

LEADERSHIP NEXUS

Connecting the Leadership Nexus Community to upcoming training, conference and networking events across the country
Visit www.leadershipnexus.org for more information and to register for events.

Greetings Leadership Nexus Community!

Over the years you have come to expect exciting and effective training, networking and conferencing opportunities from Leadership Nexus. In this newsletter you will find information about our upcoming events, training opportunities and other experiences we hope you can check out. Thank you for supporting us!

Make sure to forward this newsletter on to your networks and invite them to our upcoming events!

Visit our newly updated website – www.leadershipnexus.org for further information and direction to enroll in any of these events!

Polish Your Preaching Seminar

with Dr. Lawrence Wilkes,
Sandra Herron and Bob Pierson
September 18–20, 2009
Orange County, CA

Join us for a fantastic seminar on preaching September 18–20, 2009 (Friday afternoon to Sunday afternoon) in Orange County, CA., led by Dr. Lawrence Wilkes, former director of the Crystal Cathedral School of Preaching and Dean of California Graduate School of Theology. Dr. Wilkes, Bob Pierson, Executive Director of Leadership Nexus and Sandra Herron from the Crystal Cathedral School of Preaching will lead in Principles for Effective Preaching.

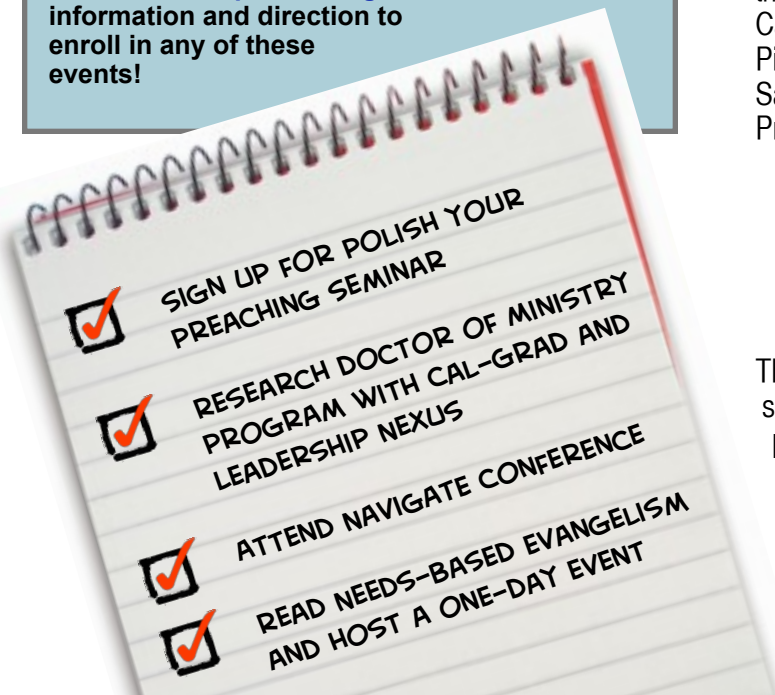


DURING THIS EVENT WE WILL VISIT:

Eastside Christian Church with Pastor Gene Appel
Saddleback Church with Pastor Rick Warren
and the Crystal Cathedral

This is a chance to polish your preaching, evaluate your skills, discuss with other professionals what you are doing in preaching, and have a weekend retreat in California! This seminar provides credit towards a Doctor of Ministry at California Graduate School of Theology.

Early Bird Cost – \$95 (last day September 2)
Regular Cost – \$145 (September 3 – 18)
Enroll at www.leadershipnexus.org



RECEIVE YOUR DOCTOR OF MINISTRY in two years from California Graduate School of Theology with help from Leadership Nexus!

Leadership Nexus has teamed up with Dr. Lawrence Wilkes, director of the Doctor of Ministry program at **California Graduate School of Theology (Cal-Grad)**, to provide a unique opportunity for you to receive credit towards your doctorate by attending Leadership Nexus' training events! We highly recommend the D.Min program at Cal-Grad if you are considering furthering your education. Leadership Nexus is also excited to provide the "Church Leadership" aspect of the course work with Dr. Bob Pierson for this degree.

Typically the program requires you to be in residence



at the school in Orange County, California, four times: Sept 2009, Feb 2010, Sept 2010 and Feb 2011. For the leadership program the classroom work can be done at Leadership Nexus training events offered across the nation and throughout the year. By doing equivalent hours of classroom attendance at Leadership Nexus events along with the appropriate follow-up study and papers, you can finish your Doctorate with only one visit to California in September 21–25, 2009, for the basic education. Visit www.cgsot.edu for Cal Grad application forms and reference forms. For information on Leadership Nexus events visit our website.

Further information on course schedule and correlating Leadership Nexus conferences, see next page.

NAVIGATE

A Leadership Nexus
Conference
Nov. 10-12, 2009

"Outfitting the Church to Navigate the
Waters of Changing Culture"

Navigate is a powerful event full of challenging speakers and thought provoking discussions on the Church and postmodern culture. Through times of lecture, discussion, close interaction with the speakers, powerful spiritual formation experiences and plenty of fellowship and networking, our hope is to outfit the Church to navigate the waters of changing culture

Navigate events are a transformative experience you will be glad you came to. Leadership Nexus is presenting a series of *Navigate* Conferences over the next year and encourage you to join us.

**November 10-12, 2009
at Florence UMC**

Florence, KY (a suburb of Cincinnati)
Speakers: Dan Kimball, Lily Lewin, David Kinnaman, Troy Bronsink, Gary Gibson, DG Hollums, Becky Pierson, and Bob Pierson

**Cost: \$200 (includes 4 meals,
registration and conference materials)**

Visit the *Navigate* website for more details:
www.outfittingtonavigate.com
or email
becky.pierson@leadershipnexus.org.

**Visit the website. Download a brochure.
Spread the word. Invite your friends,
church leaders and community leaders.
And join us as we *Navigate* the waters of
changing culture.**

**Scholarships are available for
all Leadership Nexus events on a
case by case basis. E-mail us for
information on how to apply**

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DOCTOR OF MINISTRY PROGRAM WITH CAL-GRAD AND LEADERSHIP NEXUS

You may enter the program during the fall or winter term, and begin doing your classroom work with Leadership Nexus by attending any of our upcoming events:

- **Polish your Preaching** September 18-20, 2009 in Orange County, CA.
- **Navigate** conference on ministry in a post-modern culture on Nov. 10-12 in Cincinnati, OH.
- **Creative Church** conference on Jan. 12-14, 2010 in Orlando, FL.
- **Cultural Changes** conference on Feb. 9-11, 2010 in Phoenix, AZ with George Barna and other keynote speakers.

You also could attend one of the **Workable Evangelism** conferences held by Leadership Nexus at several locations this fall. If you are interested in this program please contact Lawrence Wilkes or Bob Pierson. This is a great opportunity to get the Doctorate, very high quality teaching, valuable networking and continuing education credit (CEUs).

Let us know if you are interested in this innovative program!

More Upcoming *Navigate* Conferences

Spring/Summer 2010

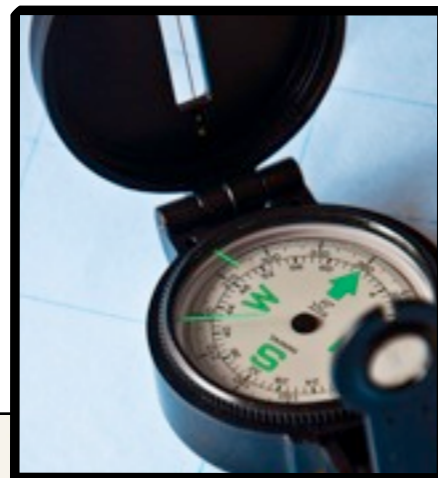
Location TBA

October 2010

at St. Luke's UMC

Memphis, TN

Speakers: Phyllis Tickle
and others TBA



Perceptions of Christianity Among 16-29 Year Olds

A study conducted in 2007 by the Barna Group of 16-29 yr. olds revealed that this new generation is more skeptical and frustrated with Christianity at this stage in their lives than any generation before. Barna attributes this shift "to a growing sense of disengagement and disillusionment among young people." According to the study most Christians are very aware of this shift with Senior Pastors saying that ministry is getting harder and harder today as Americans are becoming more and more hostile to Christianity.

To the right are the top four negative perceptions and top four positive perceptions of Christianity found in this study.

Adapted from "A New Generation Expresses Its
Skepticism and Frustration with Christianity" by the
Barna Group, Sept. 24, 2007, www.barna.org

Percentage of people surveyed who say Christianity is:	
Judgmental	87%
Hypocritical	85%
Old Fashioned	78%
Too Involved in Politics	75%
Teaches the same basic ideas of other religions	82%
Has good values and principles	76%
Friendly	71%
A Faith they Respect	55%

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addresses.

**Leadership Nexus exists
to help the church be
more effective in
proclaiming the gospel
to the world.**

The Creative Church Conference

January 12-14, 2010 at St. Luke's UMC in Orlando



Come and join us as together we learn how to nurture our creative side and funnel that creativity into the ministry of the church. For three days in January we will nurture our creative side in beautiful Orlando, Florida surrounded by the creativity of Walt Disney World – not just the “happiest place on earth” but also one of the most creative places you will ever experience!

Our teachers and guides for this 3-day adventure are some of the most dynamic and joyful people of faith you've ever met. These individuals use their considerable talents to entertain, create and lead people into a deeper relationship with our Creator God. Here are just some of the dynamic leaders involved in this conference:

Jeff Larson - Vice President of Advertising for Walt Disney World Theme Parks

Alice Bass - Author of *The Creative Life*, actress, stage writer, Disney and Universal employee
Jennifer and Kevin Brassard - Current Disney employees with expertise in creative stage improv, dance, and voice

Daphna Flegal - Lead Editor of Children's Curriculum with Abingdon Press

Bob & Delia Pierson - Leadership Nexus

...and many more of the most creative and energizing people working for the Kingdom of God today!

Keep checking the Leadership Nexus website for more updates on speakers, workshop info, registration and to download a brochure! www.leadershipnexus.org

**Workable
Evangelism**
Together - WE bring people to Christ

Upcoming Events

Dr. Bob Pierson is holding a series of Workable Evangelism conferences across the country. The following are the dates and places of those conferences. All the conferences start with registration at 9:30am and end at 4pm:

Sept. 12 – Memphis, TN at St. Luke's UMC enrollment open @
<http://www.leadershipnexus.org/conferences/registration/we-memphis2009/index.php>
or call (918) 477-7549

Oct. 3 – York, PA at Zion UMC enrollment open @
www.leadershipnexus.org

Oct. 17 – Brownwood, TX at First UMC enrollment open @
www.leadershipnexus.org

Nov. 14 – Charleston, West Virginia with the West Virginia Presbytery –
more information coming

For more information visit our website: www.leadershipnexus.org. These provide training in Evangelism that works. Bob will use material from his book *Needs-Based Evangelism*, his upcoming book *TELL* and “Rethink Church” materials. These are one day opportunities for training that can make a life time positive change in your ministry.

Host an Evangelism Conference for your church and colleagues!

If your church would like to host a Workable Evangelism Conference please contact Leadership Nexus by email (bpierison@leadershipnexus.net) and/or phone (918) 477-7549! Click the following link for the two types of Workable Evangelism conferences: www.leadershipnexus.net/Evangelism.html.



Oklahoma Training Opportunities

Tri-District Evangelism Training
September 12 at Mooreland UMC in Mooreland with Bob Crossman

Tri-District Evangelism Training
September 26 at First UMC OKC with Jim Ozier

“Faith in Tough Times”
with Oklahoma Bishop Robert Hayes, Dr. Tim Walker and Bob Long
October 22, 2009 at St. Luke’s UMC in OKC

Email bpierison@leadershipnexus.net for more info

Leadership Nexus Resources for Sale!

The following are Leadership Nexus resources available for you to purchase: you may call 918-477-7549 or email bpierison@leadershipnexus.net to purchase any of the items; please add \$5 for shipping costs



Needs-Based Evangelism: Becoming a Good Samaritan Church (Book) – \$14

The Christyle: A Sermon Series by Dr. Robert Pierson (DVD) – \$20

“Emerging Church for the Existing Church” conference in Denver, CO (DVD) – \$25

“Leadership and Effective Management” conference in Shreveport, LA (CD) – \$15

“Traditional Worship for Contemporary People” conference in Houston, TX (CD) – \$15

“Leadership and Effective Management” conference in Arlington, TX (DVD) – \$25

Recommended Training

Leadership Nexus works with many other groups to help further the Kingdom. Here are just a few of the training and educational experiences that we encourage you to attend:

- *Christianity 21* – October 9–11, 2009 – Minneapolis, Minnesota www.jobaproductions.com/christianity-21-faith-21st-century
- *Fill my Cup Lord: Children’s Ministry Forum* – February 23–25, 2010 at Edenton Street UMC – Downtown Raleigh, NC www.gbod.org/cmf
- *The Bible and the American Future* – October 18–20, 2009 – Lincoln, Nebraska www.bibleandtheamericanfuture.com
- *Large Church Initiative Conference* – April 21–25, 2010 – San Antonio www.lci2010.com

Other Consulting Groups We Recommend:

- *Midnight Oil Productions* – www.midnightoilproductions.com
- *ChurchSmart Resources with David Wetzler & Jack Stephenson* – www.churchsmart.com
- *Bob Crossman training* – www.arumc.org/newchurch
- *Jim Ozier training* – www.ntcumc.org/page.asp?PKValue=1486
- *Claudia Lavy training* – www.deepeningyoueffectiveness.org
- *Michael Euliss training* – www.euliss.com
- *Phil Card training* – www.InnerMissionTheatre.com