



IUP/On-Campus Evening Event

Theme: *Change the World*
Participants: Bishop Bickerton, Mike Slaughter
Format: Moderators/Facilitators:
 GRIP Campus Ministry Team

Questions to be asked by moderators:

- Who is Jesus Christ to you?
- Who, what, or what life experiences most shaped your understanding of who Jesus is?
- How does your relationship with Christ form your understanding of the purpose of your life?
- How does your relationship with Christ form your understanding of the nature and purpose of the church?
- In what ways has the church you serve carried out that purpose in the world?
- As a Christian and a church leader, what are the most immediate needs the church must address in order to be able to serve Christ faithfully in the world?

Schedule

Time	Event
8:30 – 9:30	Registration/Hospitality
9:30	Welcome/Opening Prayer Brad Lauster, Grace UMC
9:45	Worship Bay Allen, Grace UMC
10:15	First Keynote <i>Mandate for Mission</i> Mike Slaughter
11:15	Break
11:30	Second Keynote <i>Confessions of a Pastor</i> Mike Slaughter
12:15	Announcements Ignite Team Member
12:25	Prayer Ignite Team Member
12:30	Lunch (<i>on-site</i>)
1:30 PM	Worship Bay Allen, Grace UMC
2:00	Prayer before adjourning to Breakout Groups Bishop Bickerton
2:15	Breakout Groups: <i>Session A</i>
3:15	Break
3:30	Breakout Groups: <i>Session B</i>
4:30	Announcements Brad Lauster
4:45	Prayer before Dinner Kathy Mihoerck, Grace UMC
5:00	Dinner (<i>off-site/on your own</i>)
7:00	Welcome/Opening Prayer Karen Salsler, Grace UMC <i>(Kovalchick Covention & Athletic Center)</i>
7:10	Worship GRIP Worship Team
7:30	Forum: <i>Change the World</i> Bishop Bickerton and Mike Slaughter
8:30	Worship GRIP Worship Team
8:45	Invitation and Closing Tim Toy, Grace UMC
9:00	Depart



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The Great Commission

Jesus came near and spoke to them, “I’ve received all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything that I’ve commanded you. Look, I myself will be with you every day until the end of this present age.”

Matthew 28: 18-20 Common English Bible



The Setting

Designed for pastors whose hearts beat for the day when the people of God will do whatever it takes to love those outside the church into the family of Christ. **Becoming an Outward-focused Church** is a day-long event filled with challenging speakers, practical tools, inspirational stories and Christ-centered worship to better prepare pastors to be used by God to transform the churches and communities they serve, and ultimately, transform the world!

The Message

Waiting for the pews to fill up is no longer an option. The people we are called to reach need us to create a path to God. Our call is to go to the nations. What direction will you take?



Go!

How did two letters get so complicated? Go? How do we “go”? Where do we “go”? The breakout sessions are designed to narrow the focus of your particular call. **Go!** just got a little bit easier!

Register!!!

Details on this innovative and transformational approach to ministry are available at wpaumc.org/events. By registering before April 2, pay only \$35 AND receive one of Mike Slaughter’s books. After April 3, the cost is \$45. There are .75 CEUs for this event.

Breakouts

Session A

Developing Outward-focused Partnerships

Brad Lauster

Developing partnerships with area churches, social service agencies and universities to meet identified needs in the community. Highlights Grace UMC partnership with Indiana County YMCA to meet spiritual, recreational and relationship needs for children, youth and families.

Assessing Community Needs

Sharon Schwab

Using demographic information to establish a profile and strategy for the community you are trying to reach. Highlights how to obtain, interpret and apply census and other county/community profiles when shaping goals and identifying target audiences and needs.

Staffing for Outreach

Dale Roddy

Creative ways for local churches to build the team they need to carry out the vision God gave them for the people whose needs God called them to meet.

Counting the Cost

Dave Panther

Becoming an outward-focused church costs more than just money. It costs people, time and resources too. While the price is worth it, the cost is no less real. Churches that count the cost ahead of time are more likely to succeed. Highlights the history of Butler First’s *Crossfire* campus.

Find a Need and Meet It

John Zimmerman

Ministry is finding a need and meeting it. Highlights Corry First’s high school football outreach via the church’s website.

Becoming Missional Agents of Transformation

Jim Walker/Pastors

Cutting-edge ministries that are making a difference in their communities. Highlights the ministry of Community Builders Labs. Presenters include Jim Walker and pastors of churches where local congregations are making a difference.



Session B

Overcoming Resistance

Randy Bain

Transitioning from an inward-focused church to an outward-focused church is bound to meet with resistance, and how you deal with it can make all the difference in the world. Overcoming resistance is where faith comes in.

“You’re Losing Me!”

Karen Salser and Tim Toy, Grace UMC

The church is at risk of losing an entire generation. Reaching college students begs asking questions whose answers you might rather not hear, but need to, including “Why does church suck?” Learn how to engage students in ways that are relevant and real. Highlights the Grace Church IUP campus ministry.

Offering More Than a Handout

Steve Cordle

A handout isn’t always enough. People often need a “hand up” that is best experienced in Christian community where people--gathered in cell groups--may discover what it means to be loved and to belong. Highlights Crossroads cell group discipleship model.

Taking Your First Steps

Ron Hoellein

While becoming an outward-focused church can be daunting, it can be done! Taking steps--even if only small ones--can be enough if we are willing to simply put one foot in front of the other. Highlights practical first steps toward becoming an outward-focused church.

Bend the Knee

John Seth

Action steps and how-to-do-it lists aren’t worth the paper they’re printed on apart from the work of the Holy Spirit through the prayers of God’s people. Highlights prayer strategies to be used by local churches.

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