

CONVERGE WORLDWIDE (BGC) 2nd 1/2 FOR HIM MINISTRY

BOOMERS and beyond

RE-IGNITE

April 7-9
Converge
Collaboration
Center, Orlando

registration

\$50/couple
\$30/individual
(includes all breakfasts,
1 lunch and 1 dinner)

featured speakers

Rev. John Jenkins, Sr.
Vice President
Converge National
Ministries

Dr. Amy Hanson
author of
*Baby Boomers and
Beyond: Tapping the
Ministry Talents and
Passions of Adults
Over 50*

Dr. Jerry Sheveland
President
Converge Worldwide

hotel

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Re-Igniting a Passion. Re-Engaging a Generation.

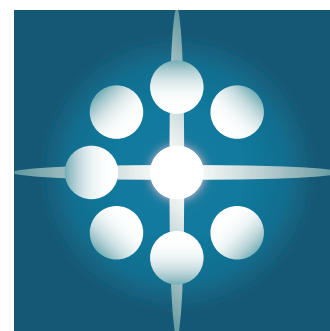
The time is now
for innovative and
influential church
leaders to gather and
define ways to unleash
experienced men and
women to effective
ministry.

Pastors, spiritual transformation directors, ministry mobilizers, adult ministry leaders and people of influence are invited to attend the RE-IGNITE Network Gathering. The RE-IGNITE Network Gathering is for all church leaders interested in leading, training and mobilizing an entire generation to serve the kingdom of God. This "Ageless Generation" of adults age 50+ is anxious to serve in unprecedented ways. Is your church utilizing their talents, skills and gifts?

This event will feature inspirational speakers, times for discussion and opportunities to develop new and innovative approaches for unleashing the power and energy of this "change-the-world" generation.

The event will begin at 5 p.m. on the 7th and end at noon on the 9th.

Register online now at:
www.convergeworldwide.org/re-ignite



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RESOURCES

for ministry in nursing homes and residences

Ministries

FAITHFUL FRIENDS

www.faithfulfriends.org

GOD CARES

www.godcaresministry.org

SUNSHINE SOCIETY

www.sunshingsociety.org

COMMUNITY

CHAPLAIN SERVICES

www.chapservice.org

Books

Nursing Home Ministry

by Bill Goodrich and Tom McCormick

With Faces to the

Evening Sun

by Richard Morgan

With God's Oldest

Friends

by Henry Simmons

Hearts Touching Hearts

by Sara Tinsley

A Hidden People in Plain View

By Dr. Glenn Havumaki



We used to identify the people groups of the world that had no established church and no witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ as “hidden people groups,” which today are called “unreached people groups.” Many of those unreached people groups are located in what has been called the “10/40 Window.”

In America we now have what we can call the “40/50 Window.” Each day as we leave our homes we step into this window because 40 percent of all Americans are 50+ in age. And within that population about 1.7 million live in nursing homes.

The nursing homes of our land face the task of taking care of 1.7 million people, most of whom have been deemed too helpless to live under their own care or the care of family. The homes usually look to the community to do the spiritual care and provide religious services.

Nearly two-thirds die each year, many going to a Christless eternity. Here is a mission field of significance in plain view of almost every church in America. We invest people, time and dollars identifying those in the 10/40 window, or other far away places; let's not miss the opportunity to

reach almost 2 million people within “ear shot” of our churches.

The Lord led me out of my first pastorate in 1976 to serve in a mission ministry called the Community Chaplain Service (CCS), a ministry in nursing homes. While I served with CCS, God chose to redirect my life and ministry in a way I never expected. I now serve as the Chaplain of the Elim Park Baptist Home in Cheshire, Conn. The Holy Spirit is at work and over the past six years we have seen about 100 residents make professions of faith to become Christ followers.

Elim Park has a grant fund that supports retired pastors, missionaries and chaplains who have served in Converge Worldwide. Financial assistance is provided to those accepted into this program, including a reduction in the entrance fee and monthly rent. In return participants are asked to serve 15 to 20 hours per week with the Department of Christian Ministries. If you are interested in serving those who are hidden in plain view, contact Glenn Havumaki at ghavumaki@elimpark.org or call 203.272.3547.

Interested in these ministries?

www.convergeworldwide.org

Looking for Adventure & Ministry?

English-Speaking Boomers Needed in Europe

By Dr. Gene Selander

“When I turned 64 I began to ask what I REALLY wanted to do with my life. I tried retirement but I could only play so many golf games, and then I was bored out of my skull. I’d always been busy in ministry and the pastorate, and found I wasn’t quite ready to walk away from opportunities to serve Christ in the world. I think there are a lot of people like me who are ready to reinvest their lives in service and significant ministry around the world.”



Dr. Gene Selander, Director, A2:5 Ministries

Do those words resonate with your own experience? If so, you may be interested in exploring opportunities found in Converge Worldwide’s A2:5 Ministry.

Based on Acts 2:5, “Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven,” A2:5 is working to help plant English-speaking churches in Europe and around the world. A2:5 is looking for people who are experienced in a wide range of professions and skills to commit three months or more to be a part of a church start-up.

Presently there are opportunities to serve in Panama, Germany and Sweden, where church planting pastors need individuals to help with ministry tasks ranging from pastoral care to accounting, janitorial work or evangelistic outreach. As part of a church planting team you will be on the

front lines of ministry. All spiritual gifts and professional skills are needed as long as you are, as Selander puts it, FAT – faithful, available and teachable.

A2:5 is seeking to identify and collaborate in planting English language churches in 100 key cities of the world using three criteria: First, where key trade exists and the dominant business language is English; second, where world-renowned universities exist and third, where there is an English-speaking military buildup.

Interested? Then visit: www.convergeworldwide.org/a25 and learn more about A2:5 ministry or contact Dr. Gene Selander, A2:5 director, at genes@convergewww.org.

FEATURED MINISTRY

lifeACT2

First Baptist Church
Cambridge, Minn.

Pastor Earl Lasson leads an innovative ministry that not only inspires and encourages adults age 50+, he puts them to work. A new lifeACT2 Center will open soon and will house activities for two 2nd 1/2 for Him groups: one for Boomers ages 50-70 and the second for those aged 75+.

For more information contact Pastor Earl at: earllfbc@gmail.com or visit their website at: www.firstbaptistcambridge.org

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Training Available

Our goal is to train leaders for effective and powerful midlife and older adult ministry in and through the local church. We partner with CASA Network (www.gocasa.org) to provide excellent leadership training opportunities. To arrange for on-site or regional training events delivered by experienced 2nd Half for Him leaders, contact Richard Bergstrom at 425.216.4408.

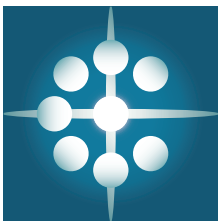


Resources

We are continually updating our resource list to provide you with up-to-date information.

Links to more information can be found on the web at www.convergeworldwide.org/2ndhalf.

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