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HUDSON VALLEY LEADERSHIP SUMMIT



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WELCOME TO THE SUMMIT



We are so excited to have you with us for The 2026 Hudson Valley Leadership Summit! On behalf of The Mission Church Leadership Team, our volunteer staff and Summit sponsors, we welcome you to this special event.

Our theme for 2026 is “Called by God.” It speaks to every leader who has felt weary, uncertain, or stretched thin—as well as those who may be sensing God’s call into a ministry appointment. “Called by God” is an invitation to be refreshed in our Lord’s presence and be reaffirmed in the calling He has placed on your life and ministry.

Our keynote speaker is David Nuzzolo. Pastor Nuzzolo serves as the Superintendent of the New York Ministry Network, bringing with him decades of multifaceted ministry and leadership experience.

We are also excited to feature forty-two different workshops covering a broad range of ministry topics. Our prayer is that pastors, board members, worship teams, children’s and youth workers, and all leaders will discover creative strategies to reach, train, recruit, and lead with a commitment to excellence. While here, we hope you’ll pick up a copy of our newest release, “How the Mighty Have Fallen,” at a discounted price. This book is being released especially for the Summit and we believe it will be a blessing to you and your team.

Our team of Mission Church volunteers, together with our workshop speakers and network leaders, are here to serve you. Please let us know if there is anything you need to make your day more enjoyable. We love you and are so happy you are here!

Your hosts,

Pastor Gregg & Laura Johnson





SCHEDULE

Registration	8:15
1st Plenary Session	9:00 - 10:00
Workshop Session #1	10:10 - 10:40
Workshop Session #2	10:50 - 11:20
Workshop Session #3	11:30 - 12:00
Workshop Session #4	12:10 - 12:40
Lunch	12:40 - 1:15
2nd Plenary Session	1:15 - 2:00
Workshop Session #5	2:10 - 2:40
Workshop Session #6	2:50 - 3:20
3rd Plenary Session	3:20 - 4:00
Dismissal	4:00

THE SERVANT-LEADER IS SERVANT FIRST, IT BEGINS WITH A NATURAL FEELING THAT ONE WANTS TO SERVE, TO SERVE FIRST, AS OPPOSED TO WANTING POWER, INFLUENCE, FAME, OR WEALTH."

ROBERT GREENLEAF

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

DAVID NUZZOLO

Network Superintendent
NY Ministry Network



David Nuzzolo currently serves as the Superintendent of the New York Ministry Network, bringing with him decades of multifaceted ministry and leadership experience.

From an early age, David has been deeply involved in the work of the Church, serving in a wide range of roles including pastoral ministry, church planting, administrative management, executive leadership, and even youth ministry. As a lifelong New Yorker, he has consistently contributed to the strategic direction and effectiveness of churches and pastoral teams across the Empire State and New York City. Prior to his election as Superintendent, David held key leadership positions in the New York Ministry Network and played a vital role in supporting the Superintendent's office by serving as Assistant Superintendent, Metro Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, and Long Island Network Presbyterian. At the heart of his ministry is a passion to equip ministers and churches in fulfilling their unique missions within the context of their communities.

In addition to his ministry experience, David is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) with over 35 years of experience and holds a Juris Master (JM) in American Legal Studies. His financial and legal acumen have been a great resource to the NYMN and its local churches. David and his wife, Dorothy, have been married for over 40 years and are the proud parents of two adult children.

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

WORKSHOP SESSION #1 10:10 AM - 10:40 AM			
GL	Enduring the Frustration: Staying Hopeful When Leadership is Hard	Gregg Johnson	SANCTUARY
CM	Empowering Men: Addressing the Real-Life Issues Men are Facing	Ray Burgos	DESHA HALL
NG	Ministry to the Unchurched, Biblically Illiterate Youth	Mark Freeman	MULTI-PURPOSE
CM	Building Community through Christ-Centered Connect Groups	Caren Petfield	CLASSROOM 1
WP	Theology of Worship: A Biblical Model for Contemporary Worship	Shawna Phipps	CLASSROOM 2
SS	Missions and Pentecost	Joe Green	CLASSROOM 3
SS	The Right Hills To Die On: Practical Apologetics in Today's World	Dylan Johnson	CLASSROOM 5
WORKSHOP SESSION #2 10:50 AM - 11:20 AM			
CM	Empowering Women: Addressing the Real-Life Issues Women are Facing	Jaime Barkwell	SANCTUARY
AL	Why God Gives Us Limits	Bill Kirk	DESHA HALL
NG	Child Safety and Abuse Prevention in the Local Church	Jen Berry	MULTI-PURPOSE
GL	Transforming Ministry Vision into Practical Strategy	Dennis Graham Parker	CLASSROOM 1
WP	Character Before Platform: Guarding the Anointing	Abdiel Torres	CLASSROOM 2
SS	Loving without Affirming: Pastoring the Same-Sex Attracted	Jason Karampatos	CLASSROOM 3
NG	Digital Natives from Birth: Understanding Generation Alpha	John Ginnan	CLASSROOM 5
WORKSHOP SESSION #3 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM			
AL	Preserving Theological Integrity in the Local Church	Dan McLaughlin	SANCTUARY
SS	Depression, Anxiety and Panic: What the Church Needs to Know	Armando Palazzo	DESHA HALL
NG	Essential Targets for Kids Ministries	Shawna Phipps	MULTI-PURPOSE
CM	Guidelines for a Church Safety and Security Team (part 1)	David Johnson	CLASSROOM 1
WP	The Online Worship Experience: Targets for Effective Streaming	Luke Kutler	CLASSROOM 2
AL	Attractional Leadership: Becoming the Leader People Want to Follow	Sam Edwards	CLASSROOM 3
SS	Coming in Clutch: The Art of the Shift in Life & Ministry	Marc-Anthony Licea	CLASSROOM 5
WORKSHOP SESSION #4 12:10 PM - 12:40 PM			
GL	Fatigue: The Quiet Enemy of Leadership	Tim Janzen	SANCTUARY
AL	The Pathway to Calling	Will Hampton	DESHA HALL
SS	Reaching Our Muslim Neighbors: A Kingdom Mandate	Jason Murphy	MULTI-PURPOSE
SS	Church Planting: Mountain View Church	Dylan Johnson	CLASSROOM 1
WP	Relevance without Compromise: Designing the Sunday Experience	Jason Cooper	CLASSROOM 2
WP	Best Practices for Worship Leaders	Luke Kutler	CLASSROOM 3
SS	You Are Not JUST a Volunteer	Linda Schreck	CLASSROOM 5
WORKSHOP SESSION #5 2:10 PM - 2:40 PM			
GL	From the Oxen to the Anointing: When God Calls a Leader	Gregg Johnson	SANCTUARY
GL	Between Sundays: Guarding Your Emotional Health	John White	DESHA HALL
NG	Biblical Ethics of Gender Identity and Sexuality	Jared Berry	MULTI-PURPOSE
NG	Empowering Youth to Discern God's Call	Jen Berry	CLASSROOM 1
WP	Media Ministry that Empowers the Mission	Jonathan Persaud	CLASSROOM 2
CM	The Church Board: What Every Board Member Should Know	John Schreck	CLASSROOM 3
GL	Rebounding from Discouragement	Bill Harrington	CLASSROOM 5
WORKSHOP SESSION #6 2:50 PM - 3:20 PM			
GL	Leading with Clarity	Dave Quigley	SANCTUARY
AL	Managing Conflict Before Conflict Manages You	Henri Dennis	DESHA HALL
CM	Equipping Women for Kingdom Leadership	Rachel Quigley	MULTI-PURPOSE
CM	Guidelines for a Church Safety and Security Team (part 2)	David Johnson	CLASSROOM 1
CM	Creating a Culture for Raising Young Leaders	Dom Cotignola	CLASSROOM 2
NG	Creating Space for Kids with Special Needs	Jenny Pandolfo	CLASSROOM 3
WP	AI Tools for Digital Evangelism.	Adrian Padarath	CLASSROOM 5

GL	GENERAL LEADERSHIP
AL	ADVANCED LEADERSHIP
NG	NEXT GENERATION
CM	CHURCH MINISTRIES
WP	WORSHIP & PRODUCTION
SS	SPECIALTY SESSION

WORKSHOPS SESSION 1

SANCTUARY



ENDURING THE FRUSTRATION: STAYING HOPEFUL WHEN LEADERSHIP IS HARD

Gregg Johnson - Lead Pastor, Mission Church; Assistant Superintendent NYMN

Leading people can be the most rewarding—and the most frustrating—part of the calling. When volunteers are scarce, commitment is conditional, criticism is high, and key people walk away, it's easy to get frustrated and lose perspective. This workshop will help you navigate those realities with clarity, resilience, and a steadier sense of calling.

DESHA HALL



EMPOWERING MEN: ADDRESSING THE REAL-LIFE ISSUE MEN ARE FACING

Ray Burgos - Lead Pastor, River City Church, Port Jervis

This session equips leaders to address the real-life challenges men face today by drawing attention to the perils of entertainment media, social platforms, financial stress, marriage conflicts and more. Attention could be given to the specific needs of men and the vulnerabilities it presents.

MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM



MINISTRY TO THE UNCHURCHED, BIBLICALLY ILLITERATE YOUTH

Mark Freeman - NYMN Communications Director

Reaching unchurched and biblically illiterate youth requires more than better programs, it requires leaders who can translate the gospel into everyday language and embodied relationships. This workshop equips leaders to meet students where they are, build trust before instruction, and guide them toward a growing understanding of Jesus and Scripture.

WORKSHOPS SESSION 1

CLASSROOM 1



BUILDING COMMUNITY THROUGH CHRIST CENTERED CONNECT GROUPS

Caren Petfield - Discipleship Pastor, Reach Church, White Plains

This workshop explores how small groups in the church foster authentic relationships, spiritual growth, and biblical discipleship. It equips leaders with practical strategies to build, lead, and sustain a small group network that strengthens community and advances the mission of the church.

CLASSROOM 2



THEOLOGY OF WORSHIP: A BIBLICAL MODEL FOR CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Shawna Phipps - Worship Leader, Word of Life, Baldwinsville; NYMN Girls Ministries Director

This workshop explores a biblical theology of worship, grounding contemporary practices in Scripture rather than trends or personal preference. Church leaders will gain a clear, practical framework for shaping worship that honors God, forms disciples, and faithfully reflects the heart of the gospel.

CLASSROOM 3



MISSIONS AND PENTECOST

Joe Green - Lead Pastor, City Church, Binghamton; NYMN Missions Director

Missions and Pentecost explores how the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost ignited the Church's global mission and empowered believers to proclaim the Gospel across cultures. This workshop examines the biblical foundations in Acts of the Apostles and connects the Spirit's work at Pentecost to the Church's ongoing call to evangelize the nations.

CLASSROOM 4



THE RIGHT HILLS TO DIE ON: PRACTICAL APOLOGETICS IN TODAY'S WORLD

Dylan Johnson - Lead Pastor, Mountain View Church, New Paltz

In a time of competing truth claims and widespread confusion about Christianity, church leaders must have clarity about what is essential. This workshop helps leaders identify the core truths of Christianity that must be preserved while cultivating wisdom in how to engage honest questions, cultural pressures, and theological disagreement. Participants will gain a practical framework for apologetics that fosters conviction and confidence; equipping them to lead with clarity, spiritual maturity, and Christlike humility.

WORKSHOPS SESSION 2

SANCTUARY



EMPOWERING WOMEN: ADDRESSING THE REAL-LIFE ISSUE WOMEN ARE FACING

Jaime Barkwell - NYMN NYHER Director; Mental Health Counselor

This session equips leaders to address the real-life challenges women face today through a biblically grounded lens, highlighting cultural, emotional, and spiritual vulnerabilities that often go unaddressed. Rooted in biblical authority, it offers insight into the unique needs of women and provides practical guidance for shepherding them with wisdom, truth, and compassion.

DESHA HALL



WHY GOD GIVES US LIMITS

Bill Kirk - Bible Engagement Pastor, City Church, Binghamton

This workshop will help church leaders embrace God-given boundaries as a gift rather than a weakness. It explores how the gospel protects our hearts from striving and burnout, and how understanding our limits leads to healthier rhythms in ministry. This is especially helpful for bivocational pastors and leaders who balance ministry with secular jobs. You'll gain practical tools for managing time wisely while serving with joy, freedom, and long-term faithfulness.

MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM



CHILD SAFETY AND ABUSE PREVENTION IN THE LOCAL CHURCH

Jen Berry - NextGen Pastor, Trinity A/G, Clay; NYMN NextGen Admin Assistant

This session should explain the fundamental need for every church to have a credible system for background checks of individuals who interact with minors. Practical tools and resources could be offered as well as a template for a system that every youth and children's ministry can utilize.

WORKSHOPS SESSION 2

CLASSROOM 1



TRANSFORMING MINISTRY VISION INTO PRACTICAL STRATEGY

Dennis Graham-Parker - Lead Pastor, Liberty Church, Schenectady

This session should help leaders formulate actionable strategies that bring their vision into reality; how to communicate vision, delegate to leaders, timeline objectives, build a team, keep principles engaged, etc.

CLASSROOM 2



CHARACTER BEFORE PLATFORM: GUARDING THE ANOINTING

Abdiel Torres - Worship & Media Director, Mission Church

This workshop calls worship leaders, singers, choirs and musicians to prioritize spiritual integrity and Christlike character over visibility, influence, or platform. Participants will learn how to guard the anointing through humility, accountability, and a life rooted in holiness, ensuring long-term faithfulness in ministry.

CLASSROOM 3



LOVING WITHOUT AFFIRMING: PASTORING THE SAME-SEX ATTRACTED

Dr. Jason Karampatsos - Lead Pastor, Capital Church, Albany

Same-sex attraction is a reality present in many churches and families, calling for pastoral responses shaped by both truth and grace. This workshop helps church leaders learn how to offer Christlike love, dignity, and discipleship without compromising biblical convictions, equipping them to shepherd people with compassion, clarity, and faithfulness.

CLASSROOM 4



DIGITAL NATIVES FROM BIRTH: UNDERSTANDING GENERATION ALPHA

John Ginnan - NYMN Youth Alive Missionary

Generation Alpha is the first generation to grow up with digital connection present from their earliest years, shaping how they learn, communicate, and interact from the start. This session explores how these formative conditions influence faith, identity, and calling and offers leaders insight for guiding this newest generation with clarity, confidence, and hope.

WORKSHOPS SESSION 3

SANCTUARY



PRESERVING THEOLOGICAL INTEGRITY IN THE LOCAL CHURCH

Dan McLaughlin - NYMN Secretary/Treasurer

This session explores why clear theological articulation matters in preaching, teaching, and ministry leadership. Join us for a conversation as we examine the vital connection between what we believe (orthodoxy) and how we live and lead (orthopraxy), while offering practical tools to help pastors and leaders cultivate deeper theological clarity across staff, teams, and ministry design.

DESHA HALL



DEPRESSION, ANXIETY AND PANIC: WHAT THE CHURCH NEEDS TO KNOW

Armando Palazzo - Lead Pastor, Fusion Church; NYMN Presbyter, Hudson Valley

Depression, anxiety, and panic disorders are among the most common mental health challenges in today's society, affecting millions of people across every age group, background, and congregation. This workshop equips church leaders to understand these realities with compassion and wisdom, offering practical guidance for pastoral care and cultivating church communities that foster healing, hope, and wholeness.

MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM



ESSENTIAL TARGETS FOR KIDS MINISTRIES

Shawna Phipps - Worship Leader, Word of Life, Baldwinsville; NYMN Girls Ministries Director

This session should lay out the components of an effective, bible-based ministry to children in the local church. Emphasis can be placed upon Bible learning and memorization, encountering the Holy Spirit, hearing the call of God, honoring the family structure, etc. - all in a loving, engaging and fun environment.

WORKSHOPS SESSION 3

CLASSROOM 1



GUIDELINES FOR A CHURCH SAFETY AND SECURITY TEAM - PART 1

David Johnson - Safety & Security, The Village Church, Flower Mound TX; Director of Operations, Satellite Investigations, NY

This workshop provides church leaders with clear, practical guidelines for establishing and leading an effective safety and security team that protects people while honoring the church's mission and values. Grounded in wisdom, stewardship, and care for others, it addresses prevention, preparedness, and response so churches can create a safe environment where ministry can flourish.

CLASSROOM 2



THE ONLINE WORSHIP EXPERIENCE: TARGETS FOR EFFECTIVE STREAMING

Luke Kutler - Creative Director, Word of Life, Baldwinsville

In today's digital mission field, churches are called to extend their reach beyond physical walls into meaningful online spaces. This workshop equips pastors and church leaders with practical strategies, clear benchmarks, and ministry-focused metrics to create engaging, distraction-free, and spiritually impactful livestream experiences. Participants will learn how to align technology, worship flow, and digital engagement to transform streaming from a broadcast into a true online worship encounter.

CLASSROOM 3



ATTRACTIVE LEADERSHIP: BECOMING THE LEADER PEOPLE WANT TO FOLLOW

Sam Edwards - Lead Pastor, The Gathering @ Faith Assembly, Poughkeepsie

This session explores attractive leadership through the example of Jesus—leading not from position, but from intimacy. It focuses on authentic leadership rooted in reliance on the word, the Holy Spirit, and clear purpose. This session highlights practical expressions such as clear vision, communication, and expectations that emerge from intimacy with Jesus and inspire others to follow willingly.

CLASSROOM 4



COMING IN CLUTCH: THE ART OF THE SHIFT IN LIFE & MINISTRY

Marc-Anthony Licea - Lead Pastor, Van Nest A/G, Bronx

When ministry hits a steep hill, the fear of rolling backward can be paralyzing. Whether you're stuck on an incline or grinding gears in a new season, this session explores the mechanics of transition. Learn to balance the friction point, timing your acceleration to engage God's extraordinary without stalling your calling.

WORKSHOPS SESSION 4

SANCTUARY

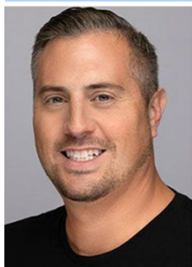


FATIGUE: THE QUIET ENEMY OF LEADERSHIP

Tim Janzen - Lead Pastor, Warwick A/G; NYMN Eastern Region Executive Presbyterian

Fatigue rarely announces itself. It quietly erodes judgment, narrows perspective, and weakens connection—often while leaders believe they are simply pushing through. In this breakout session, leaders will engage in honest conversation about how fatigue shows up at the top, its impact on decision-making, relationships, and culture, and how to recognize early warning signs. Together, we'll explore practical ways to restore clarity, energy, and sustainable impact in demanding leadership roles.

DESHA HALL



THE PATHWAY TO CALLING

Will Hampton - Founding Pastor, Two Rivers Church, Binghamton

This session will give you a simple, practical pathway to help people hear God's call, grow in their gifts, and step confidently into the ministry He's prepared for them.

MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM



REACHING OUR MUSLIM NEIGHBORS: A KINGDOM MANDATE

Jason Murphy - Lead Pastor, Reach Church, White Plains

As Muslim populations continue to grow in our communities, the church is presented with a unique and urgent opportunity for gospel witness. This workshop equips church leaders to understand Islamic beliefs, build respectful relationships, and share Christ with clarity, love, and confidence as part of our Kingdom calling.

WORKSHOPS SESSION 4

CLASSROOM 1



CHURCH PLANTING: MOUNTAIN VIEW CHURCH

Dylan Johnson - Lead Pastor, Mountain View Church, New Paltz

What does it actually look like to move from a calling to church planting? This workshop will walk through the vision that birthed our church plant, the practical process of building it up, and the real-world lessons learned along the way. Leaders will gain an honest look at the opportunities, challenges, and rhythms that shape a new church from its earliest days.

CLASSROOM 2



RELEVANCE WITHOUT COMPROMISE: DESIGNING THE SUNDAY EXPERIENCE

Jason Cooper - Lead Pastor, Redemption Church, Clifton Park

This workshop equips church leaders to create Sunday morning experiences that are culturally engaging without sacrificing biblical truth. Participants will discover practical elements from opening greetings to closing prayers that offer a welcoming environment while maintaining theological depth and spiritual integrity.

CLASSROOM 3



BEST PRACTICES FOR WORSHIP LEADERS

Luke Kutler - Creative Director, Word of Life, Baldwinsville

Designed for Spirit-filled, mission-driven churches, this workshop equips worship leaders to cultivate environments where excellence and the presence of God come together powerfully. Participants will explore practical leadership habits, team development strategies, and service-planning principles that support both spiritual sensitivity and musical excellence. Learn how to lead with authenticity, flow with the Spirit, and build worship cultures that engage the congregation and advance the mission of the church.

CLASSROOM 4



YOU ARE NOT "JUST" A VOLUNTEER

Linda Schreck - Executive Pastor, Mission Church; Executive Presbyterian Female-at-Large, NYMN

This session will affirm that you are Called By God as you serve in a volunteer role. You are not somehow "lesser" as a volunteer or serving because no one else will...or are you? This session will unpack how essential you are and that God is using you for Kingdom purposes!

WORKSHOPS SESSION 5

SANCTUARY



FROM THE OXEN TO THE ANOINTING: WHEN GOD CALLS A LEADER

Gregg Johnson - Lead Pastor, Mission Church; Assistant Superintendent NYMN

This session explores the call of God on the Prophet Elisha's life and how his immediate obedience reshaped his future. We will examine the process involved in hearing God's call, what it means to surrender fully, and how a simple "yes" can lead to lifelong impact in ministry and leadership.

DESHA HALL



BETWEEN SUNDAYS: GUARDING YOUR EMOTIONAL HEALTH

John White - NYMN North Central Presbyter

This session should address the mental health challenges that pastors and church leaders often face between Sundays. Issues to consider could be: mitigating criticism, people pleasing, exhaustion, family stress, financial pressure, church dynamics—all issues that affect a pastor's emotional and cognitive well being. Strategies for overcoming these challenges should be identified.

MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM



BIBLICAL ETHICS OF GENDER IDENTITY AND SEXUALITY

Jared Berry - NYMN NextGen Director; NYMN Presbyter

This session should examine gender identity and sexuality through the authority of Scripture, grounding discussion in God's design, redemptive purposes, and the teachings of both the Old and New Testaments. It targets youth leaders to respond with biblical clarity, theological conviction, and Christlike truth and compassion in today's cultural context.

WORKSHOPS SESSION 5

CLASSROOM 1



EMPOWERING YOUTH TO DISCERN GOD'S CALL

Jen Berry - NextGen Pastor, Trinity A/G, Clay; NYMN NextGen Admin Assistant

This session helps Christian leaders guide young people in recognizing and responding to God's call through a biblically grounded understanding of vocation, identity, and obedience. Rooted in Scripture, it offers practical frameworks for mentoring youth to discern God's will with faith, wisdom, and spiritual maturity.

CLASSROOM 2



MEDIA MINISTRY THAT EMPOWERS THE MISSION

Jonathan Persaud - AVL / IT Director, Freedom Chapel, Amityville

Media is more than screens and sound—it is a strategic tool for advancing the church's God-given mission. This workshop helps pastors and church leaders build and lead media teams that serve with excellence, spiritual maturity, and alignment to the vision of the house. Participants will gain practical insight on structure, training, culture, and communication so their media ministry strengthens discipleship, outreach, and overall ministry impact.

CLASSROOM 3



THE CHURCH BOARD: WHAT EVERY BOARD MEMBER SHOULD KNOW

John Schreck - Former Board Member, Mission Church, Holmes

This workshop is presented by an experienced board member who served numerous terms in three Assemblies of God churches. It equips church board members with a clear understanding of their biblical responsibilities, governance roles, and fiduciary duties within the life of the church. It offers practical guidance to help boards lead with unity, accountability, and faithfulness to the church's mission and vision.

CLASSROOM 4



REBOUNDING FROM DISCOURAGEMENT

Bill Harrington - Lead Pastor, Calvary Family Life Church, Glens Falls; NYMN Northeast Presbyter

This session should explain the pitfall of discouragement that is common to all leaders. It should focus on principles, disciplines, or practices (especially reaffirming one's calling) to help leaders overcome discouragement without being overcome by it.

WORKSHOPS SESSION 6

SANCTUARY



LEADING WITH CLARITY

David Quigley - Lead Pastor, Asbury Church, Lansing; NYMN Central Region Executive Presbyter

This workshop highlights the critical role of clarity in mission and vision for effective leadership. Participants will explore how leaders can clearly define their mission and craft a compelling vision that not only guides but also inspires their teams and organizations toward meaningful movement and impact.

DESHA HALL



MANAGING CONFLICT BEFORE CONFLICT MANAGES YOU

Henri Dennis - Lead Pastor, Freedom Chapel Church, Amityville; NYMN Executive Presbyter, Ethnic Representative

This session should provide practical guidelines for mitigating conflict on teams, in relationships, and throughout ministry. Emphasis could be placed on biblical principles of unity over personal ambitions, forgiveness over offense, and the standard of Matthew 18 to address conflicts directly with the intent to reconcile.

MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM



EQUIPPING WOMEN FOR KINGDOM LEADERSHIP

Rachel Quigley - Campus Executive Pastor, Asbury Church, Dryden

This session calls women to actively pursue the purpose God has placed within them. Through Scripture and practical ministry insight, this will challenge individuals to step into leadership with conviction, use their gifts boldly, and disciple others with intentionality. Women will leave equipped to take concrete steps in their churches and communities—leading, mentoring, serving, and shaping environments where others can flourish in Christ.

WORKSHOPS SESSION 6

CLASSROOM 1



GUIDELINES FOR A CHURCH SAFETY AND SECURITY TEAM - PART 2

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CLASSROOM 2



CREATING A CULTURE FOR RAISING YOUNG LEADERS

Dom Cotignola - Lead Pastor, Next City Church; NYMN Metro East Executive Presbyter

This workshop explores how churches can intentionally nurture and equip the next generation believers to hear the call of God upon their lives. It provides practical strategies for creating a culture where young people are empowered, spiritually formed, and may even hear the call into ministry as a vocation.

CLASSROOM 3



CREATING SPACE FOR KIDS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Jenny Pandolfo - Children's Director, Mission Church, Holmes

This session calls Christian leaders to a biblically faithful vision of inclusion, affirming the God-given dignity and worth of children with special needs. Grounded in Scripture, it offers practical guidance for creating church environments where every child and family is welcomed, supported, and able to flourish in the body of Christ.

CLASSROOM 4



AI TOOLS FOR DIGITAL EVANGELISM

Adrian Padarath - Deacon, Bethlehem A/G, Richmond Hill; Owner: Zeal Creative

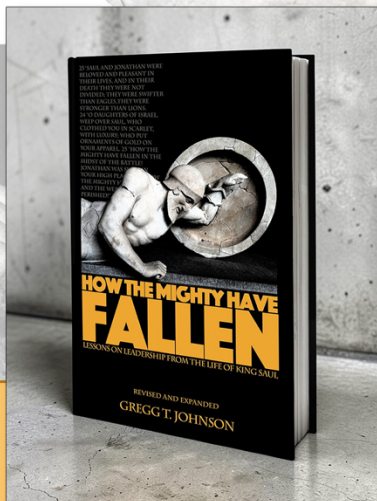
New tools are emerging month after month—some paid, some free. This workshop will explore how to ethically and effectively leverage AI tools to save time, streamline content creation, and support ministry efforts while keeping the Gospel message central. We'll focus on practical applications that help communicate the most important message with clarity and integrity.

HOW THE MIGHTY HAVE FALLEN

Why do great men and women fall? How do leaders, quick to ascend with such promise of success, find themselves awash in failure and disgrace? More importantly, can the path toward one's downfall be discerned and avoided before it's too late?

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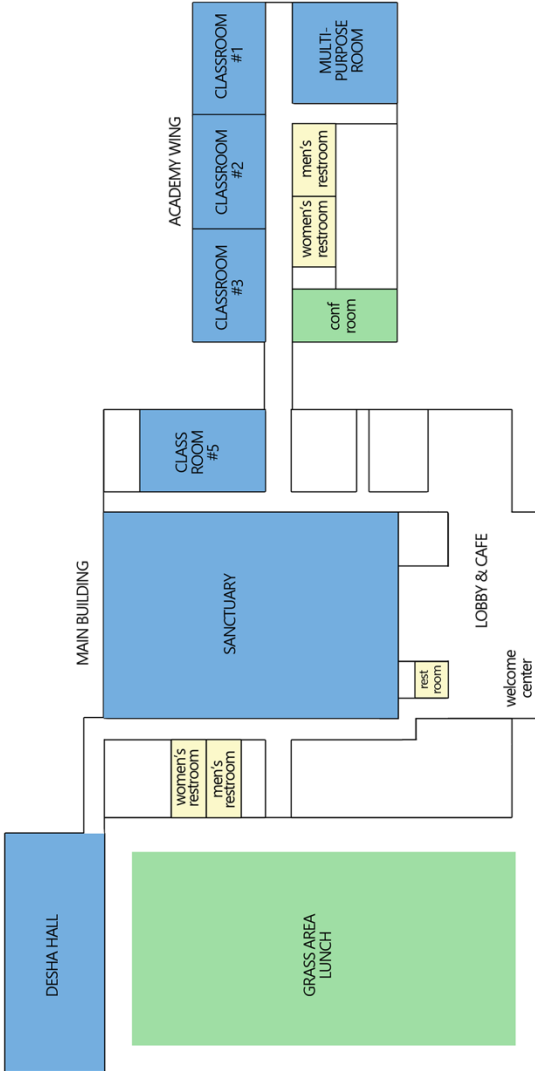
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