

Global Church Planting Summit 2021

Hope in Hard Places

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We live in a truly global and multicultural world where Christian leaders must be missionally minded and globally engaged. Church planting is a global phenomenon that crosses cultural, linguistic, and geographic boundaries around the world. With such a global representation, we have much to learn from our brothers and sisters in the wider global church.

Thank you for joining us for the second Global Church Planting Summit that is hosted by Asbury Theological Seminary in the United States and Nazarene Theological College (NTC) in Manchester, England. Our first summit was held in June 2017, where more than sixty church planters representing twenty countries gathered to hear stories of God's faithfulness around the world. It was a truly inspiring event.

We are equally excited about this year's Global Summit where we will hear case studies, keynote presentations, and first-hand reports of how faithful women and men are being used to start new faith communities. Whether it's diaspora planting, multiethnic ministry, microchurch movements, women in church planting, or challenges and failures that planters face, this year's event will be informative and inspiring. We will hear presentations from Southeast Asia, East Asia, Africa, Europe, Oceania, North America, Latin America, and the Middle East.

Finally, this year's Global Summit will be a wonderful opportunity to build new friendships, learn from other global leaders, and be inspired by the Spirit's faithfulness in making disciples of Jesus Christ.

WINFIELD BEVINS

DIRECTOR OF CHURCH PLANTING INITIATIVE

DAY ONE: TUESDAY, AUGUST 10

7:00am ET/12:00pm UK – Opening Plenary

Dr. Timothy Tennent

8:00am ET/1:00pm UK – Case Studies

Southeast Asia – Manik Corea

Africa – Christine Agina

9:00am ET /2:00pm UK – Panel Discussions

Motus Dei Movements

Diaspora Planting

DAY TWO: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11

7:00am ET/12:00pm UK – Case Studies

North America – Valarie Grimes

Europe – Mai-Brit Tvilling

8:00am ET/1:00pm UK – Panel Discussions

Training Planters

Exploring Failure

9:00am ET /2:00pm UK – Case Studies

Oceania – Jarett Siniula

East Asia – Shinichi Ozu

DAY THREE: THURSDAY, AUGUST 12

7:00am ET/12:00pm UK – Panel Discussions

Microchurch Movements

Multiethnic Ministry

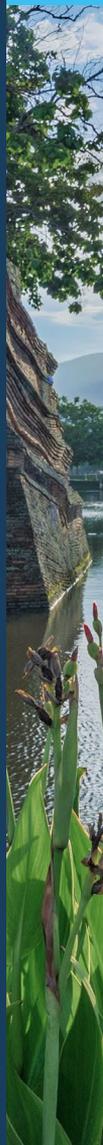
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South America – Marcio Meira

Middle East – Camille Melki

9:00am ET /2:00pm UK – Closing Plenary

Dr. Deirdre Brower Latz





DR. TIMOTHY TENNENT

PRESIDENT OF ASBURY THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY; PROFESSOR OF WORLD CHRISTIANITY

Dr. Timothy C. Tennent (Ph.D., University of Edinburgh, Scotland) has served as President of Asbury Theological Seminary and Professor of World Christianity since 2009. He is a frequent conference speaker around the country and throughout the world.

Prior to his coming to Asbury Theological Seminary, Dr. Tennent was the Professor of World Missions and Indian Studies at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. Ordained in the United Methodist Church in 1984, he has pastored churches in Georgia and in several of the largest churches in New England. Since 1989, he has taught annually as an adjunct professor at New Theological College in Dehradun, India. He is the author of numerous books and articles. His books include *Building Christianity on Indian Foundations*, *Christianity at the Religious Roundtable*, *Theology in the Context of World Christianity*, *Invitation to World Missions: A Trinitarian Missiology for the 21st Century*, and *For the Body, Recovering a Theology of Gender, Sexuality, and the Human Body*.

Dr. Tennent and wife, Julie, reside in Wilmore, Ky. They have two grown children, Jonathan and Bethany.



DR. DEIRDRE BROWER LATZ

*PRINCIPAL AND SENIOR LECTURER IN
PASTORAL AND SOCIAL THEOLOGY;
NAZARENE THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE (NTC)*

Dr. Deirdre Brower Latz is the Principal of NTC, Manchester, UK. Deirdre was born in Canada, the daughter of passionate Christian parents who joined a love for God with a love of learning. The family moved between the UK and Canada several times before finally settling in Manchester in Deirdre's late teens.

Ordained in 1996, she has pastored in several urban communities in the UK. Principal since 2012, she serves among local congregations in urban environments as a preaching pastor and leadership mentor. Senior Lecturer at NTC, Deirdre teaches in the area of practical theology, focusing on issues relating to justice, the community, the church, and Wesleyan theology. Deirdre holds a Ph.D from the University of Manchester, an M.A. in Christian Holiness, and a B.A. Hons in Pastoral Theology from NTC, Manchester. She is the recipient of the Reverend Dr. Fay Quanstrom Chair of Pastoral Ministry from Olivet Nazarene University. She is a part-time researcher for "Church Action on Poverty" working as a facilitator for the three-year "church on the Margins" project.

She loves to think alongside others and engage in the area of social justice: exploring theology, hospitality, mission as justice, engaging with poverty and deepening humanities call to be fully Christ-like in relation to others.

When Deirdre isn't speaking at conferences, leading her team at NTC, researching, preaching or teaching, she enjoys spending time outdoors with her husband, Andrew and their young dog, Cavall.





MANIK COREA

SOUTHEAST ASIA

Bio:

The Rev. Manik Corea is the Global Executive of the New Anglican Missionary Society (NAMS) and a missionary priest of C4SO Diocese of the Anglican Church of North America (ACNA). He is a Singaporean of Sri Lankan/Indian ethnicity, married to Maple Corea from Taiwan. They have a 14-year-old son, Josiah. Having previously lived and worked in the USA and UK, Manik and his family spent thirteen years on mission in Thailand before relocating back in January 2021 to Singapore. Manik also recently graduated from the Masters in Intercultural Studies (Church Planting) program from Asbury Theological Seminary, where he grew much in faith and understanding and got to know many inspiring people.

Description:

What does it take to plant a vibrant missional community that makes disciples, raises leaders, and plants churches in an international gateway capital city of a traditionally Gospel-resistant nation? In the last nine eventful years of planting “All Nations” in Bangkok with NAMS, my wife and I feel that God has taught us much. To paraphrase Thomas Edison, we have found plenty of ways not to plant a church. The following case-study presents a story of the successes, failures, and some of the lessons learned from our participation in God’s work in the city he sent us to.



CHRISTINE AGINA

AFRICA

Bio:

Christine Agina-Oulu is a missionary, pastor, and planter from Kenya. Christine holds a bachelor's degree in Education from Kenyatta University and a master's degree in Intercultural Studies & Church Planting from Asbury Theological Seminary.

When an opportunity to go and serve in South Sudan as a missionary opened through her local church, she immediately stepped out and answered the call to go and serve the marginalized communities in Boma, South Sudan through Holistic ministry. Answering this call also marked the beginning of a journey that would later see her become involved in mission work and church planting for over a decade. Together with her husband Silas and her two lovely boys, they have planted churches in Nairobi, Kenya, Rumbek, South Sudan, and recently in Lusaka, Zambia where they have been for the last five years.

Christine is passionate about cross-cultural ministry, making disciples for Jesus, teaching, and equipping believers for the work of ministry. In her free time, she loves to travel and make new friendships.

Description:

This case study presents an opportunity of learning and discipleship ,through the church plant of Trinity Chapel Lusaka (TCL) in Zambia. TCL is part of a church planting movement which focuses on planting culture-defining churches in gateway cities and has since been handed over to local leaders to continue with the good work begun by its founders, Silas and Christine A. Oulu. TCL's five-year mission plan was to plant at least two peri-urban churches within the first two years of its planting, become a self-supporting church after three years, and to identify local leaders to carry on with the work after five years. Because of this goal, the church plant adopted a pastoral church-planter approach with the hope that the church will soon identify its own national pastor and the planters can move on to plant another church. This case study will also explore the beginning of TCL and its progress. It will seek to describe the growth of the church as well as the challenges and obstacles along the way.





VALARIE GRIMES

NORTH AMERICA

Bio:

Valarie Grimes is a pastor of the future church plant Radiant Church Savannah, in Savannah, Georgia. Radiant's vision is to be "A church without walls bringing the hope of Jesus to everyone." Valarie is an international speaker and Kingdom builder. Her passion is inspiring believers to reach their God-given potential in order to change the world. Pastor Valarie is a compassionate leader that has impacted the lives of countless people through domestic and international initiatives. She traveled to Ganta City, Liberia and to Delhi, China as a speaker, teacher, and humanitarian. Valarie is a registered nurse and is currently pursuing her Doctorate in Ministry from South University. Her most important roles, however, are the ones she holds in her family as a wife, mother, sister, and grandmother. She is married to Rahman Grimes and they will celebrate 33 years of matrimony this June. She is the mother of two children, David Grimes who has gone to be with the Lord, and Courtney Grimes. She is also the grandmother of the sweetest little girl in the world, Cairo Olivia Johnson, and the most handsome little boy in the world, Zen Alexander Johnson. Her goal is to influence others to become Christ followers and to lead Radiant lives as they reflect the love of God in the earth!

Description:

Why Savannah? According to the World Population Report 2020, population data for Savannah is 141,758 people within a five mile radius of the city center. It also revealed that only 40,000 claim any religious affiliation or belief system. That leaves more than 100,000 people that claim to have no professed connection to an existing church or religious group. Radiant Church is dedicated to making disciples in Savannah, Georgia out of this secular contingent and improving the lives of those around them through the establishment of the Kingdom of God.



MAI-BRIT TVILLING

EUROPE

Bio:

Mai-Brit Tvilling is 59 years old and has been married to her husband, Steffen, for 35 years. They have three children and five grandkids. She worked in the transportations sector as a forwarding agent until the start of the church plant, which led her to study theology and become a pastor. She loves biking and hiking – a wonderful day for her is spent in nature!

Description:

Solrød Frikirke started as friendship evangelization – not as a fixed program, but out of sheer love. The church plant grew despite lack of experience, premises, and hardship. It is situated 30 km. south of Copenhagen in Denmark. It is the only other denomination besides the state church.





JARRETT SUNIULA

OCEANIA

Bio:

Born in the Pacific Island of Samoa, Jarrett later grew up in New Zealand, where he came to know Christ as a student at the University of Auckland. At that time, he developed a passion for reaching others. Soon after graduation, he served as a campus missionary for eight years and a Youth Pastor for three years. Jarrett also directed a sports ministry in New Zealand for three years, ministering to professional athletes. All the while, a passion for church planting and world missions was stirring.

Six years ago, in 2015, Jarrett and his family moved to Fiji and planted a church in Fiji's capital city of Suva with a vision to multiply throughout the Pacific Islands. He is passionate about evangelism, making disciples, and seeing the power of God transform people's lives. Jarrett and Nicole, his Kentucky queen, have been married for fourteen years and have four beautiful daughters.

Description:

It all began with a Google search of the island nation of Fiji. Six years and many lessons later, this is a story of intentional discipleship, starting with purposely downsizing the crowds from inception.

The nation of Fiji is a religious culture peppered with many churches. Christians from other churches "landed" in this new church plant. This became a concern as it was never the intent to begin with an abundant number of Christians from other churches. In contrast, the mission from the start was to create a unique culture of making disciples by starting with brand new believers through relational discipleship. Aim, shoot, fire at the target: engage unchurched/lost people, establish them in biblical foundations, and then equip and empower them to do the same.

Many obstacles arose while trying to focus on the primary goals: team dynamic challenges and leadership style tensions while acclimating to ministering in a new culture. With great intentionality, the church plant dwindled from 100 individuals to a 25-member team. Satisfied with this small, mission-minded core team, it was "go time". A survey of the journey to "stay the course" of engaging non-Christians through evangelism and building together with a local team united by vision, missions, and values. This was the journey!



SHINICHI OZU

EAST ASIA

Bio:

Shinichi Ozu was born in Kobe, Japan. For 14 years, he sold power generation equipment for Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, but eventually attended NTC for both his bachelor's and master's degrees. His master's dissertation was entitled, "The Doctrine of Holiness in Gregory of Nyssa." He now pastors Akeno Christ Church and serves as a lecturer in Church History at Kansai Bible College.

Description:

For ten years Shinichi read the Bible with his neighbors every month. It was called "Book Club to Read the Bible in 12 Sessions in a Year." Based on his experiences with this ministry, he published a book in two volumes: *The Bible Tells the Story* and *The Bible Further Tells the Story*. These two texts have been translated into Korean and Chinese, and have been used in over sixty churches and schools to begin their own year-long reading groups. Shinichi has trained numerous pastors and leaders from these organizations since.





MARCIO MEIRA

SOUTH AMERICA

Bio:

Marcio Meira is the Bishop of the Diocese of João Pessoa in the Anglican Church in Brazil. He holds a degree in Theology (ITEBES), Clinical Psychoanalysis (SPOB), and Marketing (FATEC). Post-Graduate Degree in Psychopedagogy (FIP), MBA in Strategic Management Planning (UNINTER), Master in Pastoral Psychology (FATESP), and Doctoral Student in Missional Leadership of sacramental tradition (ASBURY). International Chaplain (UNIPAS), International Coach Training (BCC), and Advanced Leadership (HAGGAI).

He is an Extreme sports lover, a black belt in Kickboxing, a purple belt in JiuJitsu, a daily crossfitter and a surfer.

Married to Reverend Linda Meira and parents of teenagers Debora and Rute Meira, founding pastors of the Anglican Communion Church and church planters in the region.

Description:

In Brazil, there is a tradition of gathering in homes around coffee to discuss daily life with friends and family. Bishop Meira recognized the inherent value in the intimacy of such meetings and tailored their church planting model around it. They send pairs of Christians out to create seven-week prayer meetings called "Houses of Peace." These small gatherings follow a set process which can lead to the formation of a small cell church and eventually become a fully-fledged community of faith. With this methodology, they hope to launch 100 new Brazilian churches in the next 10 years.



CAMILLE MELKI

MIDDLE EAST

Bio:

Born (1966) and raised in Beirut, Lebanon, a country that had been through 18 years of civil war, Camille Melki's focus in ministry is on building up a new generation of leaders for Lebanon and the region. Camille's passion is to train young men and women dedicated to serve God with a steadfast heart, refined skills, and a message of peace and reconciliation. In October 2006, Camille and Hoda started a new ministry called Heart for Lebanon as a response to the overwhelming needs created by the devastating July war. Heart for Lebanon is a relief and compassionate ministry aimed at sharing the Gospel through an attempt to bring encouragement to those who have lost hope in Lebanon.

Heart for Lebanon's mission is to make disciples. Driven by the compassionate heart of Jesus Christ, Heart for Lebanon exists to see lives changed and communities transformed. This is done through facilitating proper education, providing humanitarian aid, strengthening community development, and promoting leadership empowerment—sharing the Gospel unconditionally with people who are suffering the most. In short, Heart for Lebanon is about leading people from despair to hope in Christ.

Married since 1990, Camille and Hoda Kahaleh Melki are the parents of two beautiful young ladies, May-Lee and Amy.

Description:

Church planting was not the first thing that came to mind when Camille and Hoda Melki were called to launch a new ministry in the summer of 2006. Terrified and worried about their war-torn country, Camille and Hoda were looking at ways to share the love of Jesus Christ with those hurting the most. Years later, Heart for Lebanon has five worship gatherings that together host an average of 1,000 worshipers on any given weekend. All this came as a result of addressing pressing needs that people have, building strong relationships of trust, and boldly and clearly sharing the Gospel with people of various religious and ethnic backgrounds. Born to Muslim, Kurdish, or Christians families, today Lebanese, Syrians, Arabs, and Kurds all together worship Christ as their living Lord. It does not matter who they were before Christ. What matters is who they are in Christ.



MOTUS DEI PANEL

WARRICK PHARAH, L. MICHAEL CORLEY,
SAMUEL KEBREAB, DAVE COLES

Description:

The Motus Dei Network Panel provides an introduction to the Church Planting Movement or Disciple Making Movement phenomenon from the perspective of missiological research and practice. They start with a case study in North India that has been running for more than two decades. Then they will look at the statistical significance of movements (1300+ movements and 75 million+ believers) in the context of world mission today. The characteristics and missiological dynamics of movements will also be shared and they will also examine why quality should never be sacrificed for quantity. The network (www.MotusDei.Network) also has a book coming out that will feature more than twenty chapters of original research on movements in September 2021, *Motus Dei: The Movement of God to Disciple the Nations* (William Carey).

DIASPORA PANEL

WES WHITE, MI JA WI, LORD ELORM DUNKOR

Description:

This panel will consider three issues that arise when ministering in and among and with various diaspora people groups. The dispersion or spread of people from their original homeland, often for vastly different reasons, is well-known both in the narratives of the Bible and in the annals of broad history. The panel will concentrate on: 1) The challenges of enculturation, especially in dealing with Muslim-background peoples. How do we encourage diaspora peoples as they embrace a new and sometimes frightening host culture? 2) The very real challenge of celebrating diversity in Christ, while encouraging homogenous affinities that are welcoming to diaspora peoples. How do we foster our common identity in Christ, while positively acknowledging one's distinctive cultural background? 3) The challenge of retaining second and third generations in diasporic churches. In what ways can we empower children, youth, and university students as they wrestle with the demands of Christian discipleship in Western contexts? At the conclusion of the session, the panel will simply list other critical issues that arise when we advocate for the Gospel amongst diaspora peoples.

TRAINING PANEL

PETER RAE, PATRICK DENG, WARRICK PHARAH

Description:

The discussion panel explores themes relating to training: specifically, training church planters and discipleship-movement leaders. Two members of the panel have extensive experience working with planters and disciplers in unreached and restricted areas in the Middle East and South East Asia, and explore what training might look like in those contexts (and for those who work in those contexts) and how the church in the West helps (or undermines) this task. The third panel member touches on the issue of contested models of training in the West, and the baggage they carry with them – the potential superficiality of mentor-based or church-based approaches and the potential exclusivity of professionalized approaches to planting and discipleship with their offering of “certificated learning” that can disenfranchise and sideline ordinary lay people. The panel concludes with a discussion of what we have learned from the Covid years: will the face of training be changed to digital delivery platforms, or do we need to reclaim the ancient ways? What are the opportunities (and threats) of the new skills and approaches we’ve embraced?

EXPLORING FAILURE

STEPHEN MORLEY, ASH BARKER, DANNY ATKINS

Description:

In this panel, Ash, Stephen, and Danny share a conversation about the frequently avoided topic of failure in church planting. They discuss the idea of liminality in planting and the cycle of ideal, ordeal, and oftentimes the new deal in new ventures such as a church plant. Relatedly, they explore the idea of Ignatian Indifference, which encourages well-differentiated leadership capable of holding on to a new faith community loosely and allowing God to work through perceived losses as much as successes. They conclude with a reflection on how expectations can impede the wisdom that failures often plant the seeds of future successes elsewhere.



MICROCHURCH PANEL

*BRIAN YEICH, MATT WRIGHT, DERIK HEUMANN,
ANTHONY WATTS*

Description:

Brian Yeich hosts a conversation with Derik Heumann, Anthony Watts, and Matt Wright on the impact of microchurch movements such as the Inspire Movement on the Christian movement generally and on church planting specifically. These practitioners also share how they have seen the hope of Jesus in the midst of hard places through the lens of microchurches/Inspire. This panel provides unique insights from practitioners and scholars who have spent years working in microchurch models in a wide array of global contexts.

MULTIETHNIC PANEL

EZEKIEL SHIBEMBA, JAMES JACKSON, JUSTIN BRADBURY

Description:

Join Pastors Ezekiel, James, and Justin as they discuss multicultural church planting in three different locations. Pastor Ezekiel, originally from Zambia, planted All Nations Church in Oldham, UK. Pastor James, originally from the United States, planted Every Nation Church in Edinburgh, Scotland. Pastor Justin, a Canadian, planted New Horizons International Church in Winnipeg, Canada. The theme of the Summit, “Hope in Hard Places,” stimulated their conversation around the joys of planting churches in multicultural contexts, the “dark side” or challenges involved in the process, and what community impact looks like in their particular settings. Justin recently finished his Ph.D. at NTC Manchester. His research focus was diaspora missions and the means of grace in a Wesleyan context in Canada. Ezekiel is a Ph.D. student at NTC studying the role of Isaiah 2:1-5 in Acts as context for understanding “times of refreshing” and “the restoration of all things” in Acts 3:19-21. James is a Ph.D. student at NTC studying the results of international, cross-cultural church planting.

SESSION HOSTS

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