Moving Forward in Faith Conference FAQ Sheet

What is it the Moving Forward in Faith Conference?

The Moving Forward in Faith Conference, hosted by Resonate Global Mission and Canadian Diaconal Ministries is a 2-day conference to be held in Burlington, Ontario on November 15-16.

Why are we hosting the Moving Forward in Faith Conference?

The Conference is modeled after the "Day of Encouragement" which has not been held since 2018(?). Similarly, it is designed to bring leaders and members of the Christian Reformed Church in Eastern Canada and beyond, together to learn, network and worship. The conference theme is "Chosen by God" and aims to empower attendees to grow in discipleship and mission.

What is this Conference's Theme?

The Conference theme is "Chosen by God" and the theme verse <u>John 15:16-17</u> identifies our calling to be and make disciples in His name. God is doing great things in our churches, region and denomination. We are chosen by God to walk alongside His vision for the world – we are called to play our part in the transformation.

Who should Attend?

Anyone with a heart for mission can attend, there are many opportunities for learning and sharing. Church leaders should attend to be able to bring these experiences back to their congregations. In particular, there is a stream directed at Deacon's with practical and relevant training. Also, Pastors are encouraged to attend and will be the recipients of special promotions and opportunities. Finally, young adults and young leaders will receive subsidized registration fee to facilitate their participation – this is dependent on sympathetic funders.

Must I be a member of the CRCNA to attend?

You do not need to be a member of the CRCNA to attend. This event is designed for anyone who is committed to the mission of God through His church, with a heart for the lost and a passion to reach people with the Gospel. It will be a space of fellowship and learning and all are welcome.

What does the Moving Forward in Faith Conference agenda look like?

The Friday evening session of the conference begins at 6:30pm for registration, with the program starting at 7:00pm. It will end at 8:30pm but be followed by a social time until 10pm.

The Saturday session will begin at 8:30am for registration and 9am opening. The morning will include a plenary/worship session and 2 workshops. The one-hour Lunchbreak is at 12:20pm and will be followed by a third workshop and a final plenary/worship session to be concluded at 3:50pm.

What happens if I register for the bus tour?

The bus tour will leave the conference during the first break, allowing participants the opportunity to enjoy the first plenary/worship session, as well as, one workshop session. The bus will visit two sites, The Inclusion Coffee House and New Hope Church. Lunch will be provided and additional presentations by

<u>Indwell</u> and <u>Act 5</u> will be included. The Bus tour will return in time for the final plenary and worship. A small additional fee will be required to join the Bus tour.

Pastors' Incentive

Pastor's who attend will be entered into a draw for one of 3 prize packages consisting of a laptop backpack, containing a book, golf umbrella, swag, \$100 gift card and a \$500 gift card for White Oaks Resort and Spa, Niagara on the Lake.

Do I need to pre-register?

Pre-registration will ensure that workshops can be pre-selected and arrangements for lunch can be made. Pre-registration closes on November 01, 2024 at 5pm.

Late registrants/day of conference will be welcomed but attendees will be slotted into available workshop space and alternate lunch arrangements may be made.

Will the "Moving Forward in Faith" Conference become an ongoing event?

Efforts are being made to build sustainability into the event by creating partnerships, funding and structure to enable the conference to be repeated with different theme/speakers/workshops each time. A survey following the conference will help inform a subsequent event.

How can I assist in making this a successful Conference?

- Please share about this event and encourage others to attend.
- Commit to a carload from your Church or community
- Consider supporting the conference as a <u>funder</u> or donating, on the registration page, to enable a young person to attend at a reduced fee.
- Pray that God will bless the Moving Forward in Faith Conference and that all that attend may reconnect to God's missional intent in our lives.

To attend both the Friday and Saturday activities, I will need a place to stay.

A limited number of rooms have been reserved at the <u>Quality Inn in Burlington</u> and prices are guaranteed until October 08, 2024 for those who care to stay over.