

# PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP 1 | 9 AM

	Title & Speaker	Description
ADULT DISCIPLESHIP	<b>Starting Strong: Small Group Development from Day One</b> <i>Justin Schoolcraft, Resurrection Adult Discipleship Director - Leawood</i>	A practical guide through the critical early stages of small group development, drawing on psychology, sociology, and group dynamics. Whether launching new groups or refreshing existing ones, you'll leave with practical principles and hands-on experience in using a sample resource — ready to implement with confidence in your own ministry context.
CARE	<b>Care for Everyone: Building Lay-Led Ministry</b> <i>Claire Clough, Resurrection Lead Director of Congregational Care</i> <i>Debbie Dellinger, Resurrection Connection &amp; Care Pastor - Leawood</i>	Drawing on the Wesleyan concept of the priesthood of all believers, this exploration of lay-led care ministry shows how inviting others into caring roles deepens congregational commitment while ensuring no one feels forgotten or left behind. You'll leave with practical strategies for building a thriving, inclusive care ministry in any church.
KIDS & FAMILY	<b>A Strategic Approach to Ministry with Kids and Families</b> <i>Scott Chrostek, Resurrection Executive Director of Ministries &amp; Programs</i>	Help with developing a vision and strategy for reaching young families in your community. We'll consider what families are hoping for when it comes to faith and church connection, and learn how to meet them where they are — engaging them in a holistic life of discipleship that fits the realities of their lives.
LEADERSHIP & OPERATIONS	<b>AI Worries and Wonders</b> <i>Clif Guy, Resurrection Information Technology Lead Director</i> <i>Mike Hannah, Resurrection IT Infrastructure Team Director</i>	An honest, demo-driven look at AI for church leaders who are still figuring out where they stand. Your questions gathered in advance shape the conversation, while live demonstrations of ministry-specific AI applications offer a genuine sense of what's possible. Participants leave having seen the possibilities firsthand and better equipped to make faithful, informed decisions for their context.
	<b>An Aura of Hope: United Methodism's Next Chapter</b> <i>Lovett Weems, Distinguished Professor Emeritus Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, DC</i> <i>*repeats at 1:30 pm</i>	United Methodism in the United States faces a crossroads. Things may seem the same as before, but old forms no longer carry the same weight. This thoughtful exploration helps church leaders see the current moment clearly — not as a crisis to survive, but as a season of genuine possibility for faithful renewal and forward movement.
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	<b>The Art of Hospitality</b> <i>Debi Nixon, Resurrection Executive Director of Donor Development</i> <i>Robert Johnson, Resurrection Lee's Summit Location Pastor</i> <i>Ally Drummond, Resurrection Lee's Summit Connection &amp; Care Pastor/Director of Operations &amp; Community Life</i>	Grounded in real stories from launching a new church location, this exploration of hospitality culture shows how welcoming guests is a shared responsibility — not just one ministry team's job. You'll leave with practical tools for moving people from first visit to genuine belonging, applicable to churches of any size.

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LEADERSHIP & OPERATIONS	<b>The Pastor-Admin Partnership</b> <i>Stephanie Hubers, Resurrection Executive Assistant to Senior Pastor</i>	Designed for both administrative professionals and the pastors who closely support them, this collaborative exploration covers communication, expectation-setting, and systems that reduce stress and increase overall effectiveness. Pastors gain insight into empowering their admin partners, while administrative professionals leave with practical strategies for building strong, trust-filled working relationships.
	<b>Preparing Pastors for Financial Discussions</b> <i>Rachel Svaty, Resurrection Executive Director of Business Operations &amp; CFO</i>	Tailored to what pastors actually need to understand about church financials, this focused exploration covers budget health, designated versus undesignated funds, staffing decisions, and how to engage financial conversations with confidence — directly addressing the questions most pastors wish they had been taught before stepping into their pastoral role.
MISSION	<b>From Welcome to Belonging: Ministry with Immigrants and Refugees</b> <i>Adam Kisler, Blue Springs Location Pastor</i>	A panel conversation on how one church supports immigrants and refugees through partnerships, direct service, and community engagement. Whether new to this ministry or already deeply involved, discover meaningful ways to deepen your impact and live out your faith through hospitality that goes far beyond a greeting at the door.
STUDENT MINISTRY	<b>Finding and Keeping Student Ministry Volunteers</b> <i>Steve Schneeberger, Resurrection Students Lead Director</i>	A practical rethink of how leaders recruit, train, and retain student ministry volunteers. Come explore how to create clear roles and realistic expectations, moving people from occasional helpers to committed leaders through intentional strategy, defined ownership, and honest clarity about what each specific volunteer role actually requires every single day.
WORSHIP & COMMUNICATIONS	<b>Behind the Camera: Studio Tour and Tech Talk</b> <i>Sandy Thailing, Resurrection Video Production Director</i> <i>Mike Lind, Resurrection Video Producer</i> <i>James Felver, Resurrection Online &amp; Broadcast Creative Production Director</i> <i>*repeats at 1:30 pm</i>	Visit our working studios and get to know the video producers who create in them. See some of the results and ask questions about their process, gear, and lessons learned — an open, behind-the-scenes conversation for leaders curious about video production in a church context.

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ADULT DISCIPLESHIP	<b>Beyond the Building: Online Discipleship and Digital Ministry</b> <i>Lauren Cook, Resurrection Director of Online Engagement &amp; Entry Points</i> <i>Matt Williams, Resurrection Director of Marketing and Digital Media</i>	What does it actually take to make online church more than a camera pointed at a pulpit? You'll get an inside look at turning digital ministry into a genuine discipleship community — and walk away with practical ideas, honest lessons learned, and a clearer sense of what's possible for your own church.
	<b>Five Trends Shaping Adult Discipleship Today</b> <i>Joshua Clough, Resurrection Lead Director of Discipleship</i>	A panel conversation with adult discipleship leaders from churches of varying sizes, examining the key trends reshaping adult discipleship today. Together they explore how to grow resilient faith and engage a changing culture — with practical insights and honest discussion applicable across a wide range of church contexts and sizes.
KIDS & FAMILY	<b>Engaging Volunteers in Kid's Ministry</b> <i>Nick Ransom, Resurrection Kids Director – Leawood</i>	A look at best practices for recruiting, training, and retaining volunteers in kids ministry — the people every program genuinely depends on. Examine current trends reshaping volunteer culture and their implications for the future of ministry, leaving with practical strategies for building a more sustainable and committed volunteer team.
LEADERSHIP & OPERATIONS	<b>Facilities Tour: A Guided Look at How It All Works</b> <i>Matt Kelly, Resurrection Facilities &amp; Construction Lead Director</i> <i>*repeats at 3:15 pm</i>	A walking tour of Resurrection's Leawood location that goes beyond what most visitors ever see. Participants get a firsthand look at the critical systems that make ministry possible week in and week out, with a possible close-up view of the stained-glass window. Come prepared for a workout — there are LOTS of steps and stairs along the way.
	<b>Faithful Innovation: Practical Clarity for Leading Change in Your Church</b> <i>Brad Aycok, Executive Director</i> <i>Ohio United Methodist Office of Fresh Starts and New Beginnings</i> <i>*repeats at 3:15 pm</i>	Every church leader eventually faces the same question: What should we do next? Scripture, Wesleyan tradition, and real ministry examples provide practical clarity for navigating change by helping identify what to renew, what to release, and what to start. You'll leave with a simple framework for any church size or context, a clearer sense of direction, and one step you can take in the next 90 days.
	<b>Introduction to Legacy and Planned Giving</b> <i>Debi Nixon, Resurrection Executive Director of Donor Development</i> <i>Deliece Hofen, Resurrection Foundation Director</i> <i>Phil Watson, Resurrection Donor Development Connector</i>	An exploration of planned giving as a meaningful invitation for people to reflect on the lasting impact of their faith and generosity. You'll gain practical language, conversation starters, and real-world examples from an established legacy giving program — equipping any church to introduce these important conversations with genuine care and clarity.

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STUDENT MINISTRY	<b>Why Are Students Bored? Teaching for Formation</b> <i>Mikiala Tennie, Resurrection Student Discipleship Program Director</i>	Teaching strategies built around how students actually think, learn, and grow — covering large- and small-group approaches, spiritual formation for disengaged students, developmental differences between middle and high schoolers, and practical ways to communicate faith in forms students can genuinely receive, internalize, and carry forward into their own daily lives.
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	<b>Kindness Campaigns and Engaging Your Community</b> <i>Cathy Bien, Resurrection PR &amp; Special Projects Lead Director</i>	Practical ideas for connecting with the surrounding community through Kindness Campaigns, service opportunities, collaborative partnerships, and special projects — giving you a range of accessible, Christ-centered approaches to share love beyond the church walls and meaningfully engage neighbors in ways that genuinely reflect your congregation's mission and deepest values.
	<b>Tech Production and Logistics for Any Size Church</b> <i>David Boss, Resurrection Tech Production Team Leader - Kansas</i>	Practical, people-first systems for tech production and event logistics, well-suited to churches of 20 to 100 people. Learn scalable approaches that protect volunteers, reduce behind-the-scenes friction, and create the margin needed for meaningful, sustainable ministry — regardless of available budget, overall staff size, or prior level of technical background.

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ADULT DISCIPLESHIP	<b>Entry Points That Work</b> <i>Lauren Cook, Resurrection Director of Online Engagement &amp; Entry Points</i>	An exploration of low-pressure entry points — from one-time events to ongoing programming — designed to feel genuinely welcoming to the non-religious and nominally religious alike. Learn how to connect every entry point to a clear next step, turning one-time attendees into returning guests who feel they truly belong.
	<b>From Curious to Committed: Designing a Discipleship Pathway</b> <i>Joshua Clough, Resurrection Lead Director of Discipleship</i>	Learn how to design intentional discipleship pathways that guide people from initial curiosity to lasting commitment. We'll explore how to move beyond isolated programs toward a cohesive journey that meets people where they are, providing clear and meaningful next steps at every stage of their ongoing faith formation.
CARE	<b>Presence: Ministry with the Elderly</b> <i>Emily Stirewalt, Resurrection Silver Link Pastor</i> <i>Madison Brown, Resurrection Silver Link Coordination Director</i>	Designed for volunteers and leaders who care for the frail and elderly. We'll discuss presence-based ministry centered on showing up, staying, and being fully in the moment. You'll gain practical perspective for ensuring the oldest members of the congregation feel seen, valued, and meaningfully connected to their church community.
KIDS & FAMILY	<b>Ministry for Every Ability: A Lifespan Approach</b> <i>Jessica Davis, Resurrection Overland Park Day Program Director for Adults with Autism</i>	A firsthand look at how Resurrection serves individuals with diverse abilities and their caregivers from early childhood through adulthood. Participants gain practical insight and honest inspiration for building and sustaining a special needs ministry — one that reflects God's love for everyone and remains accessible and meaningful at every stage of life.
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	<b>Building Blocks of Employee Engagement</b> <i>Janelle Gregory, Resurrection Human Resources Lead Director</i> <i>Mary Murray, Resurrection Human Resources Specialist</i>	Drawing on Gallup research showing managers account for 70% of team engagement variance, this covers key tools including clear expectation-setting, effective one-on-one meetings, and meaningful performance reviews — giving church leaders practical, actionable approaches to build more engaged, better aligned, and genuinely effective ministry teams.

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MISSION	<b>Before You Board: Preparing Your Church for Global Missions</b> <i>Sheree Reece, Resurrection Global Missions Director - Africa, Asia &amp; Haiti</i> <i>James Abbott, Resurrection Global Engagement Program Director</i>	A comprehensive framework for preparing mission teams for meaningful global service. Learn how to train trip leaders, cultivate spiritual readiness, strengthen cultural understanding, and build team unity — with intentionally designed training modules that equip congregations of all ages to serve humbly and faithfully as God's hands and feet.
STUDENT MINISTRY	<b>Creating a Culture Students Don't Want to Leave</b> <i>Megan DelGrosso, Resurrection Student Ministries Director - Leawood</i>	An examination of how internal culture, community, and curriculum shape whether students remain engaged over time. We'll consider the unique needs of different age groups, strategies for embracing diverse students, and practical ways to build environments where every young person feels genuinely known, deeply valued, and unwilling to walk away.
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	<b>Digital Ministry on a Budget: Websites, Social Media, Newsletters</b> <i>Matt Williams, Resurrection Director of Marketing and Digital Media</i>	Simple, effective strategies for managing a church website, multiple social media accounts, and email newsletters without a large budget or dedicated staff. No technical expertise required — you'll leave with practical, realistic approaches for each digital channel that are sustainable and genuinely effective for churches of any size in 2026.

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ADULT DISCIPLESHIP	<b>Equipping Ministry: From Invitation to Multiplication</b> <i>Beau Stringer, Resurrection Adult Discipleship Director - Downtown</i>	Learn to build sustainable leadership pipelines through three core movements: Invite to Serve; Equip and Transform; and Release and Multiply. Participants will gain practical strategies for identifying emerging leaders, creating clear pathways for growth, and cultivating a culture where leaders intentionally make leaders who go on to make more leaders.
CARE	<b>Pet Ministry: Discipleship Through Relationships with Animals</b> <i>Rev. Betsy Singleton Snyder, Arkansas Conference</i> <i>Gayle Fiser, Pet Ministry Director, Pinnacle View United Methodist Church, Little Rock, AR</i>	A look at how relationships with animals can open doors to discipleship, spiritual formation, and community connection. Examine how pets teach Christian practices — unconditional love, mindfulness, resilience, and acceptance — and discover practical models for pet-centered ministry that engage children, youth, and young adults, including those who are not yet connected to a faith community.
	<b>Recovery Ministry: Individual, Family &amp; Harm Reduction</b> <i>Bethany DePugh, Resurrection Director of Recovery Ministries</i> <i>Matthew Whitney, Recovery Ministry Coordination Director</i>	Explore recovery support across three critical areas: individual recovery, family recovery, and harm reduction. Leave with knowledge, practical tools, and national resources for recovery ministry in your community. This will include generous space for open discussion and honest questions about the often complex and difficult realities of this ministry.
KIDS & FAMILY	<b>Resurrection Kids Sunday Programming Principles</b> <i>Lynnlea Nelson, Resurrection Kids Director – West</i> <i>Emma Skidmore, Resurrection Early Childhood Program Director – Leawood</i>	A behind-the-scenes look at the guiding principles behind Resurrection's Sunday programming for children in 5th grade and below. Explore the why, what, and how of a meaningful kid-focused Sunday experience — gaining practical insights and transferable ideas for designing engaging, faith-forming programming in your unique church context.
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MISSION	<b>Partnering with Purpose: Churches and Public Schools</b> <i>Cristen Summers, Resurrection Mission Engagement Program Director - Leawood</i> <i>Carol Cartmill, Resurrection Missions Lead Director</i>	A collaborative conversation exploring how churches of any size can effectively support and engage with local public schools through volunteer engagement and genuine relationship-building. We'll explore proven partnership models and you will leave with concrete, adaptable ideas for connecting your congregation to meaningful, mutually life-changing service in your own community.
STUDENT MINISTRY	<b>Where Are the Students?</b> <i>Austin Hey, Resurrection Student Ministry Director - Downtown</i>	A focused look at developing an external strategy for reaching students beyond the church building — meeting them where they already spend their time. Discover creative outreach approaches and practical ways to build authentic student community outside traditional church spaces, expanding ministry reach into the spaces of students' everyday lives.
WORSHIP & COMMUNICATIONS	<b>AI Discipleship: Using AI to Grow Your Ministry and Impact</b> <i>Matt Williams, Resurrection Director of Marketing and Digital Media</i>	Hands-on learning for using AI to create meaningful ministry content while staying true to your mission and your voice. Includes demonstrations, case studies, and copy-and-paste prompts ready to use immediately. You'll leave with practical skills for using AI to inform, inspire, and equip your congregation — improving effectiveness without sacrificing authenticity.
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	<b>Building the Look: Inside a Sermon Series</b> <i>Michelle Kirby, Resurrection Creative Content Development Lead Director</i>	An inside look at how creative teams develop the visual identity of a sermon series — from early inspiration through final design and video elements. Experience the full creative process, gain insight into collaborative decision-making, and leave with practical tools for creating compelling visual concepts applicable to any church size.
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<p><b>A Call to Dream, Dare, and Disrupt</b> <i>Rachel Billups, Senior Pastor, New Albany United Methodist Church, New Albany, OH</i> <i>Matt Rawle, Co-Founder, Hub4Innovation</i></p>	<p>A hands-on invitation for leaders to reclaim curiosity as a vital practice for adaptive leadership. Rooted in the Dream, Dare, Disrupt framework and the work of the Hub4Innovation, we'll explore how disruption, risk-taking, and innovation open space for meaningful impact. Through simple experiments and shared stories you'll notice what's emerging and respond with courage.</p>
<p><b>A Wesleyan Way for Churches to Grow</b> <i>Lovett Weems, Distinguished Professor Emeritus, Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, DC</i></p>	<p>A look to Wesley's example in England and Asbury's in this country that rediscovers a way to growth. It begins with the renewal of our minds to see our communities as God does. It continues with a change of will that redirects our actions. And all this requires a new heart for the people God has given us in our communities. Together we will examine Wesleyan principles to guide growth.</p>
<p><b>Moral Grandeur, Spiritual Audacity and the Work of Justice</b> <i>Winnie Varghese, Dean, Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York, NY</i></p>	<p>"The hour calls for Moral Grandeur and Spiritual Audacity," Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel wrote to John F. Kennedy in 1963 in reference to the Civil Rights Movement. Focused on the church's collective moral responsibility to work toward justice for the whole community — city, nation, world — not just personal ethics, this challenge to bold, prophetic action rooted in faith — not just as individual conviction, but as communal calling. Come consider how the church can help shape the moral vision of your community and beyond.</p>

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<p><b>AI and the Church: A Clear Guide for the Curious and Courageous</b> <i>Jason Moore, Author, Speaker, Trainer</i></p>	<p>Artificial intelligence is reshaping everyday life — and the Church is not exempt. This clear, practical, and theologically grounded introduction to AI in ministry cuts through the hype to explain what AI really is, explore faithful and ethical ways to use it, and demonstrate real-world tools for worship, communication, outreach, and administration. Whether you're excited, skeptical, or just curious, this will help you discern a thoughtful, courageous path forward with AI in the life of your church.</p>
<p><b>The "Method" of Methodism</b> <i>Ashley Boggan, General Secretary, United Methodist Commission on Archives and History</i></p>	<p>Discover John Wesley's 'method' of Methodism and new ways for engaging this method in today's church. You'll learn how this method is currently being used by United Methodist and non-United Methodist congregations across the U.S. and will leave not only with an understanding of how and why Wesley developed this method but also how to employ it for today's church.</p>
<p><b>Will the Real Christians Please Stand Up?</b> <i>Stephanie Spellers, Canon in Residence, St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, San Francisco, CA</i></p>	<p>Based on interviews with nonreligious 18-to-44-year olds from across the U.S. — Millennial and Gen Z "Nones" and "Dones" — about why they abandoned faith, where they're finding spirit and community, and what they'd tell churches if we would only listen. Come hear their prophecies to the church and learn how we can all move beyond anxiety about decline, counter White Christo-Nationalism, and commit to God's hopeful future.</p>