

NORTHWEST CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING

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# Together We Rise

Community Matters.



**APRIL 23-25, 2020**

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MINNEHAHA ACADEMY, MINNEAPOLIS, MN

## Theme

### TOGETHER WE RISE: *Community Matters.*

We are pleased to host the NWC 2020 Annual Meeting at Minnehaha Academy's rebuilt upper school—a tangible and visible reminder that community does matter ... and that our community matters are worth discussing and fighting for.

In these days where people are digitally connected, but more isolated than ever before, we still believe we are better together, and that healthy leaders who lead healthy, missional churches do so in the context of community. Let us, as a gathering of churches and ministry leaders, rise above and demonstrate that we lead not in isolation, but as lifelong learners who are accountable and collegial with one another—and that our community still matters. Come and be both encouraged and challenged alongside your sisters and brothers in Christ.

### What's New This Year?

- Condensed business sessions
- Workshops with Ed Stetzer open for all
- No duplicate reporting
- Tours of Minnehaha Academy

NEW

## Special Guests

### Ed Stetzer

Friday

Ed is the Executive Director of the Billy Graham Center, as well as the Dean and Billy Graham Chair of Church, Mission and Evangelism at Wheaton College. Stetzer has planted, revitalized and pastored churches, trained pastors and church planters on six continents, earned two masters degrees and two doctorates, and has written hundreds of articles and a dozen books. You may know him best through his work as Regional Director for Lausanne North America, Mission Group research, The Gospel Project or Christianity Today and Outreach Magazine. We are excited he is able to be with us for an extended teaching time on Friday, April 24.



### Minnehaha Academy Executive Leadership Team Panel Discussion

*Together We Rise: Anatomy of a Crisis* | Saturday

In August 2017, a devastating gas explosion destroyed Minnehaha Academy's upper school. Two lives were lost and many injured. In this moment of crisis, Minnehaha's executive leadership team got to work. Hear first-hand how an institution rose above unexpected and horrifying challenges to create a hopeful new future. Learn transferrable leadership principles for your ministry setting.

## THURSDAY, April 23

- 3:30 PM** Registration Open
- 4 PM** Ministerial Association Business Session  
*(Ministerial Association members only)*
- 6 PM** Dinner
- 7 PM** Worship & Communion  
Ordination Testimonies

## FRIDAY, April 24

- 8:30 AM** Worship & Action on Ordinands
  - 9 AM** “Understanding the Moment We Are In and the Mission We Are On” / Workshop with Ed Stetzer for Pastors, Lay Leaders and Delegates
  - NOON** Lunch
  - 12:45 PM** Friday Lunch Workshops
  - 1:30 PM** New Delegate Orientation
  - 2 PM** Superintendent & ECC Leadership Report
  - 2:45 PM** “Representing Jesus and His Kingdom” / Workshop with Ed Stetzer for Pastors, Lay Leaders and Delegates
  - 3:45 PM** Business Session for Annual Meeting Delegates
  - 5:30 PM** Dinner
  - 6:45 PM** Worship
- Speaker:** Kara Stromberg, NWC Associate Superintendent
- Special Offering:** Minnehaha Leadership Institute  
**Welcome New Churches and Fellowship Groups**

\*RESERVATIONS  
REQUIRED FOR  
ALL MEALS

## SATURDAY, April 25

- 8:30 AM** Worship & Devotions
- 9 AM** NWC Business Session
- 10:30 AM** “Anatomy of a Crisis” / Workshop with Minnehaha Academy Leadership
- NOON** Lunch & Conversation

### Friday Lunch Workshops

- **Church Planting Workshop with Ed Stetzer**  
“Viral Churches: How to Increase Church Planting”
- **Covenant Trust Company Workshop**
- **National Covenant Properties Workshop**
- **Ordination Workshop**





## Location

**Minnehaha Academy Upper School** | 3100 W River Parkway  
Minneapolis, MN 55406 | 612.729.8321 | minnehahaacademy.net

## Friday Evening Offering

Why are so many people convinced that leadership is synonymous with financial success? Or based on the number of followers a person has on social media? At Minnehaha Academy we believe that leadership is more. **The Minnehaha Leadership Institute exists to develop servant leaders who, through God's story of redemption, are striving to become whole and holy people.**

Using a systematic process for leadership development over the course of three years, the students will reflect on the competing narratives in their lives, the source of their identity and their calling in God's story. This will allow students the opportunity to explore leadership within the framework of Christian faith along with practical opportunities for leadership, mentorship and shared experience. This will result in the development of leaders who will use their gifts to glorify God and bring good to their neighbor.

## REGISTRATION FORM (One registrant per form)

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
LAST FIRST  
 Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Church Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 City and State \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dietary Restrictions \_\_\_\_\_

### REGISTRATION

- Ministerial Association (\$40) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
*Thursday 4:00 PM - Friday 4:00 PM*
- Ministerial Association + Annual Meeting Delegate (\$100) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
*Thursday - Saturday, a.k.a. The Whole Thing*
- Annual Meeting Delegate (\$70) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
*Friday 9:00 AM - Saturday 12:00 PM*
- Annual Meeting Non-Delegate (\$35) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
*Friday 9:00 AM - Saturday 12:00 PM*

### MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION DUES

- Annual Dues (\$120) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### MEALS

- Thursday Dinner (\$15) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Friday Lunch (\$10) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Friday Dinner **INCLUDED**
- Saturday Lunch (\$10) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### TOTAL

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

REGISTER BY 4.15.20 | NO REFUNDS AFTER 4.20.20

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### FRIDAY LUNCH WORKSHOPS

**The following options are included in the Annual Meeting registration fee. Please check the one you are planning to attend. All lunch workshops will be held Friday, April 24, 12:45 PM.**

- Church Planting Workshop with Ed Stetzer / "Viral Churches: How to Increase Church Planting"
- Covenant Trust Company Workshop
- National Covenant Properties Workshop
- Ordination Workshop



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