

NATIONAL BLACK NAZARENE CONFERENCE
MULTICULTURAL CONGREGATIONS WORKSHOP TRACK

DATE: FRIDAY, AUGUST 3

TIME: 8:30 A.M. – 9:20 A.M.

LOCATION: QUEENS MEETING ROOM

WORKSHOP TITLE: THE LOCAL CHURCH: BUILDING COMMUNITY; SHARING LIFE

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION:

This workshop will engage participants in honest dialog about the WHY & HOW of multicultural local church ministry. Attend this workshop to share your thoughts on multicultural ministry, discuss the need for and obstacles to embracing multiethnic Christian fellowship, and discover why multiculturalism is both a biblical mandate and the very real discipleship opportunity of our times.

WORKSHOP PRESENTER: DR. SUSAN CAROLE

Dr. Susan Carole is lead pastor of San Bernardino First Church of the Nazarene, a multicultural congregation in Southern California. She speaks from wide experience in multicultural ministry and offers practical wisdom in the development of the local church's redemptive engagement in multiethnic communities.

Susan holds a Bachelor of Theology (Caribbean Nazarene College), a Master of Arts (Education, University of Kansas), a Master of Arts (Theology, University of Toronto), and a Doctor of Philosophy (Systematic Theology, Calvin Theological Seminary). She is adjunct professor of theology at Nazarene Theological Seminary and Northwest Nazarene University, and Director of Pastoral Formation on the Southern California District.

DATE: FRIDAY, AUGUST 3

TIME: 9:30 A.M. – 10:20 A.M.

LOCATION: QUEENS MEETING ROOM

WORKSHOP TITLE: "A MOVE OF GOD"

Transitioning From A Black Church To A Multicultural Ministry

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION:

On the emerging of our journey to transitioning two separate churches; a black church and a white church to a cross-cultural ministry. "Is it possible?" was the question that waited an answer. Considering the culture and geographical location, some people didn't think it could happen. Others thought, perhaps possible. However, there were those who believed that the time had come for a new move. It was believed that this was a move of God that He would have us embrace. We are blessed to be in a country where we are called to witness Christ's power and break down walls that divide. "He has committed to us the message of reconciliation." 2 Corinthians 5:11. As people of faith we will move with God.

WORKSHOP PRESENTERS: DR. CARL LETH and REV. ROBERT LANIER

Dr. Carl Leth is a theology professor in the Department of Theology & Philosophy, and teaches such courses as Christian Theology, Preaching & Worship and Theology in an Era of Reformation. He is also the director of the Center for Faith and Culture.

From 2005 to 2015, he was the dean of the School of Theology and Christian Ministry. He served as the chair of the Department of Theology and Christian Ministry from 2003 to 2005. From 2012 to 2015, he held the University's first-ever endowed chair, the Reverend Dr. Fay Quanstrom Chair of Pastoral Ministry.

Prior to Olivet, Dr. Leth pastored Detroit First Church of the Nazarene in Novi, Mich., and North Raleigh Church of the Nazarene in Raleigh, N.C. He also served for four years as a missionary on specialized assignment in Kaiserslautern, Germany. In addition, Dr. Leth is a veteran of the United States Marine Corps.

At Olivet, Dr. Leth has served on many different teams and committees, including the University Leadership Team, the Dean's Cabinet, the General Education Committee, the Graduate Affairs Commission, the Rank and Service Committee and the Honorary Degrees Committee. He has also served on the Ministerial Studies Board & Ministerial Credentials Board of the Chicago Central District of the Church of the Nazarene and on the Professional Consultation Committee of Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee, Ill. He is also a member of the Wesleyan Theological Society.

He has been widely published in such magazines as Preacher's Magazine and Holiness Today and has contributed articles for books such as Mirror Image, Teach Us to Pray and Discover the Word. He has also written, A Holy Encounter, published in 1998 by Beacon Hill Press of Kansas City.

Rev. Robert Lanier is the pastor of the New Vision Church of the Nazarene in Jackson, Mississippi. New Vision Church of the Nazarene is knocking down walls — walls between cultures, races and churches.

Two discrete Nazarene churches merged, one predominately African-American and the other predominately white, under Rev. Lanier's leadership, for the first time in Mississippi history.

New Vision was the product of this unification in April 2016.

DATE: FRIDAY, AUGUST 3

TIME: 2:00 P.M. – 2:50 P.M.

LOCATION: QUEENS MEETING ROOM

WORKSHOP TITLE: BETTER TOGETHER: MAKING MULTICULTURAL CHURCHES WORK

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION:

“The church is called to be a picture and preview of the coming kingdom of God, in which there will be people from every tribe, nation, and tongue. Yet we live in a broken world where race, language, and culture continue to divide us. How do we bring diverse people groups under the banner of Christ? How can we accommodate differences in worship, leadership, and ministry, while fostering a common sense of identity and purpose? How can multiple congregations share space and resources in a way that enhances missional effectiveness for everyone? If you are leading a multicultural church, or hope to become one, this workshop is for you”.

WORKSHOP PRESENTERS: REV. ALBERT HUNG and REV. JUNIOR C. SORZANO

Rev. Albert Hung is the District Superintendent for the Northern California Church of the Nazarene. Formerly, he served as lead pastor of Trinity Church, a multicultural, multilingual church with services in English,

Mandarin, and Spanish in Los Angeles County. As the former International Chaplain at Azusa Pacific University, Albert was responsible for leading a spiritual community of students from more than thirty nations.

Rev. Junior Sorzano is the Lead Pastor of London First Church of the Nazarene where he has served for the past twenty years. He is a graduate of Olivet Nazarene University with an MA in Religion and Counselling (1993); Canadian Nazarene College, with a Bachelor of Theology (1984) and Caribbean Nazarene College, where he served for eight years as Business Manager and Director of Admissions before leaving Trinidad for Canada. Junior was ordained in 1988 with the Church of the Nazarene and has pastored in Trinidad and the USA and Canada. He has served on numerous denominational boards and committees over the years, and presently serves as Multicultural Facilitator for the USA/Canada Region.

DATE: SATURDAY, AUGUST 4

TIME: 10:30 A.M. – 11:20 A.M.

LOCATION: QUEENS MEETING ROOM

WORKSHOP TITLE:

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION:

WORKSHOP PRESENTERS: REV. JAVIER MONDRAGON and DR. TINA PITAMBER

Rev. Javier Mondragon and Annette Mondragon have co-pastored an inner city congregation in Fort Wayne, Indiana since 2007; Many Nations Church of the Nazarene is a multi-ethnic congregation with bilingual services. Both are graduates of Seminario Nazareno Mexicano in Baja California, Mexico, holding Bachelor's in Theology degrees. Pastor Javier holds a Master of Ministry from Olivet Nazarene University; He is a Professor of Community Development and Urban Ministries at Indiana Wesleyan University. And is the founder of Bridge of Grace Compassionate Ministries Center.

Dr. Tina Pitamber, is the lead pastor of Solid Rock Community Church of the Nazarene since September 21, 2008. Tina is the church planter pastor of the church. Tina studied at the University of Toronto and obtained her Bachelors of Science Degree in June 2004. She continued her studies at Tyndale University College and Seminary and received her Masters of Divinity in Pastoral Studies in May 2007 and her Doctor of Ministry Degree in hospitality and leadership in November 2015.