

2022 Missions Conference, Ascension Lutheran Church (ALC), Ames, IA

Acronym descriptions: Awakening Lives to World Missions (ALWM); Celebrating Global Mission (CGM), Friends of Madagascar Mission (FOMM); Lutheran Bible Translators (LBT); Short term missions (STM); World Mission Prayer League (WMPL)

Friday afternoon/evening, September 30

- ⦿ 4:00-5:00 – PM Agency / Vendor Display set up
- ⦿ 6:00 – In person Registration & Browse Displays
- ⦿ 7:00 – Worship & Prayer for Global Mission led by Chris & Kristin McWeeny and Neeraj & Nijhar Ekka (WMPL)
- ⦿ 8:15 – Browse Displays; refreshments and fellowship

Saturday, October 1

Morning Session (sanctuary)

- 8:30-9:00 In-person registration
- 9:00-9:15 Introductions/opening prayer; Pastor Roger Twito (ALC), Pastor Bill Moberly (ALWM/CGM), Philip Gassman (ALC)
- 9:15-9:45 Philip Gassman (ALC); 21st Century Missions; ALC Ames Missions Experiences and Perspectives
- 9:45-10:15 Pastor Bill Moberly (ALWM/CGM): Recent Mega Trends in Global Mission/What now?
- 10:15-10:30 break
- 10:30-11:00 Pastor David Lerseth (FOMM): Working with Indigenous Leaders; How to Build on Generations of Faithful and Fruitful Missionary Work
- 11:00-11:30 Chris McWeeny (WMPL): Reaching Unreached People Groups
- 11:30-12:30 Lunch & fellowship (provided at the church)

Saturday afternoon session overview

- 12:30-1:10 Breakout Sessions 1, 2 and 3
- 1:15-1:55 Breakout Sessions 1, 2 and 3
- 2:00-2:40 Breakout Sessions 1, 2 and 3
- 2:40-3:00 Break / Displays
- 3:00-3:30 Panel discussion: The Next Generation of Missionaries: Where will they come from and what will they need to learn to do?
- 3:30-4:00 Closing Worship & Prayer for global mission Led by Chris & Kristin McWeeny and Neeraj & Nijhar Ekka (WMPL)

Saturday afternoon breakout sessions

1) Missions 101; Developing Missions Outreach (Ark 1; Moderator: Pastor Roger Twito)

- 12:30-1:10 Paul and Lea Eldred (Damascus Road Ministry): Will provide insight on how to expand vision for missions, based on their 12-year missionary experience in Turkey and more recent ministry to a variety of churches in the Upper Midwest
- 1:15-1:55 Phil Schmidt (STM/ALWM): Will share on extensive short-term missions experiences that include leading several English Bible Camp teams to Slovakia with Eastern European Missions Network (now Spiritual Orphans Network)
- 2:00-2:40 Dr. Steve & Carol Anderson (Global Eye Mission): Eye surgery/care short-term missions trips to Niger and other countries; Indonesian ministry experiences

2) CGM Mission Agencies: Vision & Experience (Sanctuary; Moderator: Pastor Bill Moberly)

- 12:30-1:10 Pastor Bill Moberly (ALWM/CGM): Purpose and function of mission agencies
- 1:15-1:55 Meet the CGM Partner agencies: an intro to each agency and the role of CGM
- Neeraj Ekka (WMPL): Overview of WMPL global ministry
- Pastor David Lerseth (FOMM): Support of ministries in Madagascar
- 2:00-2:40 Emily Wilson (LBT): Overview of LBT worldwide bible translation work

3) Missions journeys: Experiences/Transitions of ALC Supported Missionaries (Ark 2; Moderator: Philip Gassman)

- 12:30-1:10 Ruthie Wagner (LBT): Bible translation missionary in Sierra Leone with husband Josh and children for seven years; now supporting translation ministry in Tanzania (on-line Zoom presentation)
- 1:15-1:55 Matt & Amy Cline (CRU): Missionaries in the Middle East region for seven years; now helping develop "missionary businesses" to support Middle East missions
- 2:00-2:40 Tim Tjernagel (World Team): Missionary with his wife Paula and children to Spain for 20 years; currently supporting World Team efforts to release missionaries from Latin America

Sunday, October 2

- 9:15-10:15 Pastor Lee Laaveg (FOMM) / sermon: Joining God's Vision for Mission
OT lesson - Genesis 12:1-3; Epistle: Revelation 5:1-14; Gospel: Luke 24:36-49
- 10:30-11:30 Sunday School (adult): Pastor Bill Moberly (ALWM/CGM)
Other Sunday School missions-focused ministry may also occur