

55TH
annual
MISSION
conference

NORTH AVENUE

presbyterian church

FEBRUARY 12, 19, 26

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UNITING THE GENERATIONS IN MISSION

*...Then they'll be mature in this **oneness**, and give the godless world evidence that you've sent me and loved them in the same way you've loved me. -John 17:23 MSG*



JONATHAN RECKFORD
CEO of Habitat
for Humanity
SUNDAY,
FEBRUARY 12
9 AM & 11 AM



LAUREN WINNER
Author & Lecturer
SUNDAY,
FEBRUARY 19
9 AM, 11 AM, & 7 PM



DR. SCOTT WEIMER
Senior Pastor of
North Avenue
Presbyterian
SUNDAY,
FEBRUARY 26
9 AM, 11 AM, & 7 PM

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THE

CHALLENGE

ONE BODY: UNITING THE GENERATIONS IN MISSION

This year's Mission Conference theme is a reflection of our congregation's desire to grow closer together as a community of faith. One of the hallmarks of the NAPC legacy is a commitment to mission. Every generation has actively sought God's call in our community and around the world.

We are excited to offer several new experiences and perspectives this year. We will look at issues of poverty that affect the majority of our world. We will investigate the trials and tribulations of the underground church movement. We will dig into issues around our walk of faith, and we will learn about the role of local church in mission as we move together into the future.

Our theme verse is John 17:23. We've chosen The Message Translation:

Then the world might believe that you, in fact, sent me. The same glory you gave me, I gave them, so they'll be as unified and together as we are—I in them and you in me. Then they'll be mature in this oneness, and give the godless world evidence that you've sent me and loved them in the same way you've loved me.

As reflected in this Scripture verse, this year's Mission Conference theme "One Body: Uniting the Generations in Mission" is all about learning to collaborate and celebrating the unity we have in Jesus, even as we celebrate our diversity. What could it look like if we were a congregation of many generations and backgrounds, united in God's mission every day? What if, like the very first church in the Book of Acts, we were a community that proclaimed the coming kingdom of God in our daily life so that our world took notice and exclaimed, "I want to be part of that!"? This year's Mission Conference creates a launching point to become that church—one body, united in mission.

Blessings,

The image shows five handwritten signatures in blue ink, arranged in two rows. The top row contains three signatures: 'Fredrick', 'Christy Gituku', and 'Fran Plunkett'. The bottom row contains two signatures: 'Britt Hubier' and 'Oscar & Martha Rodriguez'. The signatures are written in a cursive, flowing style.

Fredrick & Christy Gituku, Fran Plunkett,
Britt & Robin Hubier, and Oscar & Martha Rodriguez

2012 Mission Conference Team

T H E

S C H E D U L E

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

- **Reggie Smith Concert** 7 PM in NAPC Sanctuary

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

- **9AM Worship** with Habitat for Humanity CEO **Jonathan Reckford**
- **10 AM Poverty Experience**
- **11 AM Worship** with Habitat for Humanity CEO **Jonathan Reckford**
- **7 PM Worship** with **Rev. Jeff Meyers** preaching on *Call to Mission*

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

- **9 AM Worship** with Author and Lecturer **Lauren Winner**
- **10 AM Sunday School/Lauren Winner Book Signing**
- **11 AM Worship** with Author and Lecturer **Lauren Winner**
- **7 PM Worship** with Author and Lecturer **Lauren Winner**

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

- **7-8:30 PM The Persecuted Church Simulation**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

- **9 AM Worship** with **Dr. Scott Weimer** with Panel of Mission Experts
- **10 AM Discipleship Hour**
- **11 AM Worship** with **Dr. Scott Weimer** with Panel of Mission Experts
- **7 PM Worship** with **Dr. Scott Weimer** with Panel of Mission Experts

SUNDAY, MARCH 4 ACTS OF WORSHIP

- **9:30 AM Discipleship/Fellowship**
- **10:45 AM One Morning Worship Service Only**
- **11:20 AM Prayer Walk** (*followed by travel to service sites*)
- **11:45AM Boxed Lunches**
- **12:15-3:30 PM Service Projects** (*on and off site*)
- **7 PM Worship** with special speaker **Thomas Rawlings** from **International Justice Mission Guatemala**

T H E

S P E A K E R S



February 12

Jonathan T.M. Reckford is Chief Executive Officer of Habitat for Humanity International (HFHI), an ecumenical Christian housing ministry that has helped shelter more than 2.5 million people in almost 80 countries. Reckford graduated from the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill and the Stanford University Graduate School of Business before spending much of his career in the for-profit sector, including executive and managerial positions at Goldman Sachs, Marriott, the Walt Disney Co., and Best Buy. Following his tenure as executive pastor at Christ Presbyterian Church near Minneapolis, Minn., he was appointed CEO of HFHI in 2005. Reckford lives in Atlanta with his wife Ashley and their three children. He has written a book titled *Creating a Habitat for Humanity: No Hands but Yours*. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and serves on the boards of Interaction and the Urban Land Institute Terwilliger Center on Workforce Housing. He also chairs the Housing for All initiative for the World Economic Forum.



February 19

Lauren F. Winner is the author of numerous books, including *Girl Meets God* and *Mudhouse Sabbath*. Her study *A Cheerful & Comfortable Faith: Anglican Religious Practice in the Elite Households of Eighteenth-Century Virginia* will be published in the fall of 2010 by Yale University Press. She has appeared on PBS's Religion & Ethics Newsweekly and has written for The New York Times Book Review, The Washington Post Book World, Publishers Weekly, Books and Culture, and Christianity Today. Winner has degrees from Duke, Columbia, and Cambridge universities, and holds a Ph.D. in history. The former book editor for Beliefnet, Lauren teaches at Duke Divinity School, and lives in Durham, North Carolina. She travels extensively to lecture and teach. During the academic year of 2007-2008, she was a visiting fellow at the Center for the Study of Religion at Princeton University, and during the academic year of 2010-2011, she was a visiting fellow at the Institute of Sacred Music at Yale University. When she's at home, you can usually find her curled up on her couch or screen porch with a good novel.



February 26

Dr. Scott Weimer, named one of *Georgia Trend* magazine's "100 Most Influential Georgians" in 2006, is now in his fourteenth year as the senior pastor of North Avenue Presbyterian Church, located in the growing midtown section of Atlanta.

Scott loves to travel with his family and the church, as this activity engages him in mission around the world. Mission-work has led him to Thailand, Myanmar, Honduras, Mexico, Kenya, South Korea, China, and France. For his focus on mission around the world and in Atlanta, Scott was honored with the James H. Costen Award for Religion, given by the Interdenominational Theological Center in April 2007.

Scott is a former moderator of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta, a founding board member of the Presbyterian Global Fellowship, and a current member of the Board of Trustees of the Presbyterian Foundation. His community service includes service as a board member and former executive board member of The Westminster Schools in Atlanta and founding board member of StreetGRACE, an organization dedicated to ending human sex trafficking.

Scott and his wife Cynthia live in Mableton, Georgia.



Reggie Smith
in concert on
February 4, 2012

**KICK OFF
CONCERT**

7 PM in the NACP Sanctuary

THE POVERTY EXPERIENCE

According to the World Bank,

51%

of sub-saharan Africans live on

\$1.25 a day.

40%

of south Asians live on

\$1.25 a day.

The citizens of the majority world live a very different life from most United States citizens.

Come find out more about how everyone else lives.

@ 2012 NAPC Mission Conference **Sunday, February 12, 10-11 AM**

Have you ever risked losing your job, your family, or your freedom in order to come to church? On your way to church did you hide your Bible or make sure the police weren't following you? Did you ask your minister to teach for hours on end because you were so hungry for God's word?

Probably not.

These scenarios are a reality for many believers in parts of the world where Christians are persecuted. Be on the look out for details about an underground church simulation on **February 24.**

COMPASSION

NAPC's location puts us in the middle of one of the largest homeless and working poor populations in the city. Every day NAPC and our partners reach out to homeless and working poor men to help them rediscover God's purpose and plan for their lives.

FAMILY SUPPORT

NAPC partners with organizations supporting the most vulnerable in our community and around the world. Our partners work with children, single mothers and widows in accordance with Jesus' instructions in Scripture.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND JUSTICE

As a founding church of StreetGRACE, NAPC has responded to the injustice of human trafficking since 2005. NAPC has continued to work in collaboration with other churches, organizations, and individuals toward ending this crime.

CAMPUS OUTREACH

NAPC has a long history of speaking the Gospel on university campuses in Atlanta & around the world. We are committed to educating the next generation in their pursuit of a Christian faith whether it's at neighboring universities or in our support of Bible colleges in other nations.

GOSPEL PROCLAMATION

NAPC supports a multitude of missionaries and partner organizations that are working to proclaim the Gospel to those in need of its saving message. Many of NAPC's partners are bringing the Gospel to people for the very first time, thus answering the call of the great commission.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

This includes special partner projects, events and emergency financial assistance.

NAPC MISSIONS

Your commitment to a 2012 Missions contribution is important to the overall Missions budget

How are NAPC Missions funded?

- NAPC facilities for Missions programs at NAPC are funded by the General Budget
- NAPC Missions staff is funded by the Endowment Fund
- Mission partners and programs are funded by Annual Mission Conference Pledges

COMPASSION	\$ 69,000
FAMILY SUPPORT	\$ 40,400
HUMAN TRAFFICKING	\$ 5,000
CAMPUS OUTREACH	\$ 60,500
GOSPEL PROCLAMATION	\$ 50,500
SPECIAL PROJECTS	\$ 73,000
MISSION CONFERENCE*	\$ 15,000

Total NAPC Missions Budget \$313,400

* 2012 marked the 55th annual Mission Conference. It has become an annual marker of the NAPC mission legacy. Through the years this event has inspired countless individuals to follow God's call into mission and has inspired many new mission collaborative mission projects.



Support NAPC Missions by filling out a 2012 pledge-covenant card.

You may also submit your pledge online at www.napc.org/missionconference



ACTS OF WORSHIP

READY FOR YOUR MISSION?

COME SERVE YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 2012

9:30 AM Sunday School • **10:45 AM** Worship Service • **11:20 AM** Prayer Walk

11:45 AM Boxed Lunches • **12:15 PM** Service Projects *(on and off-site)*

7 PM **Worship** Thomas Rawlings from International Justice Mission Guatemala

STAY CONNECTED

throughout the entire Mission Conference!

www.napc.org/missionconference

Visit the 2012 Mission Conference webpage to get more information about this year's Mission Conference!

- **Download invitations** you can print or e-mail to your friends, family, co-workers, and neighbors.
- **Submit your 2012 mission covenant** electronically.
- **Read Phil Cobb's Mission Blog** at **www.napc.org/missionblog**