

STARTING AND SUSTAINING NEW FAITH COMMUNITIES

FORMING NEW PLACES TO REACH NEW PEOPLE FOR NEW LIFE IN JESUS!

WHO

For those interested in learning about new faith communities - pastors, ministry staff, students, and highly involved lay people.

BENEFITS

- On-site inspiration from practitioners in startup churches and ministries.
- Insights on the changing models of church innovation in our current environment.
- Connect with others as you learn and dream together.
- Discern and clarify God's call – am I called to launch a new way of doing church?
- Receive coaching and instruction in developing a startup plan, building a team and assembling partners.

THE NORTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE ACADEMY FOR LEADERSHIP & INNOVATION

Each session gathers at 9:30 a.m., includes lunch and concludes by 3 p.m.

SEPT. 21

Gather at Bright Star UMC, Douglasville. This opening session will kick us off with Dr. Richard Hunter speaking on "Starting Faith Communities in our New Environment." Richard will share his experiences in starting innovative new places to reach new people, and what he is seeing for the future of starting & sustaining new faith communities. Our host pastor, Rev. Orlando Evans, will share church's emphasis on building community across Douglasville.

OCTOBER 19

The Tillman House in Smyrna. A creative mission of Smyrna First UMC reaching an underserved demographic and meeting needs for wholeness in their city. Led by Director Bruce Griffith, staff and ministry leaders from Smyrna First UMC.

NOVEMBER 4

FRESH EXPRESSIONS VISION DAY for North Georgia Conference

NOVEMBER 16

The Way UMC in Woodstock. Rev. Andy Rogers will share their successful, healthy merger experience where 2 churches came together and now have an exciting, visionary, growing ministry in their city. After lunch, Rev. Kate Floyd from Sandy Springs UMC will share her story of planting a new church in suburban Washington, D.C.

JANUARY 18

The Nett @ Norcross. Dr. Nora Colemares will speak to us on how The Nett partners with area agencies and non-profits to serve 100's of people weekly, start new worship services reaching new people groups, and funds their campuses.

FEBRUARY 15

Elizabeth Lee UMC in Chickamauga, Ga. Rev. Zack Fitzgerald will share the vision and explain their model where a church purchased property in their city to transform the community for Christ.

MARCH 7-10

Exponential Conference in Orlando, Florida. The cost of the Academy includes your registration, hotel room, a \$400 stipend for travel and a per diem for meals. www.exponential.org/2022-conference

APRIL 19

The Chapel @ Roswell UMC. Rev. Marion Brown and Arturo Quintanilla will share the story of Chapel Roswell, a "church within a church" of Roswell UMC. We will learn how this church started a unique worship opportunity that is rooted in community service and being a safe place for people outside the traditional church.

MAY

Closing Celebration & Commissioning – (place & time TBD)

COST

The NGC Center for Congregational Excellence is covering the major costs of this Academy. Participant cost is \$350 per person which will include all sessions, meals and resources; plus the costs of EXPONENTIAL 2022. Your district (or church) is asked to match your cost with a scholarship of \$350.

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