

ENRICHING THE KINGDOM

PEOPLE HURT, GOD CALLS, THE CHURCH RESPONDS.

"Blessed are the merciful for they will be shown mercy."
Matthew 5:7

Showing mercy is both the privilege and responsibility of the church. With it we affirm the image of God in all kinds of people. Mercy ministry gives the Gospel hands and feet. We have ears to hear the anguish. Eyes to see the people Jesus loves. And we have voices to share the message that has changed our lives.

In these next few days we want to help:

- Mobilize compassionate leadership in our churches.
- Equip congregations to pass on a biblical legacy of leadership characterized by mercy.
- Understand that justice is a biblical imperative.
- Develop an integrated approach to ministry so that mercy permeates the entire church.

We appreciate your presence at this conference and we pray that the Lord will richly bless you. We look forward to spending this time together in order that we may become more effective instruments of mercy in our churches and communities.

Registration: Friday 4:00-7:00 pm

Dr. James Bland
Coordinator, Mission
to North America



Dr. Charles Dunahoo
Coordinator, Christian
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2007 MERCY MINISTRIES CONFERENCE

April 20-22, 2007

FRIDAY

◆ Plenary Session 1

Ravinia Ballroom

7:00 - 9:00 pm

Music Paxson Jeancake

Welcome & Invocation Charles Dunahoo
CE&P Coordinator

Conference Purpose Bob Edmiston
CE&P Training Consultant

Time of Worship Paxson Jeancake

Introduction of Mercy Stories Jane Patete
CE&P Women's Ministries Coordinator

Mercy Stories Dr. W. Wilson Goode
Dr. Diane Langberg
Justina Dix

A Reformed Theology of Mercy Ministry
..... Dr. Phil Ryken

Closing Bob Edmiston

CE&P Bookstore Hours: Friday 4:00-10:00 pm

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Phil Ryken, Ph.D.

Senior Pastor of Tenth Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Noted author of works such as: *The Message of Salvation*, *The Bible Speaks Today*, *City on a Hill: Rediscovering the Biblical Pattern for the Church in the 21st Century*; and *The Doctrines of Grace: Rediscovering the Evangelical Gospel*, with James Montgomery Boice.

Paxson Jeancake

Paxson Jeancake is the Director of Worship and Arts at East Cobb Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, Georgia, and the author of *The Art of Worship: Opening Our Eyes to the Beauty of the Gospel*. Paxson is a graduate of Furman University and Reformed Theological Seminary. He serves on the executive committee of the *Worship Reformation Network* - a national community of worship leaders with a common vision for biblical, Reformed, and gospel-driven worship.

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SATURDAY

Early Morning Prayer..... 7:30 - 8:15 am
Location: Ravinia Ballroom

◆ Plenary Session 2

Ravinia Ballroom
8:30 - 10:00 am

Music Paxson Jeancake

Welcome & Invocation Fred Marsh
MNA Associate Coordinator

Time of Worship Paxson Jeancake

Presentation of Mercy Awards Fred Marsh

Justina Dix
Leanne Downing
Maria Garriott
Stephanie Hubach
Dr. Diane Langberg
Sherry Lanier
Sharon St. Germain
Barbara Thompson

Mercy Stories Leanne Downing
Barbara Thompson

Fellowship of His Sufferings

..... Dr. Diane Langberg

Closing Fred Marsh

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Diane Langberg, Ph.D.

Dr. Langberg is a practicing psychologist whose clinical expertise includes 30 years of working with trauma survivors and clergy. She speaks internationally on topics related to women, trauma, ministry, and the Christian life. Dr. Langberg is a faculty member of Westminster Theological Seminary and Reformed Episcopal Seminary, director of Diane Langberg, Ph.D. & Associates (a group practice in suburban Philadelphia, Pennsylvania), Chair of the Executive Board of the American Association of Christian Counselors, and founder of The Place of Refuge (an inner city, non-profit trauma and training center). As an author, Dr. Langberg's publications include: *Counsel for Pastor's Wives*, *Counseling Survivors of Sexual Abuse*, and *On the Threshold of Hope: Opening the Door to Healing for Survivors of Sexual Abuse*.

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CE&P Bookstore Hours: Saturday 10:00 am-10:00 pm

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◆ Workshop Session 1

10:30 - 11:45 am

The Poor and Their Money: Helping People Move Forward (Repeated in Session 2)

Steve Corbett

This workshop will look at two ministry options—Financial Literacy and Individual Development Accounts—that aim at helping economically poor people get more out of the money they have.

Location: Gardenia

The ABCs of Community Ministry

Amy Sherman

This workshop walks participants through the basic steps within the church that are necessary in starting an effective church-based community ministry: casting vision, determining the church's readiness, inventorying congregational resources, and mobilizing volunteers.

Location: Conference Center, Garden Level

A Biblical Perspective on Disability: Seeing as God Sees, Loving as God Loves

Stephanie Hubach

This seminar provides a broad overview of how to think biblically about disability, how to enter into respect-based relationships, and how to identify with people touched by disability. This is an interactive seminar that mixes lecture, video, and group discussion.

Location: Camellia

Mercy: Ordinary Things in Extraordinary Circumstances *George and Karen Grant*

This workshop will include an exposition of the passage and demonstrate practical application through stories. We will work through Philippians 4:8-9 as it applies to a lifestyle of intentional mercy and redemption

Location: Dunwoody Suite A

Serving Human Trafficking Victims as "Aliens in the Land"
March Bell

The return of modern day slavery violates our core principles and threatens our communities and workplaces. This workshop introduces participants to human trafficking as a local problem found in every community in the US and offers a biblical basis for engagement and a modern day abolitionist.

Location: Dunwoody Suite C

Distorted Sex: Providing Mercy to Sexual Strugglers
Phil Monroe

The church is full of individuals broken by distorted sexual identity and desire. This session looks at how the church can be an agent of healing and mercy to those struggling with same-sex attraction, pornography, and other sexual struggles.

Location: Dunwoody Suite B

Small Church - Big City Impact (Repeated in Session 2) *Jason Dorsey and Brad Grammar*

This seminar will focus on how small to medium size churches can have big city impact through holistic mercy ministry. This seminar will be led by Jason Dorsey, Sr. Pastor at Redeemer and Brad Grammar, pastor of New Deal Fellowship and Executive Director of Hope and New Life Ministries.

Location: Azalea

◆ **Lunch Provided** 12:00 - 1:00 pm
Ravinia Ballroom

Selected workshops will be recorded. Order forms are available in the CE&P Bookstore

◆ Workshop Session 2

1:15 - 2:30 pm

The Poor and their Money: Helping People Move Forward (Repeated from Session 1)

Steve Corbett

See description under Session 1.

Location: Gardenia

Launching an Effective After-School Tutoring Program

Amy Sherman

This workshop will cover all aspects of tutoring programs including location, working with schools, recruiting participants, recruiting and training tutors, curriculum, discipline, and program implementation.

Location: Conference Center, Garden Level

Walking Alongside Families in the Midst of Life-Changing Experiences

Stephanie Hubach

This seminar covers the spectrum of what a family first experiences with the onset of disability. It will focus on the whole issue of “acceptance” and how churches can engage families in mercy during this phase. It will also include topics such as how to walk alongside families as they develop a “new normal” life (how to set good boundaries etc.), in addition to discussing the great opportunity that disability presents in the life of a family.

Location: Camellia

The Oil of Aaron’s Beard

George and Karen Grant

This workshop will focus on the ways in which ministries of justice and mercy forge oneness in the body; reflecting the beauty of life in the body when the priesthood of believers functions to its full effect.

Location: Dunwoody Suite A

Helping the Least of These
Mariam Bell

What does it mean to visit those imprisoned and how should the local church serve their children? This workshop introduces participants to options and opportunities for prison ministry and how to reach the children of those incarcerated.

Location: Dunwoody Suite C

No Refuge: Encountering Domestic Violence and Abuse in the Church

Diane Langberg

Issues of domestic abuse are often very confusing to the church. This session will give a Scriptural framework, clear definitions, and guidelines on how to respond to disclosures of abuse.

Location: Dunwoody Suite B

Small Church, Big City Impact
(Repeated from Session 1)

Jason Dorsey and Brad Grammar

See description under Session 1.

Location: Azalea

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◆ Workshop Session 3

3:00 - 4:15 pm

Benevolence Policies: Going Beyond Relief and into Development (Repeated in Session 4)

Steve Corbett

This workshop will look at creating and applying diaconal and/or mercy ministry policies that do more than provide turkeys at Thanksgiving, toys at Christmas, and access to a clothes closet. While these interventions can have a place the local church can do other things as well. This workshop will walk through a variety of principles and decision making steps involved in having “transformational” diaconal/mercy ministry policies.

Location: Gardenia

Documenting and Communicating Your Ministry's Value to Donors (will not be recorded)

Amy Sherman

Ministry leaders need to be able to communicate the value of their programs to potential donors. In order to do so effectively, this workshop will help you define need, set specific goals and identify and apply research-based “best practices.”

Location: Conference Center, Garden Level

Ministry Funding 1: Getting Ready for Money

Yvonne Sawyer

Does your ministry or program need more funds to serve more people? This workshop will help you do your “homework” to get ready to begin fund-raising and to help you keep finances flowing for a successful ministry operation.

Location: Camellia

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Disaster Response-An Incarnational Ministry Based on the Life of Christ
Arklie Hooten & Bob Heitzman

The Church must model the love of Christ to the community in which it proclaims the love of Christ. Come hear the exciting stories of grace extended from the ongoing relief work on the gulf coast. If your church or presbytery is considering disaster response ministry, attending this session will equip you to understand the basis for this ministry and allow you to promote it to your circle of influence.

Location: Dunwoody Suite C

The Challenge of Seniors' Ministry
George Fuller

This workshop will include topics such as the biblical call for intergenerational ministry and suggestions for ministry to seniors. This workshop will help people build a better awareness and sensitivity to seniors. It will also cover some of the issues faced by this rapidly expanding population segment.

Location: Dunwoody Suite A

Comfort for the Grieving
Diane Langberg

This session will explore grief responses, myths, and the overall grief process. You will learn how to better come alongside those who are experiencing loss of any kind.

Location: Dunwoody Suite B

I Need a Job: An Effective Biblically-based Strategy to Help Those You Serve Find Meaningful Employment and Build a Healthy Life
David Spickard

What do you do when those in your community can not find work and continue to struggle with their dignity, value, and purpose? This session will explore Jobs for Life's proven, biblically-based strategy that churches, community non-profits, prison re-entry programs, rescue missions, and many others are using to equip men and women for work and help them experience life in Christ.

Location: Azalea

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◆ Workshop Session 4

4:45 pm - 5:30 pm

Benevolence Policies: Going Beyond Relief and into Development (Repeated from Session 3)

Steve Corbett

See description under Session 3.

Location: Gardenia

Multi-Sector Collaboration for Community Transformation

Amy Sherman

This workshop will examine several models of churches/FBOs partnering with others in the community (inside and outside the faith community) to promote positive community change. It will describe lessons learned from these models and the critical success factors for fruitful collaboration.

Location: Conference Center, Garden Level

Ministry Funding 2: Writing Your First Proposal

Yvonne Sawyer

If your ministry has decided to write a grant proposal to a foundation or local agency, there are steps to take when preparing the first one. This workshop will break down the process of grant writing into “bite-size” steps.

Location: Camellia

Mobilizing Deacons

Gene Johnson

Are your Deacons merely maintenance men? Or, do they see themselves in the Acts 6 model of service? This workshop will help you develop a plan to direct your deaconate toward meeting the needs of your congregation and becoming a team that will reach your community through service.

Location: Dunwoody Suite C

Amachi – Mentoring Children of Prisoners
Paul Karlburg & Wilson Goode

This workshop will explain the basics in preparing and carrying out a mentoring program for the children of an incarcerated parent(s). The history and effectiveness of this program will be presented as Amachi is now a national outreach to these children of promise. Rev. Dr. W. Wilson Goode, Sr. is a former Mayor of Philadelphia and Director of Amachi.

Location: Azalea

Repentance and Restoration: A Look at How God Restores Broken and Sinful People
Phil Monroe

Reconciliation and restoration of broken and sinful people to God and the body of Christ is the work of every Christian. While the goal is clear the process and timing is less so. This session considers such issues in the ministry of helping others to a lifestyle of repentance and restoration.

Location: Dunwoody Suite B

Barely Surviving or Biblically Thriving? Living, Learning, and Loving in a Distressed Community
Maria Garriott

This seminar will focus on incarnational community development. How does a believer who desires to demonstrate the love of Jesus in an at-risk urban neighborhood balance the demands of ministry, faithfulness to one's family, and personal renewal? How do we find the balance between doing and being when faced with frequent crises and apparently intractable problems?

Location: Dunwoody Suite A

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◆ Dinner & Love Gift Program

Ravinia Ballroom

6:30 - 8:30 pm

Prayer Jim Bland
MNA Coordinator

Dinner

Music Paxson Jeancake

Opening Remarks Jane Patete
CE&P Women's Ministries Coordinator

Mercy Stories Joe Fambrough
Lenee Reid
Julie Skinner
Sherry Lanier

Presentation of 2006 WIC Love Gift Offering to Tom Stewart
..... Jane Wiggins
Women's Advisory Sub-Committee
Mid-South Region

Presentation of the 2007 WIC Love Gift
..... Gary Campbell
President of Retirement, Benefits, Inc.

Prayer for Retirement & Benefits, Inc.
..... Susan Phillis
Women's Advisory Sub-Committee
Mid-Atlantic

Music Paxson Jeancake

SUNDAY

Early Morning Prayer..... 7:30 - 8:15 am
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◆ Plenary Session 3

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8:30 - 10:00 am

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Mercy Stories Maria Garriott
Stephanie Hubach
Sharon St. Germain

Does Christianity Make a Difference?
..... March & Mariam Bell

Closing Fred Marsh

March & Mariam Bell

March serves as Senior Special Counsel with the U.S. Department of Justice to address issues of human trafficking around the world. He is also a PCA ruling elder at McLean Presbyterian in McLean, VA. March is an alum of Covenant College, and has worked in a number of capacities in both government and ministry.

Mariam serves as Director of Public Policy for The Wilberforce Forum, a division of Prison Fellowship. She is the former Director of federal affairs for Justice Fellowship. In the mid-1990's she served as Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for Enough is Enough. Previously she served as Director of governmental affairs for ChildHelp USA, a national child abuse prevention organization.

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◆ Worship Service

Ravinia Ballroom
10:15 - 11:30 am

Welcome & Invocation Jim Bland
MNA Coordinator

Time of Worship..... Paxson Jeancake

Rev. Randy Nabors

..... Senior Pastor of New City Fellowship
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Rev. Randy Nabors

Senior Pastor of New City Fellowship in Chattanooga, Tennessee since 1976. Randy has helped to develop a permanent committee of mercy in the Tennessee Valley Presbytery, and has taught and trained extensively in the area of mercy and diaconal ministry. He serves as the movement leader for the Urban and Mercy Network of Mission to North America for the PCA.

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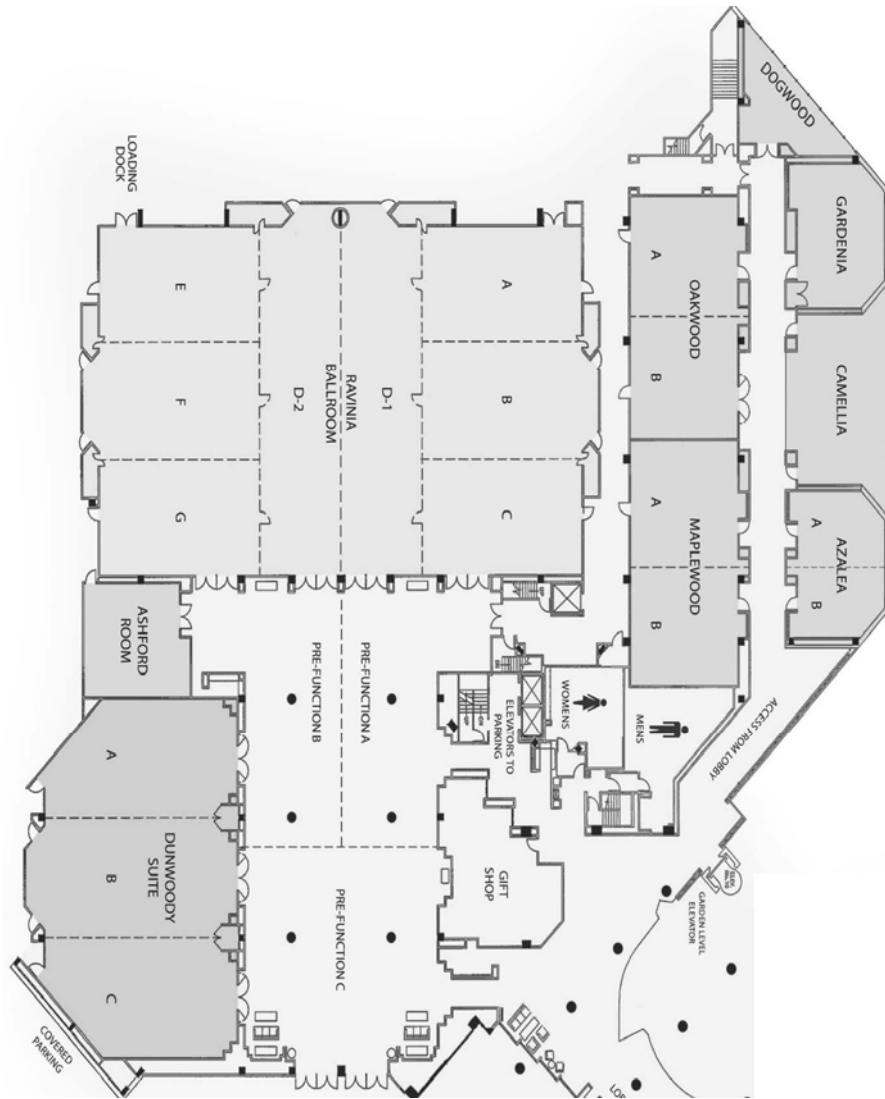
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