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Fair Oaks, California

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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

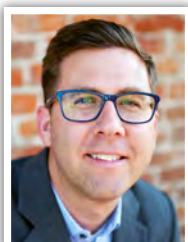
Wednesday Leadership Institute



Mark Noll is one of the leading Christian historians in America. He serves as Research Professor of History at Regent College in Vancouver, British Columbia. He previously was Professor of Church History at the University of Notre Dame, and Professor of History and Theological Studies at Wheaton College, where he co-founded the Institute for the Study of American Evangelicals. He has written

and edited numerous books, including *In the Beginning Was the Word: The Bible in American Public Life* and *From Every Tribe and Nation: A Historian's Discovery of the Global Christian Story*. In 2005, Noll was named one of the 25 most influential evangelicals in America by Time Magazine. In 2006, he received the National Endowment for the Humanities medal at the White House.

Thursday Leadership Institute



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Lost Me: Why Young Christians Are Leaving Church and *Rethinking Faith*, and *unChristian: What a New Generation Really Thinks About Christianity...and Why It Matters*. He and his wife live in California with their three children.

Wednesday Morning Opening Worship



Kirk Bottomly (Host Pastor) has been the Senior Pastor at Fair Oaks since 2008. After a career in technical and speech writing, Kirk earned a Master of Divinity from Princeton Seminary. He and his wife, Laila, have two children, six grandchildren, 90 fruit trees, and 30 varieties of tomatoes.

Wednesday Evening Worship



Shane Farmer has served as Senior Pastor of Cherry Hills Community Church in Denver since 2013. He previously served as Director of Discipleship and Director of Student Impact for Willow Creek Community Church in suburban Chicago. He experienced God's call into ministry in junior high school, and later earned an M.A. in Transformational Leadership from Bethel Seminary in St. Paul, Minn.

Thursday Morning Worship



Troy Wilson is Pastor of The Table, an EPC church plant in San Francisco. He and his wife, Caroline, have helped start and build a campus ministry and church in Thailand, served in a large church in Roseville, Calif., and launched The Table on Mother's Day in 2014 in an art gallery to celebrate creativity and reach people who wouldn't necessarily seek a church.

Thursday Evening Worship



Mike Kuhn teaches discipleship and biblical theology at the Arab Baptist Theological Seminary in Beirut, Lebanon. From 2007-2012, he was Assistant Pastor for Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church in Knoxville, Tenn. He is the author of *Fresh Vision for the Muslim World*. He and his wife, Stephanie, have three daughters, two sons-in-law, and five grandsons.

Friday Moderator's Service of Communion and Prayer



Scott Griffin has served as a Ruling Elder at First EPC in Kent, Wash., since the church joined the EPC in 1987. He has been providing pro bono consulting and coaching to boards of non-profit and Non-Governmental Organizations since retiring as a senior executive of the Boeing Company in 2007. Scott and his wife, Mary, grew up at First Presbyterian Church in Fresno, Calif., and have three

children and two grandchildren.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OFFICERS



Dean Weaver is the nominee for Moderator of the 37th General Assembly. He serves as Senior Pastor of Memorial Park EPC in suburban Pittsburgh. He also has served with the Coalition for Christian Outreach (CCO) which is now an EPC partner organization. He and his wife, Beth, have been married for more than 28 years and have six children (three natural born and three adopted internationally) and one granddaughter.



Jeff Jeremiah began serving as Stated Clerk of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church in October 2006. He previously served as pastor of First EPC of Renton, Wash., for twelve years. His ministry in the EPC began in 1987 when, as an Associate Pastor of Fourth Presbyterian Church of Bethesda, Md., the church joined the denomination. He and his wife, Cindy, have three children and one grandson.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE

All events are held at Fair Oaks Church unless indicated otherwise. Exhibitors are available 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

TUESDAY, JUNE 20

- 7:30 a.m.–6:00 p.m. **Registration Open**
 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. **Chaplains Workshop**
(no cost but registration is required)
 Part 1: “Unconditional Chaplaincy”
 Part 2: “Impacting Millennials”
- 8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. **World Outreach Global Worker Training**
(by invitation only)
- 8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. **Presbytery Missions Strategy Gathering**
- 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. **Exhibitor Setup**
- 1:00–5:00 p.m. **Leadership Institute Seminars**
- Building a Culture of Generosity
 - Building a Philosophy of Youth and Family Ministry
 - Leaders Who Matter
 - Mobilizing People and Making Ministry Happen
 - Multiplying Leaders: Internships and Residency Programs
 - Practical Tools for Reaching Muslims in America
 - Reaching the Next Generation
 - Reclaiming the Joy of Evangelism and Discipleship in the Local Church
 - Strategic Church Planting in 21st Century America
 - Strengthening the Small Church
 - Transformational Family Ministries
- 6:00–8:30 p.m. **World Outreach Dinner Program**
(no cost but registration is required)
 “Sproutings” with WO global workers

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

- 7:00–8:30 a.m. **Ticketed Breakfast at Fair Oaks**
 7:30 a.m.–6:00 p.m. **Registration Open**
 7:30–8:15 a.m. **Orientation of New Commissioners**
 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. **Exhibits open**
 8:30–9:15 a.m. **Opening Worship**
 Speaker: Kirk Bottomly, Pastor
 Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church,
 Sacramento
- 9:00–11:45 a.m. **Leadership Institute Plenary Session 1**
 Mark Noll
“The Reformation Then and Now”
with moderated Q&A
- 12:00–1:30 p.m. **Ticketed Networking Lunches**
- 1:30–3:00 p.m. **Business Session 1**
- 3:15–5:00 p.m. **Standing Committee Meetings**
- 5:15–7:00 p.m. **Women’s Resource Council “TESS Talks”**
- 5:15–7:00 p.m. **Moderator’s Dinner (invitation only)**
- 5:15–7:00 p.m. **Ticketed Dinner at Fair Oaks**
- 7:30–9:00 p.m. **Evening Worship**
 Speaker: Shane Farmer, Pastor
 Cherry Hills Community Church, Denver
- 9:00 p.m. **Presbytery CDC/CDRC members fellowship**
- 9:00–10:00 p.m. **Desserts**

THURSDAY, JUNE 22

- 7:00–9:00 a.m. **Ticketed Breakfast at Fair Oaks**
 7:00–8:30 a.m. **Standing Committees reconvene (if needed)**
- 7:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m. **Registration Open**
 New Commissioner Registration closes at 12:00 p.m.
- 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. **Exhibits open**
- 8:30–9:15 a.m. **Morning Worship**
 Speaker: Troy Wilson, Pastor
 The Table, San Francisco
- 9:30 a.m.–12:00 a.m. **Leadership Institute Plenary Session 2**
 David Kinnaman
 “Good Faith” with moderated Q&A
- 11:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m. **Ministry Wives Luncheon**
(registration required)
- 12:00–1:30 p.m. **Ticketed Networking Lunches**
- 1:45–5:00 p.m. **Business Session 2**
- 5:30–7:00 p.m. **World Outreach Global Worker meet-and-greet dinner at Fair Oaks**
- 5:30–7:00 p.m. **Ticketed Dinner at Fair Oaks**
- 5:30–7:15 p.m. **Stated Clerks Dinner**
(invitation only)
- 7:30–9:00 p.m. **Evening Worship and World Outreach Global Worker Commissioning**
 Speaker: Mike Kuhn, Lecturer in
 Discipleship and Biblical Theology,
 Arab Baptist Theological Seminary
 Beirut, Lebanon
- 9:00–10:00 p.m. **Desserts**

FRIDAY, JUNE 23

- 7:00–8:30 a.m. **Ticketed Breakfast at Fair Oaks**
 7:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m. **Registration Open**
 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. **Exhibits open**
 8:30–9:45 a.m. **Moderator’s Service of Communion and Prayer**
 Speaker: Scott Griffin
 Offering for Moderator’s Scholarship Fund
- 10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. **Business Session 3**
- 12:00 p.m. **New Commissioner Registration Closes**
- 12:00–1:30 p.m. **Ticketed Networking Lunches**
- 1:45–5:00 p.m. **Business Session 4**
- 5:15–7:00 p.m. **Ticketed Dinner at Fair Oaks**
- 7:00–7:15 p.m. **Vespers Prayer Service**
- 7:15–9:00 p.m. **Business Session 5 (if needed)**

OVERVIEW OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH EVENTS

Children not participating in the scheduled programming are the responsibility of the parent(s). No additional child care will be provided. Youth from Fair Oaks may participate in Youth activities.

NURSERY and PRESCHOOL

(Infant through Kindergarten)

Parents provide necessary bottles, milk/formula, baby food, and diapers.

TUESDAY, JUNE 20

8:15 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Morning care and playtime
12:00–5:15 p.m. Afternoon care and playtime;
lunch included
5:45–8:45 p.m. Evening care and playtime

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lunch included
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ELEMENTARY

(Rising 1st to Rising 6th grade)

TUESDAY, JUNE 20

8:15 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Games and Art while getting to know other children at Fair Oaks Church
12:00–12:45 p.m. Lunch
12:45–5:15 p.m. Sky High Sports Trampoline Park
5:45–8:45 p.m. Option A: Movie and Nacho Bar
5:45–10:00 p.m. Option B: Sacramento River Cats Baseball Game

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

8:15 a.m.–9:00 p.m. Six Flags Discovery Kingdom;
lunch and dinner included

THURSDAY, JUNE 22

8:45 a.m.–5:15 p.m. Golfland Sunsplash Park;
lunch included
7:15–9:15 p.m. Games and Art

FRIDAY, JUNE 23

8:45 a.m.–5:15 p.m. Fun Friday – Studio Movie Grill, Bowling,
and Ice Cream; lunch
included
7:15–9:15 p.m. Games and Art

YOUTH

(Rising 7th to Rising College Freshmen)

TUESDAY, JUNE 20

8:45 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Baseball and Kickball at a local park
12:45–4:15 p.m. Sky High Sports Trampoline Park
5:45–10:00 p.m. Sacramento River Cats Baseball Game;
dinner included

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

8:15 a.m.–9:00 p.m. Six Flags Discovery Kingdom;
lunch and dinner included

THURSDAY, JUNE 22

8:15 a.m.–5:15 p.m. Golfland Sunsplash Park;
lunch included
7:30–9:00 p.m. Youth are encouraged to attend worship
with parents

FRIDAY, JUNE 23

8:15 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Service Project - TBD
12:00–5:15 p.m. Fun Friday – Studio Movie Grill,
Bowling, and Ice Cream;
lunch included
7:00–9:00 p.m. Youth are encouraged to attend worship
with parents



LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Building a Culture of Generosity

Practical steps that go beyond talking about church budgets to offering ways to create cultures of generosity in the local church. Led by Greg Gibbs, Lead Navigator for Auxano, a consulting group that focuses on Vision Clarity and Generosity in the church, who will outline steps to move discussions about money from finance to one of discipleship.

Building a Philosophy of Youth and Family Ministry

Do youth and family ministry with a philosophy of ministry—"a ministry decision-making grid"—that is theologically driven, biblically rooted, contextually reflective, and methodologically flexible. Led by Joey Stewart, Executive Director of Reformed Youth Ministries (RYM).

Leaders Who Matter

Leadership principles, conflict management, techniques, and practical considerations for small and large group leadership that are applicable in small and large churches. Led by Sharon Beekmann, chair of the EPC Women's Resource Council; Bill Enns, EPC Associate Executive for Collaborative Ministries; and Erik Ohman, Pastor of Warsaw EPC in Warsaw, Ind.

Mobilizing People and Making Ministry Happen

Eight timely and succinct "GO Talks" from Ken Priddy, Executive Director of the EPC's GO Center, on such topics as discerning and developing vision, casting vision, creating ownership, reaching and discipling millennials, Great Commission disciplines, strengthening the small church, what "going" (the Great Commission) looks like, and more.

Multiplying Leaders: Internships and Residency Programs

A theory of leadership development based on the Praxis model, a ministry residency program at Hope Church in Richmond, Va., including working with millennial leaders and practical components of implementing a residency or internship program in your church. Led by Nicole Unice, teaching elder and ministry director of Hope Church.

Practical Tools for Reaching Muslims in America

Tools for reaching Muslims right here, right now, in America, including testimonies, a panel of experts, and available resources that speak to how to encounter Muslims with the love of Christ. Led by Mark and Mary, U.S. Muslim Outreach Coaches for EPC World Outreach.

Reaching the Next Generation

Only 2 percent of America's 20 million college students are reached by campus ministries. Discover how your church can reach and cultivate college students into the next generation of Christian leaders advancing Christ's Kingdom in the world. Led by Vince Burens, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Coalition for Christian Outreach (CCO).

Reclaiming the Joy of Evangelism and Discipleship in the Local Church

How teach church revitalization to today's Jesus-follower; stemming this drift through dynamic discipleship; and practical ways to hone the personal gift of evangelism and sponsor local evangelistic events. Led by Bill Senyard, member of the GO Center Revitalization Team, and Nader Awad, evangelist in the Presbytery of Florida and coach on the GO Center Revitalization Team.

Strategic Church Planting in 21st-Century America

Insights on demographic shifts that must inform our church planting efforts; ways to engage in EPC church planting efforts; and lessons from current EPC church planters on effective church planting. Led by Tom Ricks, Pastor of Greentree Community Church in Kirkwood, Mo., and leader of the EPC's Church Planting Team; Mike Moses, Pastor of Lake Forest Church in Huntersville, N.C., and Moderator of the 35th General Assembly; Richard Rieves, Pastor of Downtown Church in Memphis, Tenn.; and Rufus Smith, Pastor of Hope Presbyterian Church in Cordova, Tenn.

Strengthening the Small Church

Understanding and appreciating the small church; hope for the small church from church growth to missional thinking; embracing the strengths and strengthening the weaknesses of the small church; and next steps for leaders and small churches. Led by Rob Buchanan, Assistant Stated Clerk for the EPC Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic; and Ed McCallum, Assistant Stated Clerk for the EPC.

Transformational Family Ministries

Explore the critical connection between church and home by addressing what the church can do, what good programs and curriculum can do, and what the family can do. Led by Martha Daniel, Minister to Families at Memorial Park Church in suburban Pittsburgh, Pa.

PLENARY SESSION SPEAKERS



Mark Noll is the speaker for the Leadership Institute Wednesday morning plenary session, 9:00 to 11:45 a.m. He will address the topic "The Reformation Then and Now" in three sections: 1) The Reformation as a Great Blessing and a Great Problem, 2) Putting the Reformation to Use Today, and 3) a moderated Q&A. He is one of America's leading church historians and serves as Research Professor of History at

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Since 1995, David has directed interviews with nearly one million individuals and overseen hundreds of U.S. and global research studies.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE AT WWW.EPC.ORG/GA2017

CHAPLAINS WORKSHOP

TUESDAY, JUNE 20

8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m. **PART 1: UNCONDITIONAL CHAPLAINCY**
PART 2: IMPACTING MILLENNIALS

Presenter: Retired U.S. Army Col. Dick Stenbakken. Dr. Stenbakken served as a local pastor in Wyoming, then spent the next 24 years on active duty as an Army Chaplain—including one year of combat duty in Vietnam and four years as the Director of Family Life Ministries for the Army Chief of Chaplains Office. He holds five graduate degrees and currently ministers around the world through first-person biblical narratives. For details, see www.biblefaces.com

A limited number of travel awards are available (up to \$800) for civilian chaplains and military not on paid TDY/PTDY Orders. To be considered you must submit a written request and statement of financial need **by May 1** to: EPC Chaplains Workshop, 5850 T.G. Lee Blvd., Suite 510, Orlando FL 32822 or by email to zenaida.bermudez@epc.org

WORLD OUTREACH

WO GLOBAL WORKER TRAINING

Tuesday, June 20, 8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. (by invitation only)

PRACTICAL TOOLS FOR REACHING MUSLIMS IN AMERICA

Tuesday, June 20, 1:00–5:00 p.m. (Leadership Institute)

WORLD OUTREACH DINNER AND PROGRAM

Tuesday, June 21, 6:00–8:30 p.m.

“Sproutings” featuring World Outreach global workers
(Registration Required)

NETWORKING LUNCHES

“World Outreach Global Worker Meet-and-Greet” (Wednesday)

“World Outreach Needs Business Professionals” (Thursday)

“Sending Our EPC Sons and Daughters” (Friday)

COMMISSIONING OF WORLD OUTREACH WORKERS

Thursday, June 22, 7:30 p.m. Worship Service.

Speaker: Mike Kuhn, Lecturer in Discipleship and Biblical Theology, Arab Baptist Theological Seminary, Beirut, Lebanon

MODERATOR’S SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Financial assistance to offset travel costs is available from the Moderator’s Scholarship Fund for ministers and ruling elders from smaller EPC churches. Funds are limited, and Letters of Request should be sent by April 30. Email your Letter of Request to zenaida.bermudez@epc.org or mail to: Moderator’s Scholarship Fund, EPC Office of the General Assembly, 5850 T.G. Lee Blvd., Suite 510, Orlando FL 32822. Please indicate whether you are a minister or ruling elder, and the church you will be representing.

WOMEN’S EVENTS

WOMEN’S RESOURCE COUNCIL “TESS TALKS” DINNER

TESS: Teaching, Encouragement, and Spiritual Sustenance



Wednesday, June 21, 5:15–7:00 p.m.

“Passing the Passion... Generation to Generation” featuring three women who represent their generation—ages 20 to 30, 40 to 50, and 60 and up. Each of these ladies will share how she nurtures her relationship with God, contributes to the church, faces challenges, and unites with others as sisters in Christ. Following each speaker will be a 20-minute table discussion.



- **Elizabeth Parker**, Director of Women’s Ministry at First Presbyterian Church in Baton Rouge, La.

- **Jennifer Thayer Knight**, mother of three and owner of a social media marketing and consulting firm in Bozeman, Mont., where her husband is the pastor of Springhill EPC.

- **Margaret Ferguson**, Associate Pastor of Congregational Care and Counseling for Signal Mountain Presbyterian Church in Signal Mountain, Tenn.



MINISTRY WIVES LUNCH

Thursday, June 22, 11:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

For wives whose spouses serve in a staff ministry position and married women missionaries. Space is limited so register early.

NETWORKING LUNCHES

“Who Is Our Neighbor?” (Wednesday)

“Come to the Well: Women’s Resources” (Friday)

LODGING

Make reservations by phone or online. See www.epc.org/ga2017

Doubletree Sacramento—Cal Expo

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Marriott Sacramento—Rancho Cordova

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