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On behalf of our Key Ministry team and the people of Bay Presbyterian Church, we're delighted that you've set aside the time to gather with us and our other brothers and sisters in Christ called to serve His church through disability ministry. We've been incredibly encouraged by the level of interest in this year's conference. We experienced a 70% increase in speaker applications, and we're assured of setting attendance records this year - at least 60% above our figures for 2022!



When we hosted our first national disability conference (exclusively online) in 2011, one of our purposes was to provide ministry leaders with great ideas who found themselves unable to crack the conference circuit a platform for becoming "known." This year's conference features over thirty speakers appearing here for the first time, a number of whom have publicly disclosed their disabilities.

Compared to this time last year, life in the church appears more "normal." After 37 years in the child psychiatry profession, I've come to recognize the extent to which appearances are often deceiving. Christianity - and the Christian church - has never in our lifetimes had less influence than we do now. The majority of Americans no longer attend church on a regular basis. The tidal wave of despair that began before COVID continues to build, despite the end of restrictions upon social interactions. Individuals with disabilities and their families have been disproportionately affected.

But adversity also comes with great opportunity. Historically, the Church has grown stronger at times when identifying as a Christian has been frowned upon by the authorities. The Church is at its best when we're caring for the most vulnerable among us.

In my experience working in a medical speciality that is among the most hostile to the values rooted in Scripture, in a profession rapidly abandoning any remaining tolerance for anything associated with the Church, I've seen persons inclined to reject the Gospel look up and take notice when they see

- churches offering respite care to families of kids with disabilities, or
- Christians providing foster and adoptive homes for kids who struggle with self-control due to the cumulative effects of trauma, or
- Christian business leaders starting businesses that provide meaningful and productive work for adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities, and
- churches providing mental health and substance abuse recovery support to the quarter of our population who needs such support.

If the church in North America is ever going to reverse the increasingly negative perceptions regarding Christianity, you're the folks who will be leading the way. You are the church at its' best! Our team hopes this weekend will be one in which you'll find tools to expand the impact of your ministries for the Kingdom, along with a bunch of new friends for the journey.

In His Service,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen Grcevich, MD".

Stephen Grcevich, MD
President and Founder, Key Ministry
Program Committee Chair, D&TC 2023

DAY ONE {FRIDAY, APRIL 28}

7:45-8:30am: Check-in & coffee

 **8:30-9:00am: All Conference Gathering** in Sanctuary
(see page 9)

9:15-10:30am: Block #1 (see page 12)

10:45am-12:00pm: Block #2 (see page 13)

12:00-1:15pm: Lunch break. Pick up boxed lunch by Exhibitor Hall; dining areas available in E200-206 or attend the concert with Delnora in the Sanctuary (see page 14)

1:30-2:45pm: Block #3 (see page 16)

3:00-4:15pm: Block #4 (see page 17)

4:30-5:00pm & 5:30-6:00pm: Coaching Sessions A & B in E200-206 (see page 18)

Dinner break: there are dozens of restaurants to choose from within just a few miles of our conference venue (see page 19)

 **6:30-7:30pm: All Conference Gathering** in Sanctuary
(see page 21)

- Worship with Delnora Reed
- Panel: *Advancing Disability Ministry from the Perspective of Senior Pastors*

7:45-9:00pm: Block #5 (see page 22)

DAY TWO {SATURDAY, APRIL 29}

7:30-8:00am: Check-in & coffee



8:00-9:00am: All Conference Gathering in Sanctuary
(see page 23)

9:15-10:30am: Block #6 (see page 24)

10:45am-12:00pm: Block #7 (see page 25)

12:15-1:30pm: Block #8 (see page 26)

VISIT OUR EXHIBITOR HALL

Our **Exhibitor Hall** — featuring 40 exhibitors relating to disability ministry — will be open during the following times. See pages 14 & 15 for more information.

FRIDAY: 9:15am to 4:30pm

SATURDAY: 9:00am to 1:30pm

Our **Exhibitor Hall** is located in **Lakeview Hall** on the second floor of the East Wing.

HOW TO NAVIGATE OUR VENUE

Look out the window at Lake Erie.

Everything on your left is **WEST**. Everything on your right is **EAST**. The **EAST** wing is also the Children's Wing. There are elevators in each wing. The Connector Hall connects **WEST** side to **EAST** side. The Sanctuary and Gathering Area are by the Main Entrance, in the middle of the building.

← **WEST**

Auburn Hall (1st Floor)
The Fallout (Basement)
W211 (2nd Floor)



Charging Station available in
the Connector Hall.



Train Station (1st Floor)

Fuel Stop (1st Floor)

E200-202 (2nd Floor)

E204-206 (2nd Floor)

Exhibitor Hall/Lakeview Hall (2nd Floor)

EAST →

There is a fully-accessible restroom with universal size changing table on the first floor of the **EAST** wing by the elevator.

Additional restrooms are located next to the Train Station on the 1st Floor, across from the E200 rooms on the 2nd Floor, and outside the Exhibitor Hall on the 2nd Floor.



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ALL-CONFERENCE GATHERING

SANCTUARY 8:30-9:00am

Welcome:

Beth Golik, *Key Ministry*

Opening Prayer:

Dr. Lamar Hardwick, *Tri-Cities Church*

President's Award:

Presented by

Dr. Steve Grcevich

President & Founder

Key Ministry

Opening Talk:

*Flourishing Together:
The Changing Landscape
of Disability & Ministry*

Dr. Erik Carter



Don't forget to visit our Exhibitors in Lakeview Hall
(second floor, East Wing) - open Friday until 4:30pm
and Saturday from 9:00am - 1:30pm.

Introducing the 2023 Disability & The Church President's Award Recipient: Erik Carter

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

Philippians 4:8-9 (ESV)

One of Key Ministry's operating principles is to draw attention to like-minded ministry leaders and organizations doing exceptional work to advance the cause of individuals and families impacted by disability in the church. The President's Award was established in 2019 to recognize leaders serving in disability ministry whose work reflects the qualities the Apostle Paul describes in Philippians 4:8 – leaders through whom the works of God are unmistakably on display. Our 2023 President's Award recipient is Dr. Erik Carter.

Dr. Carter recently assumed the Luther Sweet Endowed Chair in Disabilities at Baylor University and Executive Director of the Baylor Center on Developmental Disabilities after spending a number of years on faculty at Vanderbilt's University. He has been the principal, co-author or contributing author on nearly fifty books and hundreds of journal articles about disabilities. Woven within his focus on books and articles for educators have been many journal articles and other publications devoted to practical theology, church life and spiritual growth for individuals and families with disabilities. His research on principle-driven strategies for promoting full participation, belonging, and valued roles for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) in the church is world-class and supports not just his own personal advocacy, but the work that all of us in on calling, equipping, and supporting churches to be places of deep embrace and contribution for individuals with IDD and their families.

Our team at Key Ministry is grateful for Dr. Carter's work and is honored to present him with the 2023 President's Award.

Stephen Grcevich, M.D.
President and Founder, Key Ministry

MAIN STAGE HOSTS



Sandra Peoples
Author & Speaker



Brian Dahlen
WCRF Moody Radio



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FRI: 11:30am - 1:30pm & 3:00pm - 4:00pm
SAT: 9:00am - 10:30am

BLOCK #1

Friday, April 28: 9:15am - 10:30am

E200-202 A Ministry Worker's Compact Guide to PTSD: *Jolene Philo*

FALLOUT Disability Ministry During the Week: *Jillian Palmiotto*

AUBURN Multi-sensory Strategies to Foster Children's Spiritual Formation: *Beth Golik & Rev. Dr. Karen Roberts*

W211 Developing a Respite at Home Program Between Disability Ministries: *John Felageller, Katherine Meiners & Andrew Beaty*

E204-206 A Shepherd's Look at Disability: *Wayne Chasteen*

SANCTUARY MAIN STAGE QuickTakes

- Church Health's Best Kept Secret: Inclusive Disability Ministry: *Jim Roden*
- Integrating Deaf Into the Body: *Brandon Gaskin*
- Dementia Friendly Worship Resources: *Victoria White*
- Jesus Knows Emotional Health, Grief and Despair: *Keon Abner*
- A Place of Hope: *Marie Kuck*

Need a break?

Visit the Chill Out Room, located in the Train Station
(first floor, East Wing).

BLOCK #2

Friday, April 28: 10:45am - 12:00pm

AUBURN Accelerating Disability Ministry: Two Innovative Strategies for Churches: *Thomas Boehm & Erik Carter*

FALLOUT Create Engaging Curriculum Using Best Practice Brain-Based Teaching: *Charla Holst*

W211 Successful Inclusion in a Christian University: *Rebekah Dyer*

SANCTUARY MAIN STAGE QuickTakes

- Not Your Mother's Small Group: *Jenni Von Tobel*
- ICNU: 4 Most Important Letters in Volunteer Recruitment: *Doc Hunsley*
- Don't Assume: *Becky Davidson*
- Sufficient Grace: When a Faith Leader has a Brain Disability: *Tony Roberts*

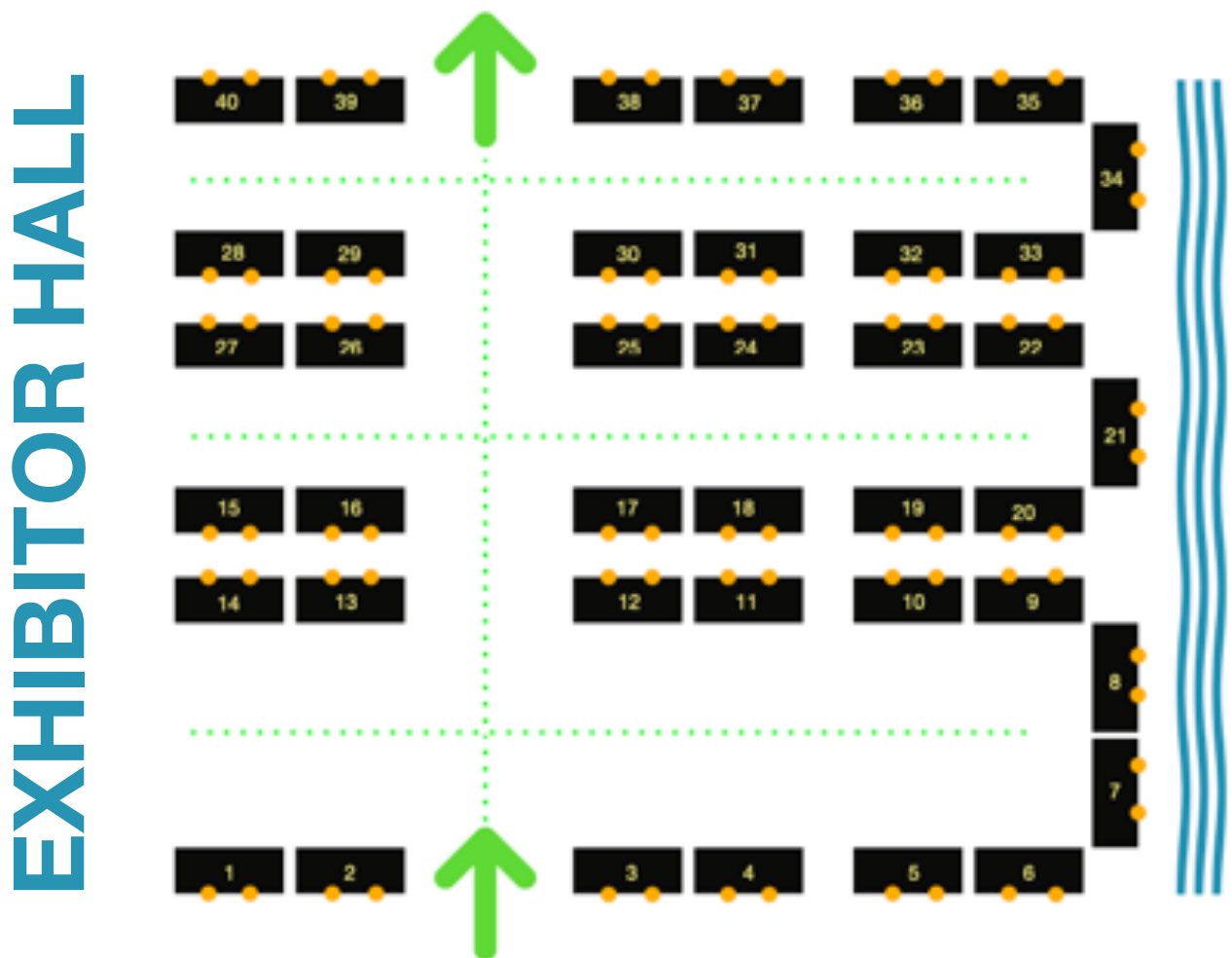
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LUNCH BREAK

Friday, April 28: 12:00pm - 1:15pm

Pick up your boxed lunch on the second floor of the **EAST Wing**. Follow the signs to the Exhibitor Hall. Your lunch order is on your name tag.

We have dining tables available or bring your lunch into the **Sanctuary** to enjoy a Lunch Break Concert with **Delnora Reed**.



EXHIBITOR HALL

Friday, April 28: 9:15am - 4:30pm
Saturday, April 29: 9:00am - 1:30pm

- Ability Ministry 13
- Amy Meekins - Inspirational Speaker 17
- Autism Spectrum Resources for Marriage & Family LLC 32
- The Banquet Network 35
- Benevolence United 36
- Champions4Parents.com 18
- Changing Spaces & Inspired Access Foundation 34
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- Delight in Disorder Ministries 37
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- Rising Above in Gathering Area
- Rising Heights 27
- Shepherds College 26
- Simply the Gospel 28
- SOAR Special Needs 5
- Spectrum Inclusion (Sat. only) 33
- SPED Homeschool/Christian Home Educators of Ohio (CHEO) Special Needs 29
- Tim Tebow Foundation in Gathering Area
- Together We Care 14
- Unexpected Journey/My Marriage Matters 24
- Walk Right In Ministries 7
- Wonderful Works Ministry 16
- Young Life Capernaum 8

BLOCK #3

Friday, April 28: 1:30pm - 2:45pm

E200-202 CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUPS: A Game-Changing Way to Strengthen Families: *Lisa Jamieson*

AUBURN The Value of Visuals: *Tiffany Crow & Jennifer Donald*

W211 Effective Practices in Developing Deaf Disciplemakers in the Church: *Becca Diley Triplett, Jamie Jiang, Brandon Gaskin & Tanya Polstra*

E204-206 Co-Laborers in the Gospel: Building Organic Disability Ministry: *Lisa Mattheiss & Wayne Chasteen*

FALLOUT A Church for Every Child is a Job for Every Adult: *Linda Bunk & Timofey Dovgalyuk*

SANCTUARY MAIN STAGE QuickTakes

- Waiting to Exhale: The ABC's of Church-Based Respite Nights: *Michael Crawford*
- Discipleship and Disability: Growing in Grace is for all God's Children: *Sevrin Hamilton*
- The Limping Olympian: A Theology of Endurance: *Thomas Boehm*
- God Is Able - A Message of Hope for the Disabled and Also their Parents. An Inspirational Message for Everyone: *Amy Meekins*

BLOCK #4

Friday, April 28: 3:00pm - 4:15pm

E204-206 There's Always a Seat for You at Our Table: *Kristin Kondratowski & Walter Kondratowski*

AUBURN Practical Tools for Teaching God's Word: *Stephanie Powell*

E200-202 Leveraging Technology to Reach All Families: *Kim Thorpe*

FALLOUT Starting A Disability Ministry From Scratch: *Jason Morrison*

W211 Keeping Ministry Safe for Everyone: *Samantha Jones & David Jones*

SANCTUARY MAIN STAGE QuickTakes

- Beautiful - Inviting Everyone Into the Mission: *Barb Stanley*
- Stop Starting Disability Ministries: *Ryan Faulk*
- #NonprofitsWorkingTogether: *TyiaLynn Scott*
- The Impact of One Ohio Church's "Disability Ministry Celebration Service": *Isaac Bates, Jennifer C. Bates & Pastor Tim Bussey*

Need a break?

Visit the Chill Out Room, located in the Train Station
(first floor, East Wing).

Coaching

LOCATION: E200-206

By appointment only: 4:30-5:00pm & 5:30-6:00pm

Do you have a ministry or life challenge, and just wish you could talk to someone to help you see some options or get unstuck? DATC2023 Coaching may be just what you need! Stop by the Key Ministry booth outside the Sanctuary to schedule your appointment.



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Dinner Break

LOCATION: Off campus

4:30 - 6:30pm

With the exception of Coaching, our venue will be closed for the Dinner Break between 4:30-6:30pm. There are dozens of restaurants — from fast-food to fancy — located within a few miles of Bay Presbyterian Church. Scan this QR code for suggestions.



Key Ministry: The Podcast has reached 10,000 downloads! Stop by the Key Ministry booth to help us celebrate!

COMING SOON: Fresh Hope for Families with Disabilities
Key Ministry and Fresh Hope for Mental Health have launched an exciting collaborative project and we'd love to have you join us!

Fresh Hope for Families with Disabilities is a new small-group curriculum designed specifically to meet the mental health needs of families with disabilities. We plan to offer two pilot online groups this summer before launching the curriculum and groups later this year. We are seeking four individuals to serve as group facilitators or co-facilitators, and also individuals who would like to participate in the groups and offer feedback at the end of the small group study.

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ALL-CONFERENCE GATHERING

SANCTUARY FRIDAY 6:30-7:30pm

Worship:
Delnora Reed



Pastor Panel:

*Advancing Disability Ministry
from the Perspective of Senior Pastors*

Hosted by Brian Dahlen, *WCRF Moody Radio*

Keon Abner, *Lead Pastor, Bridge City Church, Cleveland, OH*

Wayne Chasteen, *Lead Pastor, Christ First Church, LaFayette, GA*

Jeff Moore, *Senior Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Aurora, IL*

Jim Roden, *Lead Pastor, Journey Church, Tuscon, AZ*

BLOCK #5

Friday, April 28: 7:45pm - 9:00pm

AUBURN Trauma Informed Kids and Student Ministry: *Kim Botto*

W211 The Role of Lead Pastors in Creating Congregations of Belonging: *Rev. Dr. Karen Roberts & Rev. Jeffrey Moore*

E204-206 Let's Talk Identity: Naming the Tensions in the Conversation: *Christie Penner Worden*

FALLOUT Worship As One: Learning with People with Disabilities About Worship and Prayer: *Victoria White*

E200-202 The *New* Path to Accessibility: *Jenni Von Tobel*

SANCTUARY MAIN STAGE QuickTakes

- Marriage Ministry: Marriage on the Autism Spectrum: *Rev. Dr. Stephanie & Rev. Dan Holmes*
- God's Design in Disability for the Church: *Larry Gadbaugh*
- Grumble Less, Lament More: *Jerry Borton*
- A Proactive Plan for Creating Inclusive Community Resources: *Peggy Ployhar*

ALL-CONFERENCE GATHERING

SANCTUARY SATURDAY 8:00 - 9:00am

Worship:

Delnora Reed

ICMA's "New Artist of the Year"

2022 Inspirational Christian Country Music Awards



Featured Speakers:

Treasure or Troublemaker?

Kim Botto

Speaker/Advocate/Writer/Coach



Steve Grcevich, MD

President & Founder

Key Ministry



Don't forget to get your complimentary headshot taken by Studio South in the Fuel Stop (EAST wing).
Walk in today between 9:00am - 10:30am

BLOCK #6

Saturday, April 29: 9:15am - 10:30am

E204-206 Finding God's Ministry Purpose for Your Life: 7 Keys to Identify and Accelerate Your Personal Mission and Ministry:

Catherine Boyle

FALLOUT Gender Identity, Sexuality & Porn with Autism Spectrum Youth: *Dr. Stephanie Holmes*

E200-202 Sermon and Teaching Strategies to Support All Learners: *Brett Muscarella*

AUBURN Building Disability Teams That Last - 3 Tips for Retaining Volunteers: *Barb Stanley & Debbie Kowal*

SANCTUARY MAIN STAGE QuickTakes

- When the Caregiver is Out of Commission: *Joe and Cindi Ferrini*
- The Power of Community: *John Felageller*
- What We Will Be Has Not Yet Appeared: Students with Disabilities Going to College: Observations from a Disabled Campus Pastor: *Peter Gordon*
- Empowering Individuals with Autism for Employment: *Ron Sandison*

BLOCK #7

Saturday, April 29: 10:45am - 12:00pm

E204-206 Caregiving When you Just Don't Care: *Joan Borton*

E200-202 Preventing Parentification: Strategies for Families and Ministry Leaders: *Jolene Philo, Lisa Jamieson & Catherine Boyle*

W211 How to Influence Your Pastor (Without Buying Coffee): *Shannon Blosser*

FALLOUT Sensory Rooms: A Support Rather Than a Distraction: *Tiffany Crow & Matt Barnett*

AUBURN Using Storying for Disability Ministry Engagement and Discipleship: *Pam Harmon*

SANCTUARY MAIN STAGE QuickTakes

- Where Faith, Deaf & Hard of Hearing Children & Families Come Together: *Tanya Polstra*
- Don't Forget You're Married: *Steve Chatman*
- Avoid / Tolerate / Serve / Love: *Timofey Dovgalyuk*
- Pursuing Your Pools of Bethesda: *Katie Matthews*

BLOCK #8

Saturday, April 29: 12:15pm - 1:30pm

E204-206 Tools for a Resilient Marriage While Parenting Children with Disabilities: *Kristin Evans & Todd Evans*

E200 How to Get Senior Leadership on Board: *Steve Chatman*

E202 Youth Ministry Beyond Words: *Josh Jacobs & Chris Thompson*

FALLOUT Taking the Mystery out of Working with Parents - Stories, Solutions, & Action Steps: *Tom & Julie Meekins*

W211 A Place of Belonging: *Amy Troyer*

AUBURN Expanding Your Lens for Community Outreach: *Brad Mowry & Sara Webb*

SANCTUARY MAIN STAGE QuickTakes

Three Things You Need to Know About Ministry Evaluation: *Robert Crosby, PhD*

Special Needs Services and Advocacy: *Oreada Kita*

Breaking Point: *Heather Croas*

Thank you for attending DATC2023.
We look forward to seeing you at DATC2024...
stay connected with Key Ministry for details!

MEET OUR TEAM

Key Ministry Board & Staff



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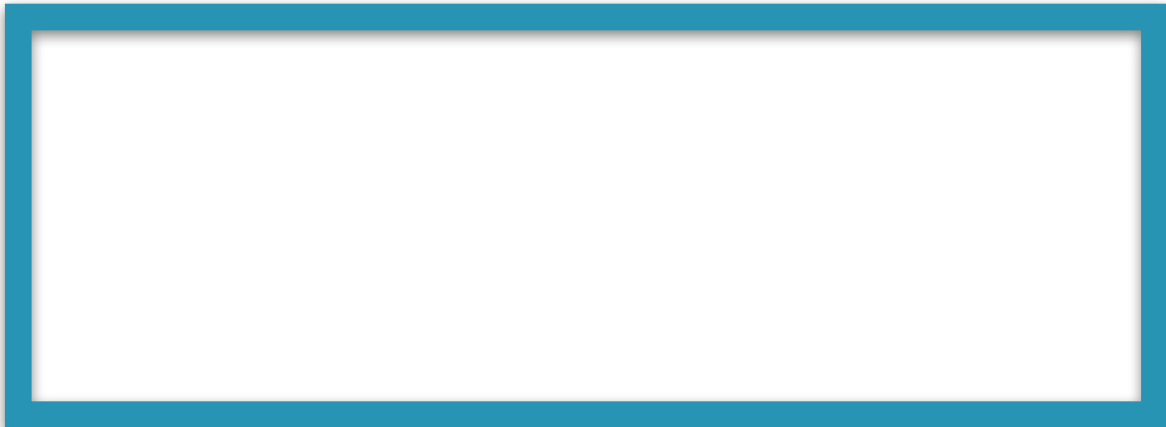


Staff: Beth Golik, Operations Director; Catherine Boyle, Director of Mental Health Ministry;
Christy Thomas, Social Media Manager, Blog Manager & Podcast Editor

Next Steps After DATC2023

We hope your time at DATC2023 has been one filled with connections, new ideas, and a fresh vision for your ministry. To make the most of this conference, we encourage you to think through the following questions:

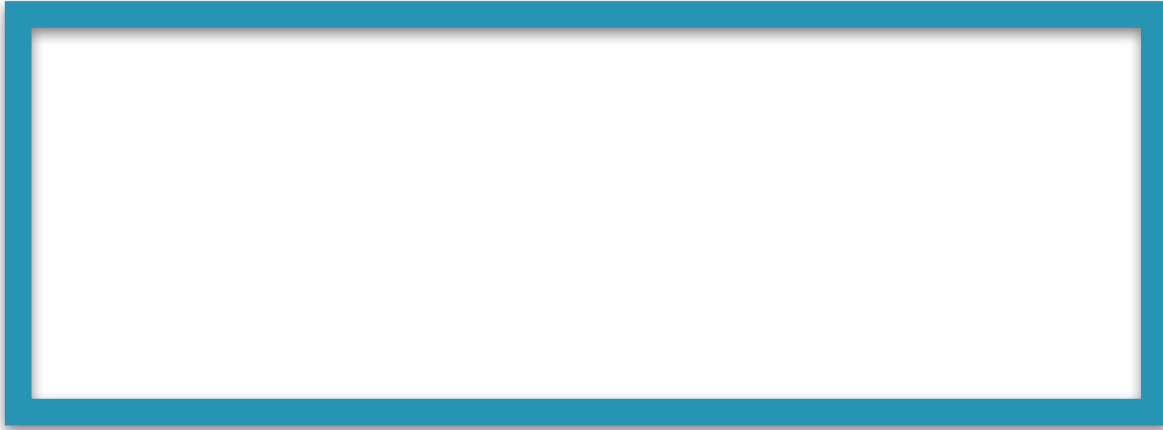
1 - Based on what you have learned at DATC2023, and the connections you have made, where do you believe God is leading you?



2 - What is your immediate next step?



3 - Who can you connect with to help you stay accountable?



4 - List at least three new people or organizations you met at DATC2023 who you will connect with in the future, to help you achieve the vision God has given you.



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