Pre-Conference Events*

The following Pre-Conference Events will take place on April 1 between 9am-4:30pm.

*These events require additional registration and cost

**CHURCH AT WORK**

Since the average person spends most of our waking hours at work, how can they live out their faith in the marketplace? What expressions of church can flourish within the context of work? At this pre-conference event you will learn from practitioners who are taking their faith to work. Not only that, you'll discover how this form of Church can be financially self-sustaining.

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**CHURCH AT PLAY**

The days when a town gathered on Sunday for church have been replaced by weekends at soccer fields and tailgate parties. Parents spend their free time chauffeuring their kids to sports, while others their expendable time and income to marathons or mountain climbing. What if these past times are not competing with church, but actually providing new contexts for Christians to love and serve their neighbors, disciple one another and even form new expressions of Church? This pre-conference event will give you a new vision how to form faith communities in the place you love to play.

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**CHURCH BEYOND THE WALLS: ESSENTIALS FOR INTRODUCING FRESH EXPRESSIONS IN YOUR CHURCH & CONTEXT**

For over a decade, the Fresh Expressions movement has worked to understand how to be church in a changing culture by creating new forms of church alongside inherited congregations. The movement has brought widespread impact and renewal to hundreds of congregations - helping the whole ecosystem of a local congregations life return to being “mission-shaped”. In this Pre-Conference you will come to understand the critical, "what's, why's, and how's" of fresh expressions of church, how it intersects with everyday congregations and communities, and what you can do next to get started!

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DINNER CHURCH: A MOVEMENT THAT BRINGS THE ‘NEVER-BEEN-CHURCHED’ CROWD TO JESUS' TABLE

While many churches compete to win back the "nones and dones" who have disaffiliated with institutional churches, there remains a large section of the population who are ambivalent or simply unaware of the Church. Grounded in the practices of Jesus and the Apostles, the Dinner Church movement is an expression of Church that deeply resonates with many who would never feel at home in typical "proclamation-focused churches." This pre-conference event will show you an expression of Church that is not only effective in reaching the "never-been-churched" but is also scalable and affordable for normal churches and denominations.

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HOW A LOCAL CONGREGATION CAN BECOME A MOVEMENT

In the outdated Christendom model, a local congregation gathers neighbors who affiliate with a tradition or denomination. Today, churches and other membership-based organizations, such as Scouts, Lions or Rotary Clubs and even political parties struggle to maintain their base. But the God who makes all things new is renewing the local church with models that reach today's loosely bound communities. In this pre-conference event, you'll discover the Blended Ecology of Church, a method for remissioning a local congregation to empower their members to create new beachheads for the Kingdom of God in all kinds of contexts.

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FXUS Partners & Pioneer Development Gathering

This is your invitation to join fellow leaders from across the country seeking to implement and deepen the life of fresh expressions of church within their congregations and communities. We will spend the first part of the day sharing stories, insights, and learnings related to the strengthening the present ministry of fresh expressions within our respective church families. During the second part of the day we will have the opportunity to hear from Dave Male, Director of Evangelism & Discipleship for the Church of England and former head of Pioneer Development within the Church of England and FXUK. As a partner in the US movement, you are welcomed to attend Part 1 (morning) or Part 2 (afternoon) or both. You may also freely attend any of the other Pre-Conferences in whole or in part.

Tentative Schedule (Overview):
9.00 - 9.30: Welcome & Introductions
9.30 - 12.00: Strengthening the Movement Locally and Nationally
12.00 - 1.00: Lunch
1.00 - 4.00: Strengthening Pioneers & Pioneer Development
Cost:
$25 per person
Lunch is included in the cost

Please email Chris.Backert@FreshExpressionsUS for any questions regarding the gathering

Please email Jon.Davis@FreshExpressionsUS.org for any dietary restrictions