

NEBRASKA RCC MAIN SESSIONS, WORKSHOPS & Speakers 2019

Main Sessions Shawn McMullen

1) *"Playing to Your Strengths."* The inherent strengths found in rural churches and suggestions for capitalizing on them.

2) *"Leading the Charge."* Focusing on a purpose and vision for the rural church and challenging church leaders to personally take steps that lead to positive change.

Shaped to Serve: Five Characteristics of a High-Impact Volunteer Dawn Gentry

Every church community is a priesthood of believers, and churches rely on volunteers to extend God's kingdom to those around them. In this session we'll examine five important truths about volunteers who make a big difference in the world.

Building and Honoring the Mission and Core Values of your Organization Doug Crozier

Leaders are challenged today to honor their mission and core values, both within their church and within their personal life. How do we prevent mission drift? How do we lead by example? How do we take the high road in a tough world? People are watching us as the Body of Christ and how will we respond! In building The Solomon Foundation to be the fastest growing church extension fund of any denomination or affiliation of churches in America I have been consistently challenged on how TSF does it.

Hope for the Small Church - 7 Things every church can do that will make a difference Clark Bates & Roger Sloan

Over 3500 churches will close in America in 2019, times are especially difficult for the rural church, but there is hope. This workshop will share encouraging stories of small churches that are making a difference, practical ideas that every church can put into practice and a challenge to do something to build the kingdom of Christ.

The Wonderful Life of Small Town Youth Ministry – Nate Powell

What does the movie "It's a Wonderful Life" and youth ministry have in common? Come be a part of a discussion about community, creativity and contentment and how the heart of rural youth ministry is reflected in the hearts of both Jesus and George Bailey. There will also be a Q&A time to talk and think creatively about youth ministry in your local context.

Women in Ministry – A Panel Discussion – Jane Jech

Jesus elevated the status of women, empowered them to do ministry with Him, and encouraged them to fulfill their God-given roles. What are the expectations and limitations of women in the Church today? Does it differ in the rural church? What authority is given to women as volunteers? As paid employees/staff? How does age affect our view of women in Ministry? We'll hear from several women what they consider to be both the blessings and challenges they face in ministry.

Embracing the 21st Century Senior Adult – Jon Hanson

The decisions facing older adults and their adult children are overwhelming. Take a moment to begin understanding how you can play a vital role in helping people navigate the spiritual, emotional, and physical waters of later life.

Breaking Down the Age Barriers: Understanding and Connecting the Generations in Your Church Amy Hanson

First Corinthians 12 reminds us that the church is one body, made up of many parts and we all need each other. This means that we need every age group to be fully engaged in our churches. But with different preferences in dress, music style and a host of other things, how do we help the generations connect with one another? In this session we will seek to better understand the 4 generations, recognize the obstacles that keep us from connecting and most importantly, we will leave with practical ideas that can be immediately implemented in order to become a more intergenerational church.