



# Keys to Leading in Our Shifting Culture

*“Over 50 years ago Richard Niebuhr wrote Christ and Culture which discusses the classic questions of how our faith relates to the culture we live in. Today we are in the midst of major cultural shifts world-wide, and we, as leaders and participants in our faith communities, often feel bewildered about how to lead and live our faith in this rapidly changing world around us.*

*This conference will provide you with tools, information and inspiration from powerful leaders who can help you understand what all these changes mean, what direction the church is going, and how to move through this perplexing time with strength and confidence.”*

— Dr. Robert Pierson  
Founder and Executive Director of Leadership Nexus

**George Barna  
Phyllis Tickle  
Walt Kallestad**

and many others share their  
unique perspectives  
on our Shifting Culture

Presented by Leadership Nexus and  
Willowbrook United Methodist Church,  
Rev. Jon Jerley, Sr. Pastor

19390 N. 99th Ave \* Sun City, AZ \* 85373 \*

## Schedule

### **Tuesday - February 9**

11:30 – 12:30 PM – Registration  
12:30 – 8:30 PM – Plenary Speakers, Phyllis Tickle, Panel Discussions, Workshops, Meals, Fellowship and Worship

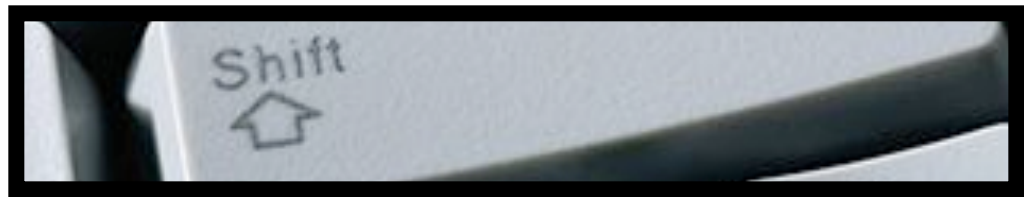
### **Wednesday - February 10**

9AM – 5 PM – Plenary Speakers, George Barna, Panel Discussions, Workshops, Meals and Fellowship  
5 – 7 PM – Dinner on your own  
7 – 8:30 PM Evening Worship

### **Thursday - February 11**

9 AM – 5 PM – Plenary Speakers, Walt Kallestad, Workshops, Meals, Tour of Leading Churches and Closing Worship

**Feb. 9-11, 2010  
Phoenix, AZ**



## Workshops:

Conference speakers, panelists and other local leaders will provide a series of different workshops to help us further our understanding of shifting culture. Visit [www.leadershipnexus.org](http://www.leadershipnexus.org) for more information.

## Pre/Post Conference Workshops:

We also have a series of opportunities before and after the conference for you to dig deeper into specific areas of shifting culture. Visit [www.leadershipnexus.org](http://www.leadershipnexus.org) for more information.

**Pre-Conference Workshops**  
Feb. 9th – 9–12 PM

**Post-Conference Workshops**  
Feb. 11th – 6–9 PM

Event Pricing	
Early Bird (before 1/10/2010)	\$270
Regular (after 1/10/2010)	\$310
Each additional attendee from the same faith community, ministry or business	\$240
Spouse	\$120

**Lodging**  
Visit [www.leadershipnexus.org](http://www.leadershipnexus.org) for information about special rates for area hotels for our conference goers.

**Questions?** Call Leadership Nexus at 918-477-7549 or email us at [bpierson@leadershipnexus.net](mailto:bpierson@leadershipnexus.net)

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**Keys to Leading in Our Shifting Culture  
Registration Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Attendees: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

CEUs are provided for this event by Leadership Nexus. Scholarships available upon request.  
Doctoral credit is provided for California Graduate School of Theology

# Speakers



**George Barna** – Drawing from experience in fields such as politics, marketing, advertising, media, research and ministry, George founded The Barna Group in 1984. The Barna Group has become the nation's leading marketing research firm focused on the intersection of faith and culture. Besides serving thousands of churches and ministries throughout the country, The Barna Group has supplied research to numerous corporations, non-profit organizations, and government agencies. Barna has written over 40 books, addressing leadership, church health, trends and spiritual development, including best-sellers *Revolution*, *The Frog in the Kettle*, and *The Power of Vision*.



**Phyllis Tickle** - As the founding editor of the Religion Department of *Publishers Weekly*, Phyllis has become an authority on religion in America and a much sought after lecturer on the subject. She is frequently quoted in such publications as *USA Today*, *Christian Science Monitor* and *NY Times* as well as on PBS and NPR. Phyllis is the author of over two dozen books on religion and spirituality, most recently *The Great Emergence: How Christianity is Changing and Why* and *The Words of Jesus: A Gospel of the Sayings of Our Lord*. With her extensive research and clear grasp of the larger picture, Phyllis will bring clarity and insight to our questions of church and culture.



**Walt Kallestad** - Assigned to a tiny Lutheran congregation in Glendale, AZ in 1978, Walt took on the challenge of rebuilding the church. Today, under Walt's direction, Community Church of Joy supports nearly 8,000 participants. He has guided the church through major changes in recent years as he felt led by God to understand and respond to the shifts happening in the church and our culture. Walt received his doctorate from Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, CA. He is the author of *The Passionate Church*, *Be Your Own Creative Coach*, *Christian Faith: The Basics*, *Reaching the Unchurched* and many more.

## Other Leaders:

- Bob Pierson** - United Methodist Pastor and Executive Director of Leadership Nexus
- Vance Ross** - Deputy General Secretary of External Connectional Relations and Strategic Initiatives for the General Board of Discipleship of the United Methodist Church
- John Southwick** - Director of Congregational and Demographic Research for the General Board of Global Ministry of the United Methodist Church
- Everett Piper** - President of Oklahoma Wesleyan University and author of *The Wrong Side of the Door: Why Ideas Matter*.
- Sandra Herron** - Teacher of preaching and communications at the Robert Schuller School of Preaching and adjunct professor at California Graduate School of Theology
- Lou Martin** - Pastor of St. Claire Catholic Church in Essex, MD
- Tim White** - Founding and Senior pastor of Washington Cathedral in Redmond, WA
- Michael Ward** - Senior Pastor of Central United Church in Calgary
- Daryl Higgins** - Senior Minister of First Protestant Church in New Braunfels, TX
- Lawrence Wilkes** - Dean of California Graduate School of Theology
- Becky Pierson** - Consultant on Generations, Postmodernism and the Church for Leadership Nexus
- Jon Ierley** - Senior Pastor of Willowbrook United Methodist Church in Sun City, AZ