those who cannot speak for themselves.

Bob G

Frontiers

Bob grew up in Morocco, was a US Naval Officer, got an MBA, did corporate consulting, and started his own consulting business. Then he joined Frontiers, went overseas for 11 years, and established BAM businesses in India and Oman. His current position is Innovation and Change Catalyst, which includes responsibility for Frontiers BAM strategies.

Terri G.

Frontiers

Terri has a MS in Holistic Nutrition, BS in Microbiology, and 10 years of research experience in Immunology and Nutrition. She has served in India and the Middle East for 10 years. Her ministry is helping people to live healthy in toxic places around the world.

Melissa Gehrig

Vision House

Melissa is the Executive Director of Vision House and is a dedicated non-profit professional and performance-driven servant leader. Vision House has been providing transitional housing with supportive services for the past 30 years to help families experiencing homelessness move from crisis to stability and self-sufficiency.

Von Golder

Von & his wife Sue were privileged to help start one of the earlier Jesus movements among Muslims alongside the Albanian people. Through 32 years, they also got to help send out multiple Albanian church planting teams, now serving in 4 nations. Today Von resources and mentors indigenous church planters emerging among UPGs.

Paul and Jean Goodner

Action International Ministries

Paul and Jean have worked in Global ministry since 2000 and as full time missionaries since 2003. They lived in Bulgaria for several years, involved with discipleship and church planting. For the past eleven years Paul has travelled and trained extensively in 13 countries on four continents. The focus of their ministry is discipleship, church planting and leadership development.

Dave Hackett

visionSynergy

Living in Saudi Arabia as a child embedded Dave's love for the world and the Middle East. He taught at Han Nam University in South Korea and studied at Fuller Theological Seminary (M.Div.) and Oxford University. An ordained Presbyterian minister, Dave has been a mission pastor, executive director of Presbyterian Frontier Fellowship, and was on the founding board of visionSynergy. Dave is one of visionSynergy's primary network advisers.

Don and Myrna Hines

China Outreach Ministries

Don and Myrna serve as Mobilization Consultants for China Outreach Ministries (COM), bringing Christ to China's future leaders on university campuses across America. They have served as missions administrators, mobilizers, trainers, and short-term team leaders. They are passionate about reaching Chinese for Christ, mobilizing Christians in missions, and seeing God glorified among the nations.

Dr. Thomas Hoyle

Bible & Science Ministries

Tom is the founder of Bible & Science Ministries, located in Tacoma, WA. Since 1985 he has presented evangelistic Christian apologetic topics over 4,000 times in 500 churches, schools, conferences and other venues in all fifty states and five countries. He also served as a full colonel in the USAF Reserves.

Rich Hutchins

Rich is a church multiplication specialist with Impact X. He has personally launched two church locations during the Covid crisis and is coaching others in the church multiplication pipeline. Rich is a stellar example of effective, personal evangelism, developing and deploying teams regularly in fruitful outreach.

David M. Jackett

Sixteen:Fifteen

After spending 10 years as a professional firefighter/EMT/Fire Marshal in Fort Worth, TX, David left the fire service for full-time vocational ministry. He served 8 years as the Texas Regional Director for Perspectives and now is Director of Mobilization & Operations at Sixteen:Fifteen. David has led trips to Central America doing evangelism, medical and orphan care, firefighter training, and church planting. He has helped his church and others develop missionary training and equipping programs.

Brian Janssen*OMF International*

Brian and his family have been with OMF Taiwan since 2012. He has an M. Div from Western Seminary and previously worked as a high school Bible teacher. He leads a team that is evangelizing and discipling university students in Kaohsiung, Taiwan and is currently back for a one year home assignment. They return to Taiwan in the summer of 2022.

Faith Janssen*OMF International*

Faith and her family are from Washington. They have been serving with OMF International in Taiwan since 2012. Faith has a M. Ed. In Curriculum and Instruction and was a middle and high school history teacher. Currently, Faith is the Serve Asia coordinator for OMF Taiwan and works alongside her husband to minister to university students in Kaohsiung. She has a passion to disciple short term workers.

Bubba Jennings*Resurrection Church and Saturate the Sound*

Over the years, Bubba Jennings has planted several local churches and started multiple businesses. Currently, Bubba leads Resurrection Church (a multisite church in South Puget Sound), Greater City Investments (a multistate real estate firm) and Church Planting for Saturate the Sound (a network of 80+ churches across the Puget Sound).

Alyssa Johnson*Telos Fellowship*

Alyssa is a mother of 4 in Washington State. She is a second generation home schooler and writes curriculum at Language Learning for Children. Alyssa lived in India and has a passion for the unreached and for families serving together. She loves praying for the nations, Instant Pot and memes.

Kyle Johnson*Telos Fellowship*

Kyle is a husband, father, brother, son, and friend. He values deepening community relationships. Kyle worked in India for four years.

Jan Linville*Child Evangelism Fellowship*

Jan has been a volunteer for Child Evangelism Fellowship in many capacities since 1977. Currently she trains Good News Club® teachers. Jan sees Good News Clubs® as a most dynamic way to share Jesus with the very hungry hearts of children who have never been to church. She has been certified by Children's Ministry Institute™ to instruct the 30-hour course: "Teaching Children Effectively, Level One."

Rev. Dan Lloyd*Cascadia Church*

Dan is the founding pastor of Cascadia Church and WestHill Church. He has been a spiritual leader in the Pacific Northwest since 1978 and has led 19 tours to the Holy Land. Through his teaching ministry, he has brought biblical encouragement and hope to people all over the world.

Peter Lublink*Bethanykids*

Peter recently returned to North America after living in the Middle East since 2012. He has pastored churches on two continents; is planting a church in Canada; and serves as the Executive Director for BethanyKids, training pediatric surgeons from across Africa and supporting those surgeons as they serve as missionaries in their home countries.

Dr. Heinz Lycklama

Apologetics Forum of Snohomish County

Heinz served as Chairman of the Missions Committee at First Baptist Church Arlington for 10 years. He is President of the Apologetics Forum of Snohomish County. He teaches SS classes and Bible Studies and speaks on Apologetics topics in venues overseas as well as in North America.

Michael Maksimowicz

Ignite the World Ministries

Mike's passion is to bring the Gospel to the unreached world. Since 2009, he has directed ITWM into 32 Asian and African nations and has mobilized 50 leaders and over 500 evangelists. He also served the homeless for 23 years at Seattle's Union Gospel Mission and as the Executive Director of the Portland Rescue Mission.

Ed Mattson

Telos Fellowship

1978-97; Portland OR:

Elder/Mission pastor, Community Bible Fellowship; active in Local Association of Mission Pastors; • Board member, Antioch Network; President, Guild of Oregon Woodworkers; 1997-2014; High Wycombe, UK; IT and Operations Director and Facilities Manager at Frontiers International Office 2020-present; Ferndale WA; Facilities Manager and Technology/Innovation Director, Telos Fellowship

Timothy Moore

Impact X

Timothy is the founder and director of the Impact X movement, developing and deploying network leaders based on three essential, reproducible, discipleship experiences. He also serves as a leadership assessor and multiplication coach for the North American Mission Board. Timothy has planted multiplying churches, catalyzed church planting networks, and led five turn-around churches.

Cesar Muego

Impact Multiplied

Cesar Muego is the Director of Asian/American church planting for Impact Multiplied. He currently pastors Oak Harbor Christian Fellowship and Mount Vernon Christian Fellowship. Cesar also coaches new North American Mission Board church planters. He and his wife Reyma have two children and live in Mount Vernon, WA.

Brian Mullins

Advancing Native Missions

Working with native missionaries in Guatemala changed Brian's view of missionaries and opened his eyes to what God is doing around the world. Later trips showed him the importance of native missionaries reaching their own people. As the Director for Church Relations, he helps churches take their next steps in global missions.

Mindy Mullins

Advancing Native Missions

At 14, Mindy gave her heart to the Lord for His use in full-time service. Working with an international children's choir opened her eyes to how big God is and how He is working around the world. Serving as ANM's Church Development Coordinator, Mindy provides churches with personalized mission opportunities that help engage churches with global missions.

Liz Nelson*World Relief*

After coordinating the refugee and asylum seeker program with World Relief Indonesia, Liz returned to work with World Relief Seattle in 2018. Liz holds a B.A. from the UW in International Studies and Global Health. She oversees the Outreach Team, including the Detention Center Ministries, community partnerships, volunteer programs, and post-detention services.

Blaise Nkurunziza*New Covenant Church International*

Blaise was born in the Democratic Republic of Congo and raised in Rwanda. He co-founded New Covenant Church International in downtown Seattle and serves as an Evangelist among the East African church communities. He lives in Bellevue with his wife Kamariza and their three beautiful children.

Dr. Ted Pampeyan*Mission Dispatch*

Ted, Mission Dispatch's director, hosted renewal retreats for missionaries and pastors experiencing career and ministry changes.

Tyler Pease*Perspectives USA*

Tyler Pease is the incoming Pacific NW Regional Director for Perspectives USA. He has served on pastoral staff at Sunset Bible Church in University Place, WA the past 13 years where he leads Local & Global Outreach. He has a passion for mobilizing churches to God's global purposes.

Mike Pettengill*Mission To the World*

For 10 years, Mike served as a fulltime missionary for Mission To the World (MTW). Mike served as Team Leader, Church Planter and Seminary Professor. Mike and his wife Erin served in Honduras and Equatorial Guinea. Mike currently serves as the Director of the MTW West Coast Hub where he trains and mentors new missionaries from the western US. Mike is also busy writing his next book.

Janet Radford*Child Evangelism Fellowship*

Janet Radford, Director of CEF in King County, and children's pastor's wife for over 40 years, and the CEF team of volunteer missionaries to children within our city, will share resources and ideas for your church's outreach to a fruitful mission field: the ½ million children of King County.

John Ramsey

- Born and raised mainline protestant church in Tennessee, turned away as teenager and professed atheism.
- Radical conversion in 1986 in college
- Went to PRC after college in Jan 1988; studied Mandarin; involved in small fellowships with English teachers
- Germany from 1990-1994
- Japan 2000-2010; business manager and house church leader

Nik and Ruth Ripken

Refer to Featured Speaker biographies.

Gerald Robison

Cat and Dog Theology

Gerald has pastored churches on 3 continents, authored 8 books and excited crowds around the world on the “boring” topics of missions and understanding the Bible. When a Christian’s “want to” for doing missions doesn’t “want to” anymore – Gerald specializes in the “repair” of getting your “want to” to want to one more time.

Jeff Rogers

OneAccord

Jeff is chairman for OneAccord, building value through providing leadership for non-profit organizations and private companies. Additionally, they operate 5 companies through Solomon’s Fund. Jeff founded KIROS.org with thousands of business leaders in the Pacific Northwest. Amy & Jeff founded Doinggood.org, developing schools and business start-up seminars for 1500 entrepreneurs in Uganda.

Dr. Gerald Roussie, Ph.D. (abd)

Health Teams International Canada

Leader/co-leader of medical mission trips to China-5, North Korea, Cambodia-4, Cameroon-2, Benin, Mongolia2, Peru, Haiti, Ecuador, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Columbia. Speaker at several missions conferences in Canada/US. Member of church Missions Committee. Thirty years as a teacher at community college/university levels. Published author of educational books.

Deborah Rowe

Child Evangelism Fellowship

Deborah was born and raised in a mission minded family in Ft. Worth, TX. She began training to be a missionary at age 12 and has been serving the Lord since then at her local church as well as through Child Evangelism Fellowship. She currently resides with her husband and two kids in Bellevue, WA and Huntington Beach, CA.

Sarah

Beyond

Sarah hails from Arizona and Texas. She graduated from Wheaton College, and moved to East Asia. There, she was introduced to Disciple-Making Movements. After being trained in DMM, the Lord led Sarah to move to South Asia, where she joined a team to help birth multiple Acts-like movements among South Asia's unreached. Now in Southeast Asia, Sarah helps others see rapid multiplication of fruit in their harvest fields.

Floyd Schneider

Great Northern University

Vietnam Vet; Bible College, Seminary, Planted three Bible churches in Austria, time in Russia, taught culture and Bible classes at Emmaus Bible College, Moody Bible Institute, Great Northern University. Published *Evangelism for the Fainthearted, Death Came Calling, But I Wasn't Home*. Married to Christine (also a writer!). OUR books: floydschneider.com

Phyllis Sortor

Schools for Africa, Nigeria

Born and raised in Africa, Phyllis is a uniquely equipped and effective missionary there. In Nigeria for over 16 years, she has established a non-profit to help bring peace between crop farmers and herdsmen, settling nomadic Fulani on protected grazing reserves with schools and clinics for their families. In 2015 she was kidnapped and miraculously survived to continue and expand her work in Nigeria.

Steve and Robin

Refer to Featured Speaker biographies.

Pam Storz

A follower of Jesus for 42 years, Pam Storz is a music educator and worship leader. Seeking to live a life based on Romans 12, she desires to see herself and others learn to “pray without ceasing” and enter into the promised job of abiding in His Presences, His Word, His Love, and His Peace.

Tim and Becky

Refer to Featured Speaker biographies.

Dr. John Wagenveld

Multiplication Network Ministries

John is the founder and president of Multiplication Network Ministries (MNM). Because of his travels and exposure to ministry on many levels, John has a good understanding of the spiritual needs throughout the world. He is passionate about the need for healthy churches to be God’s agent for transformation.

Dennis Wiens

SAT-7 USA

Dennis has 40 years’ experience in cross cultural church-based ministry and development in West Africa, MENA and North America. Now, Dennis serves at the SAT-7 USA Vice-President For Ministry Partnerships, leveraging his cross-cultural experience and networking skills for the vision and mission of SAT-7, an indigenous Middle East and North Africa broadcast media ministry. www.sat7usa.org

Daniel Williams

Reasonable Faith

I am retired from 38 years in the computer industry. I am currently Director of the Whatcom county chapter of William Lane Craig’s Reasonable Faith ministry. I have spoken on apologetic topics at North County Christ the King, First Christian Reformed, the Firs Conference center, and the Telos Christian Fellowship.

Drew Woodhams

Telos Fellowship

Upon completing a Recording Arts and Technology degree, Drew served as music teacher and sound engineer at Faith Academy, Philippines. Sensing God’s call to lifelong missions, he pursued a B.S. in Biblical Studies from Emmaus Bible College. Drew now serves with his wife to assist in strategic missional content development.