

ABIDE

Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. John 15:4-5 (ESV)

Welcome to the 2025 ECO National Gathering!

In the midst of the joys and challenges, privileges and heartaches of ministry, we long for connection with Jesus more than ever. As we deep dive into what it means to abide in Christ, we will prayerfully grow closer to the God who created us to depend on Him and bear fruit in our lives and ministries...for apart from Him we can do nothing.

*apart from Jesus
we can do nothing.*

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SCHEDULE

MONDAY

8:45 AM Check-In Opens

10:00 AM Presbytery Leaders Meeting

12:00 PM Lunch (if applicable)

1:00 PM Pre-Conferences Start

TUESDAY

7:30 AM Check-In Opens

8:45 AM Main Session #1  ((●))

10:30 AM Break

11:00 AM Breakout Session #1

12:00 PM Lunch (provided) / Special Interest Groups

1:30 PM Main Session #2  ((●))

3:00 PM Coffee & Cookie Exhibitor Hour

3:45 PM Breakout Session #2

5:00 PM Worship ((●))

6:00 PM Fellowship & Fun!

WEDNESDAY

7:15 AM Flourish Institute of Theology Breakfast

7:30 AM Seminary & Group Breakfasts
(Fuller, Gordon-Conwell, and Women Pastors and Candidates)

9:00 AM Main Session #3  ((●))

10:30 AM Break

11:00 AM Breakout Session #3

12:00 PM Lunch (provided) / Presbytery Meetings

2:30 PM Breakout Session #4

3:30 PM Break

4:00 PM Main Session #4  ((●))

5:30 PM End of the Day
(Dinner on your own)

6:00 PM NE Coast Presbytery Dinner



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GENERAL INFO



RESOURCE TABLE

Resource Table - Lost something? Have a question? Come to the resource & swag table across from Elliott Hall. We are happy to help!



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Network Name: Guest-HPPres

Pro-tip: Avoid using personal hotspots on campus as they disrupt the internet!



LIVESTREAM

All main sessions and worship from the National Gathering are live-streamed! If you know someone who couldn't attend but would like to watch, send them to:



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ECO AUTHOR'S TABLE

ECO has a growing cohort of authors who have produced books that challenge and build up the church. Help us support one another and stop by our book stand to see what might be useful to your ministry.



TRANSLATION SERVICES

You can listen to or read live captions for any of our main sessions in over 50+ languages. Simply scan this QR code or visit:



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FUN & FELLOWSHIP NIGHT!

Tuesday 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Join us at the end of our first full day for an opportunity to eat, unwind, share laughter, and create lasting memories together!



CHURCH COFFEE

Stop by to grab a coffee and catch up with a friend! **Open from 7:30 AM to 3:00 PM.**



MAIN SESSION RECORDINGS

All main sessions from the National Gathering will be recorded and on our website by the end of February.

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COFFEE AND COOKIES EXHIBITOR HOUR

Tuesday 3:00 PM

Grab a cookie and connect with friends as you visit our sponsor tables.



FLOURISH RESOURCES AND INTERACTIVE WALL

Stop by our interactive displays outside of Elliott Hall for an opportunity to share your ideas and feedback so we can better help you and your church flourish!



WEDNESDAY MORNING BREAKFASTS

7:15 AM

Flourish Institute of Theology Students & Faculty (Invitation only) | Room: MUSIC ROOM

7:30 AM

- Fuller Seminary Alumni (Invitation only) | Room: BELL CENTER MAIN
- Gordon-Conwell Seminary Alumni (Invitation only) | Room: HUNT L
- Women Pastors & Candidates (Bring your own coffee! Breakfast tacos provided!) | Room: HUNT A



SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Tuesday 12:00 PM (During Box Lunch)

If you're interested in one of the groups below, grab your box lunch and join a special interest group lunch.

Spiritual Formation Group Leaders (HUNT B)

Calling all past or present ordination Spiritual Formation Groups and SFG Leaders! Bring your boxed lunch and come enjoy some unstructured time together reliving your best ordination process memories and reconnecting in person.

CLPs (HUNT K)

Calling all past and present CLP Students and Cohort Facilitators! Bring your boxed lunch and reunite with your cohort or meet them for the first time. This will be an informal time to socialize and share how God is using your CLP training.

The Outreach Foundation (PARLOR)

The Outreach Foundation is building key partnerships with ministries in the Persian diaspora. Meet Iranian partners, hear how God is working in the Middle East, and learn about opportunities to travel to Turkey and Europe for deeper engagement.

AlphaYouth (HUNT H)

Does your church want to create an environment where questions are explored, faith flourishes, and the next generation is ignited with purpose? Join us for lunch to learn about the new Alpha Youth Series and how it helps young people deepen their relationship with Jesus.

Marriage - Retreating Together (HUNT C)

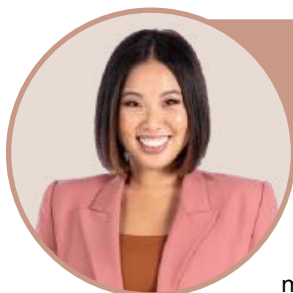
Ever feel like ministry often pulls your marriage in separate directions? Join Pete Santucci and Geordie Ziegler for lunch and learn about The Table Retreats in Sunriver, OR, a restorative Sabbath-like marriage retreat for pastors (and other vocational Christian workers) and their spouses.

Latin American Pastors and Leaders (HUNT I)

Join us to share experiences, exchange ideas, and learn from diverse cultural backgrounds. Enjoy fellowship, encouragement, and insights as we explore how Latino churches can bless Kingdom work.
Facilitator: Robson Gomes

Texas MPT (BELL CENTER BACK ROOM)

SPEAKERS



FAITH EURY CHO

Main Session #1 Speaker (Tuesday at 8:45 AM)

Faith has been a gospel preacher since she was 19-years-old. Currently, she is an international speaker, pastor, church planter, author, and CEO of a nonprofit. The mission of her life is for all to know and enjoy the gift of the gospel, which is the Presence of God. She holds a Masters of Divinity with a concentration in Global Studies from Rawlings School of Divinity at Liberty University. She has been ministering in the church for 19 years.

Faith is the CEO and founder of The Honor Summit, a nonprofit organization that equips and activates Asian American women for the mission of God. Alongside her husband, Pastor David Cho, she is also the co-founder and co-pastor of Mosaic Covenant Church of NJ.

Faith is a coach and collaborator for Propel, for which she has also been a contributing writer. She is also the author of *Experiencing Friendship with God: How the Wilderness Draws Us to His Presence*. Faith has spoken on mission fields, churches, conferences, and stages such as Thinq Media and Exponential. She regularly appears on TBN's *Better Together*. In addition, she has been a guest on The 700 Club and LIFE Today TV. In January 2023, she was mentioned in *Outreach Magazine* as one of "20 Rising Leaders." Her most precious role, however, is being a mom to her 4 children—Moriah, Elias, River, and Adalynn.

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ROB WEGNER

Main Session #2 Speaker (Tuesday at 1:30 PM)

Rob and Michelle Wegner have spent their entire adult lives serving in innovative, influential churches, directly involved in planting thousands of churches domestically and internationally over the past 25 years. At Westside Family Church, Rob's team trained leaders who planted over 700 churches worldwide in four years, and locally, the Kansas City church planting network has planted more than 20 churches.

Rob is passionate about disciple-making, missionary formation, church planting, and leadership. He serves as the Global Catalyst for Relationships and Reproduction for the New Thing network of over 1,600 churches in 177 local networks, and is part of the Exponential Network Team, where he coaches megachurch pastors. He is the author of several books, including *Missional Moves*, *Made for More*, *Find Your Place*, and *The Starfish and the Spirit*.

The Wegners believe planting The Kansas City Underground is the culmination of their life's work. They have three daughters—Madeline, Whitney, and Belle—who are quickly becoming Kingdom revolutionaries.

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DERWIN GRAY

Main Session #3 Speaker (Wednesday at 9:00 AM)

Derwin L. Gray is the co-founding and Lead Pastor of Transformation Church, a multiethnic, multigenerational community in Indian Land, South Carolina. He met his wife, Vicki, at Brigham Young University, and they have been married since 1992 with two adult children. After graduating from BYU, he played professional football in the NFL with the Indianapolis Colts and the Carolina Panthers. Gray earned his Master of Divinity magna cum laude from Southern Evangelical Seminary in 2008, where he was mentored by renowned theologian and philosopher Dr. Norman Geisler, and his Doctor of Ministry in 2018 from Northern Seminary. He received an honorary doctorate in 2015 from Southern Evangelical Seminary.

Gray is the best-selling author of *The Good Life*, *How To Heal The Racial Divide*, *Building a Multiethnic Church*, *Limitless Life*, and *God, Do You Hear Me? Discovering The Prayer God Always Answers*.

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TISH HARRISON WARREN

Main Session #4 Speaker (Wednesday at 4:00 PM)

Tish Harrison Warren is a writer, Anglican priest, and author of several books, including *Liturgy of the Ordinary: Sacred Practices in Everyday Life*, which won *Christianity Today's* 2018 Book of the Year, and *Prayer in the Night: For Those Who Work, or Watch, or Weep*, which won *Christianity Today's* 2022 Book of the Year and the 2022 ECPA Christian Book of the Year.

She formerly wrote a weekly newsletter for *The New York Times*, which focused on faith in public discourse and private life. She was also a columnist for *Christianity Today* and her articles and essays have appeared in *Comment Magazine*, *The Point Magazine*, *Religion News Service*, and elsewhere. She is a senior fellow with *The Trinity Forum*. Tish has worked in various churches and Christian non-profits for over two decades, serving as a parish priest, a campus minister, and with those affected by poverty and addiction. She now serves as Artist-in-Residence at Immanuel Anglican Church, and lives in Austin, TX, with her husband and three children.

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PHIL EUBANK

Tuesday Night Worship Preacher (Tuesday at 5:00 PM)

Phil has been serving in ministry for more than 20 years and serves as the Lead Pastor at Menlo Church in Menlo Park, CA. Originally from the Midwest (and born in Connecticut), he and his wife spent eight and a half years at Westminster Chapel in Seattle and then Phil served as Lead Pastor at Eastern Hills Community Church in Denver, CO before coming to Menlo Park. Phil is passionate about teaching the Bible, developing other leaders, and equipping other followers of Jesus to reach those who are close to them but far from God.

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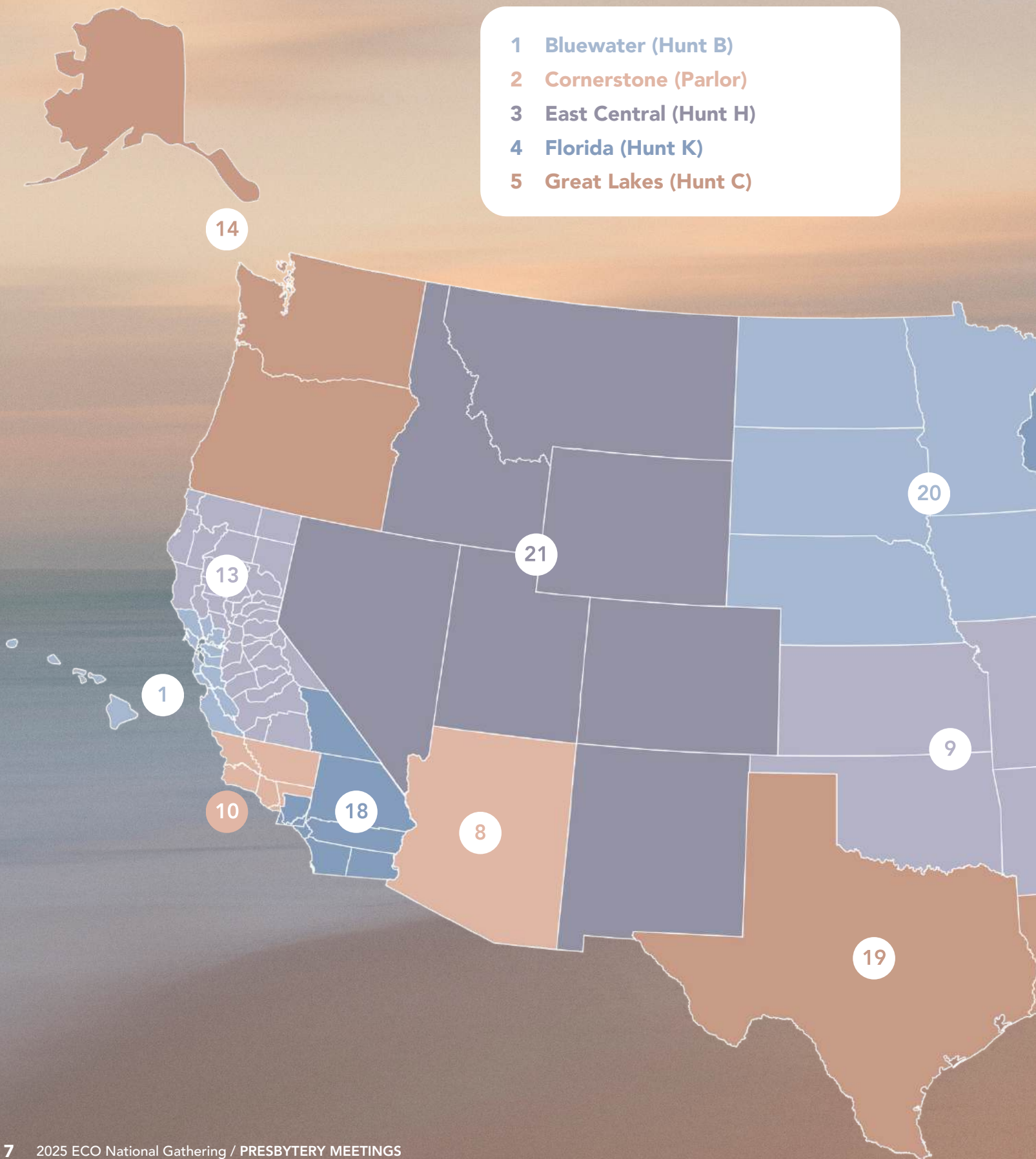
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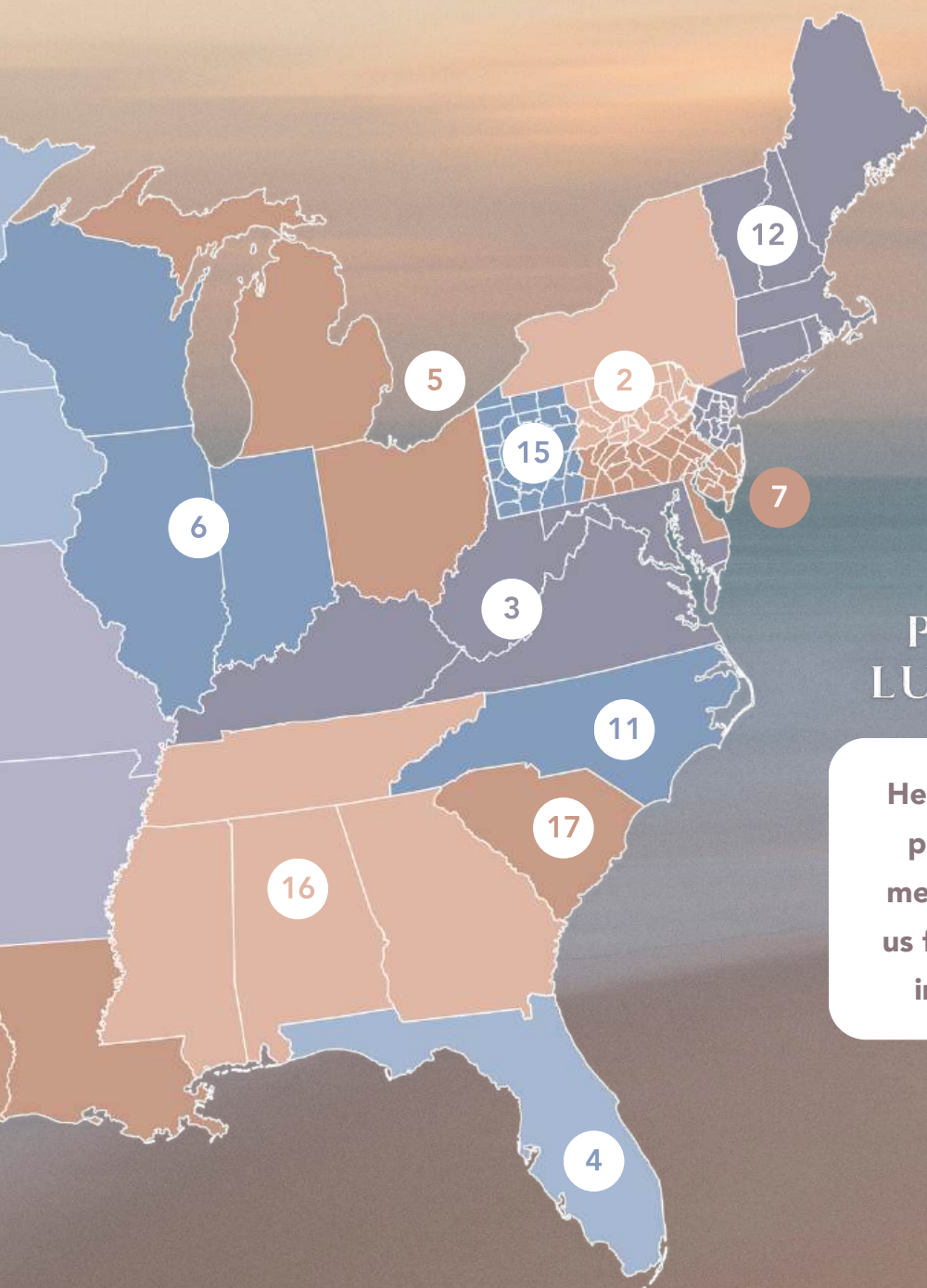
PRESBYTERY MEETINGS

Wednesday at 12:00 PM

- 1 Bluewater (Hunt B)
- 2 Cornerstone (Parlor)
- 3 East Central (Hunt H)
- 4 Florida (Hunt K)
- 5 Great Lakes (Hunt C)



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| 6 Harvest (Hunt D) | 15 Rivers of Life (Tent - Front of Church) |
| 7 Heritage (Hunt I) | 16 South (Tent - Rhodus Garden) |
| 8 Hope (Bell Center Back) | 17 South Carolina (Hunt J) |
| 9 Mid-America (Bell Center Lobby) | 18 Southern California (Music Room) |
| 10 Mission (Hunt G) | 19 Texas (Elliott Hall) |
| 11 North Carolina (Hunt L) | 20 Upper Midwest (Wynne Chapel) |
| 12 Northeast Coast (Bell Center Main) | 21 West (Alexander Hall) |
| 13 Northern California & Nevada (Volunteer Center) | |
| 14 Northwest (Hunt A) | |



PASTOR SPOUSES LUNCH GATHERING

Hey pastor spouses! If you're not planning to go to a presbytery meeting, grab your lunch and join us for a time of fun and fellowship in the Bell Center Back Room.

ONSITE CARE AND SUPPORT

Schedule a free appointment during the gathering! To book counseling, spiritual direction, coaching, or conflict coaching, scan the QR code to sign up and select a time slot, or visit the website below.

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COUNSELING

Need a safe, confidential place to process what's going on in life, family, or ministry?



Counseling with Dr. Amy Flavin

Amy has been a pastor's spouse for 43 years and worked with families, children and adolescents as an LPC (Licensed Professional Counselor - NJ) for 25 years. She has been in private practice for 30 years and taught at the undergraduate and graduate level in psychology and marriage and family counseling for 20 years. Amy has enjoyed helping families and individuals adjust to the challenges that life presents, especially the balancing of life with ministry. She believes that understanding the role that mental health plays in daily life and family life is a critical element to maintaining a healthy ministry.

Room: Legacy Room



Counseling with Dr. Andrea Gurney

Dr. Andrea Gurney has over two decades of experience working with children, adolescents, couples, and families, using an integrative, relational, and strength-based approach to therapy. She holds a Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology from Northeastern University, completed advanced training at Harvard Medical School and Boston Children's Hospital, and has been a faculty member at Westmont College since 2005. Dr. Gurney is also the author of *Reimagining Your Love Story: Biblical and Psychological Practices for Healthy Relationships* and frequently speaks and leads retreats at ECO Churches. Learn more at: andreagurney.com

Room: Legacy Room

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Seeking clarity on where God is leading you? Spiritual Direction provides a prayerful space to reflect on your life and discern the Holy Spirit's presence and invitations.



Spiritual Direction with Rev. Tim Fearer

Tim has pastored six churches, navigating five through needed change as their Transitional Pastor/Head-of-Staff. He also labored for eight years as a theological educator and leadership developer in Turkey. In all these arenas, Tim focuses on life with God as the heart of effective leadership. He enjoys serving pastors as a certified spiritual director and coach. When not on assignment, Tim makes his home amidst the people, color, and beauty of the Los Angeles basin.

Room: Usher's Room

COACHING

Facing a ministry challenge? Need a “thinking partner” in working through it?

Coaching with PIR

A PIR Ministries coach will offer you a personal, confidential, and supportive environment, where we will listen and work together to design actions that move you toward your desired goals – serving as a catalyst for growth.

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PIR Ministries Coaches for the ECO National Gathering:



Roy Yanke –
Executive Director



Jason Eddy –
Regional Director

Room: Parlor Conference Room



Coaching with Kimberly Merrill

Rev. Kimberly L. Merrill, originally from Mobile, AL, earned a B.A. in Marketing from the University of South Alabama. After marrying and raising five children, she and her husband moved to Austin, Texas, where she received her Master of Divinity from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Ordained in 2006, she has served various churches across the country. Kimberly is a certified coach through CoachNet (2008), a Transitional

Pastor in ECO with training from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, and is passionate about encouraging pastors and churches, helping them discover their identity and embrace God’s leading.

Room: Volunteer Center

CONFLICT COACHING

Struggling with relational tension or conflict? Need guidance in navigating challenging conversations with grace and understanding?



Conflict Coaching with Christina Severinghaus

Christina Severinghaus, a Certified Christian Conciliator, has been active in Christian conciliation since 2010. She has experience in conflict coaching and mediating for churches, marriages, neighbors, business partners, and communities. Christina also speaks to churches, parachurch organizations, and educators about peacemaking. Based in Fulton, Maryland, she maintains an active biblical counseling practice, meeting clients in person and via Zoom.

Room: Mother’s Room (Narthex)

RESTURANTS

There are a few times throughout the gathering that you have meals on your own. Grab a friend and check out some of these local recommendations close to the church.

“ON YOUR OWN” MEAL TIMES

- Tuesday Breakfast - Before Main Session #1 starts at 8:45 AM
- Wednesday Breakfast - Before Main Session #3 starts at 9:00 AM
(Unless you are attending the Flourish Institute, Seminary, or Women Pastors' Breakfast)
- Wednesday Dinner - After the National Gathering ends at 5:30 PM
(Unless you are attending the NE Coast Dinner)

There are also many restaurant options located in Highland Park area (1 mile from the church).

BREAKFAST

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| .8 mi from church
4.3 ★★★★★
Grab and Go | \$ Chick-fil-A
Hours: 6:30AM - 8:45PM
6423 Hillcrest Ave | 2 mi from church
4.4 ★★★★★
Dine-in Takeout | \$\$ Angela's Cafe Breakfast
Hours: 6AM - 8PM
7979 Inwood Rd #121 |
| 2 mi from church
4.3 ★★★★★
Dine In | \$ Cafe Brazil Coffee/Breakfast
Hours: 24hrs
6420 N US 75-Central Expy | 1 mi from church
4.2 ★★★★★
Grab and Go | \$ Starbucks
Hours: 5AM - 8PM
6733 Hillcrest Ave |
| 1.7 mi from church
4.5 ★★★★★
Dine In or
Grab and Go | \$ Sclafani's Breakfast/Lunch Bagels
Hours: 7AM - 2PM
6135 Luther Ln | 2 mi from church
4.4 ★★★★★
Dine In | \$\$ Yolk Breakfast/Brunch
Hours: 7AM - 2:30PM
8315 Westchester Dr |

LUNCH AND DINNER

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| .9 mi from church
4.7 ★★★★★
Dine In or
Grab and Go | \$ Solo Burgers & Wings
Hours: 11AM - 9PM
6413 Hillcrest Ave | .9 mi from church
4.6 ★★★★★
Dine In or
Grab and Go | \$\$ ChopShop Salads & Sandwiches
Hours: 7AM - 9PM
6401 Hillcrest Ave #100 |
| .8 mi from church
4.6 ★★★★★
Grab and Go | \$ New York Sub Subs/Salads
Hours: 11AM - 3:30PM
3411 Asbury St | 1.9 mi from church
4.6 ★★★★★
Dine In | \$\$ Velvet Taco Mexican
Hours: 11AM - 11PM
4622 Greenville Ave |
| 1 mi from church
4.6 ★★★★★
Dine In | \$ Bubba's Cooks Country Southern
Hours: 6:30AM - 10PM
6617 Hillcrest Ave | 1 mi from church
4.5 ★★★★★
Dine In | \$\$ Cisco Grill Tex-Mex
Hours: 11AM - 8:30PM
6630 Snider Plaza |
| .8 mi from church
4.2 ★★★★★
Dine In | \$ Sushi Kyoto
Hours: 11AM - 2:30PM, 5 -10PM
6429 Hillcrest Ave | 1.3 mi from church
4.4 ★★★★★
Dine In | \$\$ Hudson House American
Hours: 11AM - 10PM
4448 Lovers Ln |
| .8 mi from church
4.3 ★★★★★
Dine In | \$ Olivella's Pizza and Wine
Hours: 4PM - 10PM
3406 McFarlin Blvd | 1 mi from church
4.3 ★★★★★
Dine In | \$\$ Bandito's Tex Mex
Hours: 11AM - 10PM
6615 Snider Plaza |



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BREAKOUT SESSION #1

Breakout Session #1, Tuesday at 11:00 AM	
Location	Session Title
ELLIOTT HALL	1) How to Win with Parents & Families <u>Angie Hooie</u> , Coach/Consultant, ALH Consulting, LLC The goal is not only to know who the parents are, but to build strong relational bonds that ultimately end up benefiting everyone in your church!
HUNT H	2) Do You Feel Called to Plant a Church? <u>Luke Parker</u> , Director of Church Planting, ECO and <u>Nate Stratman</u> , Pastor and Church Planter, Hope Community Church, Wilmington, NC Come learn more about ECO's church planting process and see if planting with us is right for you!
WYNNE CHAPEL	3) Healthy Worship Culture <u>Graydon Tomlinson</u> , Contemporary Worship Director, First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC Establishing a Healthy Worship Culture Regardless of Budget or Church Size
SANCTUARY	4) Discipleship Essentials <u>Lisa Johnson</u> , Executive Director of Leadership Formation, ECO Discipleship is at the heart of what it means to be a Christian and the church, yet many churches struggle to do discipleship in a way that transforms lives. Discipleship done Jesus' way is simple, but not easy. There is no shortcut or curriculum to growing mature disciples, but there are core components necessary for discipleship. If you and your church want to grow disciples who live and love like Jesus, join us!
HUNT L	5) Beauty and Our Missional God <u>Michelle Wegner</u> , Director of Soul Care and Spiritual Formation, KC Underground How God uses beauty as an evangelistic tool to draw people to himself.
HUNT B	6) Seven Transitions Today's Young Adults Face <u>Andy Jung</u> , Senior Director of Church Engagement, Fuller Youth Institute From internal factors like faith, personal passions, and values to external influences such as culture, socio-economic status, and even the role of parenting, young adulthood is a time of significant self-discovery. Join us as we discuss how youth leaders, mentors, and faith communities can offer meaningful support during this critical phase.
MUSIC ROOM	7) LGBTQ: Loving Across the Divided Lines <u>Scott Kingry</u> , Program Director, Where Grace Abounds Learn with us how to better follow the truths of Jesus that lead to spaces of grace, as well as how to have grace that leads to opportunities for truth in our friendships and relationships.

HUNT C	<p>9) Fuel Church Economics Cohorts <u>John Terech</u>, Executive Director of Operations, ECO</p> <p>How can the church look under the hood and check the economic engine? Come learn about our new learning cohort that will do this and more. An 11-month experience involving your pastor and a key leadership team will explore all options in how the church creates a culture of generosity and looks at other revenue generating possibilities.</p>
HUNT A	<p>10) Lessons From the Fourth Lausanne Conference <u>Laura Macias</u>, Director of Missional Engagement, Trinity United Presbyterian Church, Santa Ana, CA</p> <p>The Fourth Lausanne Congress seeks to advance the Movement's vision: the gospel for all, disciple-making churches, Christ-like leaders, and kingdom impact in every sphere. Discover this year's highlights and their impact on our lives and ministries as a united global church.</p>
BELL CENTER MAIN	<p>11) Harnessing Anxiety <u>Tom Parker</u>, President, ParkRise Consulting</p> <p>An anxious organization is hard to lead, BUT anxiety can be useful for your church/staff. Don't waste the opportunity! Learn to navigate the good, bad, and ugly in your staff and church.</p>
HUNT J	<p>12) Pastoral Search & Certified Transitional Pastors <u>Nate Dreesmann</u>, Executive Director of Ecclesiastical Support, ECO & <u>Kaitlyn Wood</u>, Director of Church Health, ECO</p> <p>Are you looking for a pastor? Are you a pastor looking for a church? Are you a pastor who may someday want to be a Transitional Pastor? Are you a church looking for a Transitional Pastor? If you can relate to any of these questions, this breakout is for you!</p>
HUNT K	<p>13) Leading While Wandering <u>Faith Eury Cho</u>, Founder, The Honor Summit, Co-Pastor, Mosaic Covenant Church of New Jersey</p> <p>How to remain Spirit-led as you are in your own wilderness season.</p>
PARLOR	<p>14) Tent Making for the 21st Century <u>Aaron Hansz</u>, Assistant Pastor, Grace Presbyterian Church, Houston, TX</p> <p>Fully living the call of a bi-vocational pastor in today's world. It's no secret fewer and fewer people are feeling called to full time vocational ministry. Come learn about the incredible opportunities, benefits, challenges, dilemmas, and joys that bi-vocational ministry can provide. Perhaps a new model of ministry could be the right fit for you or your church!</p>
HUNT I	<p>15) Your First Steps In ECO <u>Dana Allin</u>, Synod Executive, ECO</p> <p>Whether you are new to ECO, want to get more deeply connected, or are in a church that is considering joining ECO, this breakout will help you understand all about ECO and how we can help you and your congregation flourish!</p>
BELL CENTER BACK ROOM	<p>16) Lord of Time - Two Years In ECO's Standing Theology Committee and <u>Greg Wagenfuhr</u>, Theology Coordinator, ECO</p> <p>Two years after the publication of the New Theology Document, Drs. Patterson and Wagenfuhr discuss how these vital new theological foundations rediscovered in Scripture offer a unique and powerful way to address the crucial issues the church is facing. Sabbath offers the church a renewed vocabulary for the gospel that allows us to begin shifting our understanding of what it means to be the church in a post-Christendom era.</p>

BREAKOUT SESSION #2

Breakout Session #2, Tuesday at 3:45 PM	
Location	Session Title
ALEXANDER HALL	1) Next Generation Disciple-Making <u>Mark Oestreicher (Marko)</u> , Founding Partner, The Youth Cartel Moving Toward a Discipling Ministry for the Next Generation
HUNT C	2) Become a Sending Church <u>Luke Parker</u> , Director of Church Planting, ECO and <u>Nate Dreesmann</u> , Executive Director of Ecclesiastical Support, ECO Come learn how your church can start a church planting movement.
HUNT K	3) Cultivating Flourishing Congregations <u>Kaitlyn Wood</u> , Director of Church Health, ECO and <u>Dana Allin</u> , Synod Executive, ECO Imagine a spiritual and strategic roadmap leading your congregation to a season of transformation and renewed vision! Learn about ECO's process for guiding your church through discovery, bringing leadership together to discern and develop a personalized roadmap.
HUNT I	4) Seven Worship Leaders <u>Brandon Muchow</u> , Minister of Worship, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Newport Beach, CA Worship leadership is a niche craft with diverse specializations. 7 Worship Leaders helps worship leaders and churches flourish through assessment, development, and placement tools. Worship leaders discover their archetype, while church leaders, pastors, and search committees gain clarity on the best worship leader fit for their culture and ministry goals.
HUNT B	5) Evangelizing Young Families in Your Community <u>Karla Merrell</u> , Church Engagement and Southeast and Spanish Network Manager, The Mom Co Every church desires to reach young families for Christ! Join us to learn how community based evangelism can be strategic for growing your church with through the influence of young families.
HUNT A	6) Discipleship <u>Rob Wegner</u> , KC Underground Starting, Leading, and Multiplying Networks of Disciple-makers and Microchurches.
HUNT J	7) Show Me The Money! <u>Rick Young</u> , Texas Presbyterian Foundation, President Strengthening your Generosity Message
BELL CENTER MAIN	8) Breaking the Triangle <u>Tom Parker</u> , President, ParkRise Consulting In this breakout we will focus on wisely engaging criticism, blame, and all the other ways people talk about others rather than to them.
HUNT L	9) Soul Strong <u>Michelle Wegner</u> , Director of Soul Care and Spiritual Formation, KC Underground Learning to grow our soul's strength through seven principles of soul care from the life of Jesus.

HUNT H	9) A Livable Missional Theology <u>Robson Gomes</u> , ECO Brasil National Leader A Livable Missional Theology – a Latin American Perspective
BELL CENTER BACK ROOM	9) God is Calling, Let your Journey Begin - ECO's Ordination Process <u>Lisa Johnson</u> , Executive Director of Leadership Formation and ECO Ordination Team Understanding the ECO Ordination process from start to end. If God has been stirring, we invite you to come learn how our ordination process is about your leadership development, spiritual formation, and how God can use your unique gifts and calling for His kingdom work.
WYNNE CHAPEL	10) Gender, Sex, and the Church <u>Greg Wagenfuhr</u> , Theology Coordinator, ECO and <u>Mark Patterson</u> , President, Flourish Institute of Theology A quick overview of the important issues that lay behind discussions of gender and sexuality as outlined in ECO's published document, and offer ideas for pastoral care and church leadership.

BREAKOUT SESSION #3

Breakout Session #3, Wednesday at 11:00 AM

Location	Session Title
MUSIC ROOM	1) Supporting Your Youth Ministry & Youth Pastors <u>Mark Oestreicher (Marko)</u> , Founding Partner, The Youth Cartel How to Support and Nurture Youth Ministry and Youth Ministers (If you are a pastor or a senior leader in your church, this breakout is for you!)
HUNT L	2) Unwrap God's Vision For Your Church <u>Mike Clark</u> , ECO Pastor, Flourish Consultant and Author Unwrap God's Vision (Especially for Small and Medium Size Churches)
HUNT H	3) Explore Alpha <u>Jalen Taylor</u> , National Events Specialist, Alpha USA Cultivating a culture of Hospitality, Listening, and Dependence on the Holy Spirit.
HUNT K	4) Exegeting Your Community <u>Luke Parker</u> , Director of Church Planting, ECO, <u>Will Ritter</u> , Pastor/Church Planter, Renew Churches, Jerome, ID and <u>Jackie Parks</u> , Pastor/Church Planter, South Scottsdale Presbyterian Church, Scottsdale, AZ Become a central part of your city by learning your community's missional needs and how your church can meet those needs.
HUNT C	5) Child of God or Child of Mammon: Race and the American Church <u>Malcolm Foley</u> , Pastor, Mosaic Waco, TX Join us to learn how the desire for power and money--what some call "racial capitalism"--causes violence and exploitation. In this breakout you will gain a better understanding of how we can resist greed that exploits others, love our neighbors more completely, and build communities of deep solidarity, anti-violence, and truth-telling.

PARLOR	6) Taking Stewardship to the Next Level <u>Tim Newell</u> , President/CEO, Envoy Financial Equipping ECO Pastors to help their congregation in the Journey of Stewardship
HUNT J	7) Flourish Institute of Theology <u>Mark Patterson</u> , President, Flourish Institute of Theology Flourish Institute: Updates, Progress, and Plans
ELLIOTT HALL	8) Strategic Communication in a Time of Polarization <u>Andrea Gurney</u> , Psychologist and Professor, Westmont College Moving from Disconnection and Division to Curiosity, Compassion, and Convicted Civility
HUNT B	9) A Rhythm for Life (Part 1) <u>Austin Thomas</u> , Pastor, First Presbyterian Church of Griffin, GA Spiritual Transformation for Overwhelmed Leaders (Part 1): Ministry leaders are burning out at an unprecedented rate, and you may find yourself among them. In part one, discover the biblical foundation for spiritual formation and developing a rhythm of life that will change how you lead yourself and your church for exponential transformation.
HUNT A	10) Making Ministry & Marriage BOTH Work <u>Pete Santucci</u> and <u>Geordie Ziegler</u> , Co-Founders of The Table Retreats Maintaining a strong and vibrant marriage in the midst of ministry life can be difficult, but there is no healthy ministry without healthy ministers. Investing in your most important relationship is central to a healthy wholeness. Join us to learn practical and encouraging rhythms to sustain you and your spouse in the midst of serving your church community.
BELL CENTER MAIN	11) Lay Leadership Development <u>Lisa Johnson</u> , Executive Director of Leadership Formation, ECO and <u>Kaitlyn Wood</u> , Director of Church Health, ECO Are you a lay leader who wonders what your flourishing next steps could be? Are you a lay leader who desires more equipping, training, skills, and Biblical knowledge? Come to find out what resources ECO, Flourish, and FIT have to offer and see where God might be stirring your heart for deeper equipping.
WYNNE CHAPEL	12) Lit Up With Love <u>Derwin Gray</u> , Founder and Lead Pastor, Transformation Church, Charlotte, NC Adoring Christ Jesus for the beauty of his person and his redemptive work of grace, living from union life in Christ, producing Holy Spirit empowered formation into the image of Christ, and becoming everyday missionaries who are compelled by the love of Christ. Learn how to join Jesus is seeking and saving the lost!
HUNT I	13) Pathways to Finding New Hope during Difficult or Forced Pastoral Transitions <u>Roy Yanke</u> , Executive Director, PIR Ministries This breakout will introduce you to both the reality of the impact of those difficult transitions and pathways to find new hope and healing for the next chapter of ministry life.
SANCTUARY	14) 10 Challenges for Ministry in the Next 10 Years <u>Dana Allin</u> , Synod Executive, ECO Come hear some of the predictions as well as how to prepare our churches to seize the opportunities that these challenges create.

BREAKOUT SESSION #4

Breakout Session #3, Wednesday at 2:30 PM

Location	Session Title
HUNT A	1) Recruiting Teams That Last <u>Angie Hooie</u> , Coach/Consultant, ALH Consulting, LLC Stop the cycle of recruiting, training, and losing volunteers. Learn how to put in the work up front to make volunteers stick.
BELL CENTER MAIN	2) Multi-Ethnic Church <u>Malcolm Foley</u> , Pastor, Mosaic, Waco, TX In this breakout, we will explore one way to develop and maintain a multi-ethnic church.
HUNT J	3) Business As Mission <u>David & Nancy Goebel</u> , Owners of Great Harvest Bread Co. & Lead Pastor of Redeemer Church Leveraging your business for Kingdom impact by taking your flourishing next step as a small business owner or senior executive.
HUNT C	4) It Not a Giving Problem; It's a Giving to the Church Problem <u>Joe Park</u> , Horizons Stewardship American giving has remained consistent at 2% of disposable income for over 40 years, yet the percentage the church receives is in free fall, dropping by over 60% in the same period. This breakout examines why church donors are rapidly shifting giving away from the church and provides practical insights and resources you can immediately implement to reverse this trend when you return home.
HUNT K	5) Utilizing Your Building's Availability & Functionality <u>Justin Knapp</u> , CEO/Founder, SpaceTogether In this breakout, we will explore how to utilize your building's availability and functionality to increase community impact and add a nontraditional revenue stream.
MUSIC ROOM	6) Biblical, Christ-Centered Conflict: Becoming a Peacemaking Leader <u>Christina Severinghaus</u> (Bondofpeace) and <u>Julia Leeth</u> , Pastor, Grace Presbyterian Church, Houston, TX Working through conflict is essential in building a flourishing church. Come learn about ways that ECO is resourcing churches to flourish in the midst of everyday conflict.
BELL CENTER BACK ROOM	7) Pastor Spouses Exclusive <u>Laura Seifert</u> , Founder, Yes.Ministries Pastor spouses, this breakout is exclusively for you! Join us as we learn about burnout, exhaustion, and God's remedy for both.
HUNT B	8) A Rhythm for Life (Part 2) <u>Austin Thomas</u> , Pastor, First Presbyterian Church of Griffin, GA Spiritual Transformation for Overwhelmed Leader (Part 2): Once we have a solid Biblical Foundation and understanding of a spiritually formed life (discovered in Part 1), we can then, and only then, develop a Rhythm of Life for our own transformation. In part two, you will learn to discern a Rhythm of Life for yourself, as well as practice a rhythm in community to jump start your spiritual transformation.

ELLIOTT HALL 9) Abiding with Christ in the Midst of the Ordinary

Tish Harrison Warren, Anglican Priest & Author

In the overlooked moments and routines of our day, we can become aware of God's presence in surprising ways. How do we embrace the sacred in the ordinary and the ordinary in the sacred?

HUNT L 10) Effective Discipleship in the Small Church

Kaitlyn Wood, Director of Church Health, ECO and Susan Finck, ECO Pastor in Validated Ministry, Presbytery of Texas

Small churches face unique challenges when implementing discipleship programs, from limited resources to volunteer burnout. In this breakout session, we will identify some of the specific obstacles small congregations encounter and provide practical examples and strategies to cultivate successful discipleship even with limited resources.

HUNT I 11) Mentored Ministry

Lisa Johnson, Executive Director of Leadership Formation, ECO and MJ Romano, Assistant Director of Mentored Ministry, Flourish Institute of Theology

Pastors, would you like to strengthen your mentoring skills for current staff and emerging leaders? Churches, are you interested in becoming a "teaching church" for ordination candidates and FIT students? Come find out about our new Mentored Ministry training and resources.

WYNNE CHAPEL 12) Theology In ECO

Greg Wagenfuhr, Theology Coordinator, ECO

Have you ever wondered what ECO believes, or what the theological culture is like? Whether you are just checking out ECO or have been involved for years but have questions, come learn about how a livable theology drives us forward in ministry.

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Get Involved: Help establish new communities of faith by providing resources, mentorship, or referrals to potential planters. Your support helps churches grow in their missional impact.

Contextual and Creative Approach to Church Planting

ECO celebrates innovative, personalized strategies tailored to each planter's vision and context, avoiding one-size-fits-all.

Comprehensive Support from Assessment to Sustainability

ECO provides coaching, tailored resources, and ongoing support to help church planters thrive in ministry.



Rev. Luke Parker
Director of Church Planting



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EXECUTIVE TEAM




Rev. Dr. Dana Allin
Synod Executive

...get more done before 9am
then you get done all day




John Terech
Executive Director of Operations

...(want to) go viral on YouTube



Rev. Lisa Johnson
Executive Director of Leadership Formation


...break the rules



Rev. Nate Dreesmann
Executive Director of Ecclesiastical Support

...dazzle the team with a
homemade culinary
masterpiece

ADMINISTRATION & COMMUNICATIONS




Taylor Woods
Executive Coordinator

...develop a process for that




Emilee Burleson
Office Receptionist

...show up to work at any
cost



Rev. Beth Allin
Director of Communications

...follow the rules



Skye Coleman
Executive Administrator


...seem innocent until she
pranks you

CHURCH HEALTH



Rev. Dr. Kaitlyn Wood
Director of Church Health


...whip your church into
shape and make you love
every second of it



Marilyn Blaess
Ministry Resource Coordinator


...retain Signature Status
points at Chick fil A

CHURCH PLANTING



Rev. Luke Parker
Director of Church Planting

...create an elaborate color
coded flowchart



Keila Llanes
Administrative Assistant for Church Planting

...organize "free spirited"
church planters

ECCLESIASTICAL SUPPORT



Ben Godwin

Administrative Assistant for
Ecclesiastical Support and
Ministry

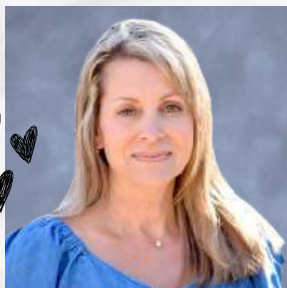
...bring humor into a deep
conversation



Rev. Dr. Greg Wagenfuhr
Theology Coordinator

...use words you have never
heard before

OPERATIONS & FINANCE



Patty Terech

Assistant to the Executive
Director of Operations

...have a full list of prayer
requests (and ACTUALLY pray
for them)



Shelby Murphy

Financial Administrator

...be "out of office" in the
mountains

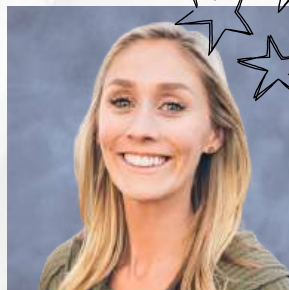
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**Rev. Jonathan
LaBarge**

Ordination Advisor

...be getting his steps in
during a Zoom call



Rev. Saona Jackson

Ordination Advisor

...run a marathon while
drinking a matcha

FLOURISH INSTITUTE OF THEOLOGY



Rev. Mark Patterson

President

...have never heard of the
TV show you're currently
watching



Martha Oloo

Registrar & Administrator

...win in a boxing match

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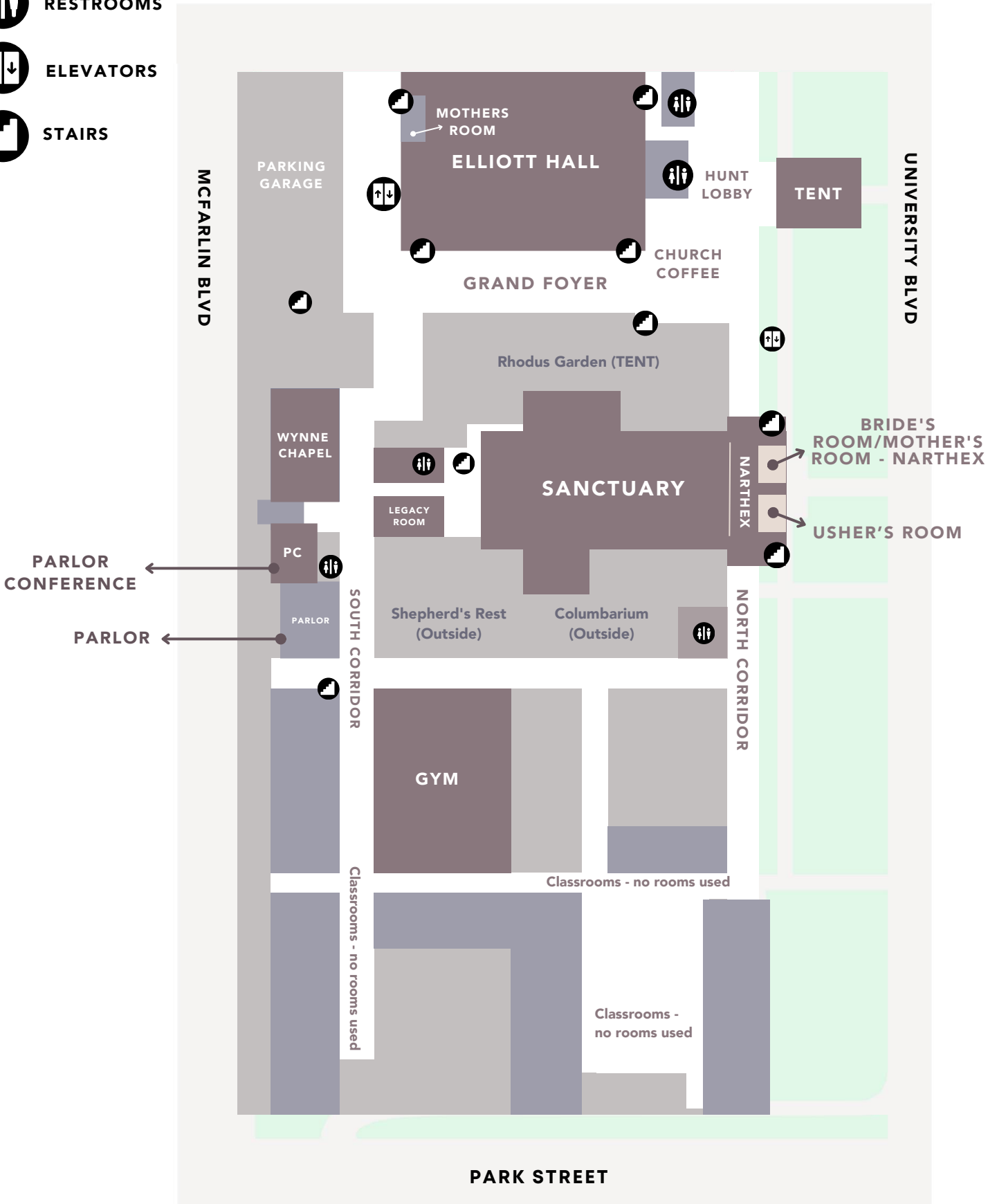
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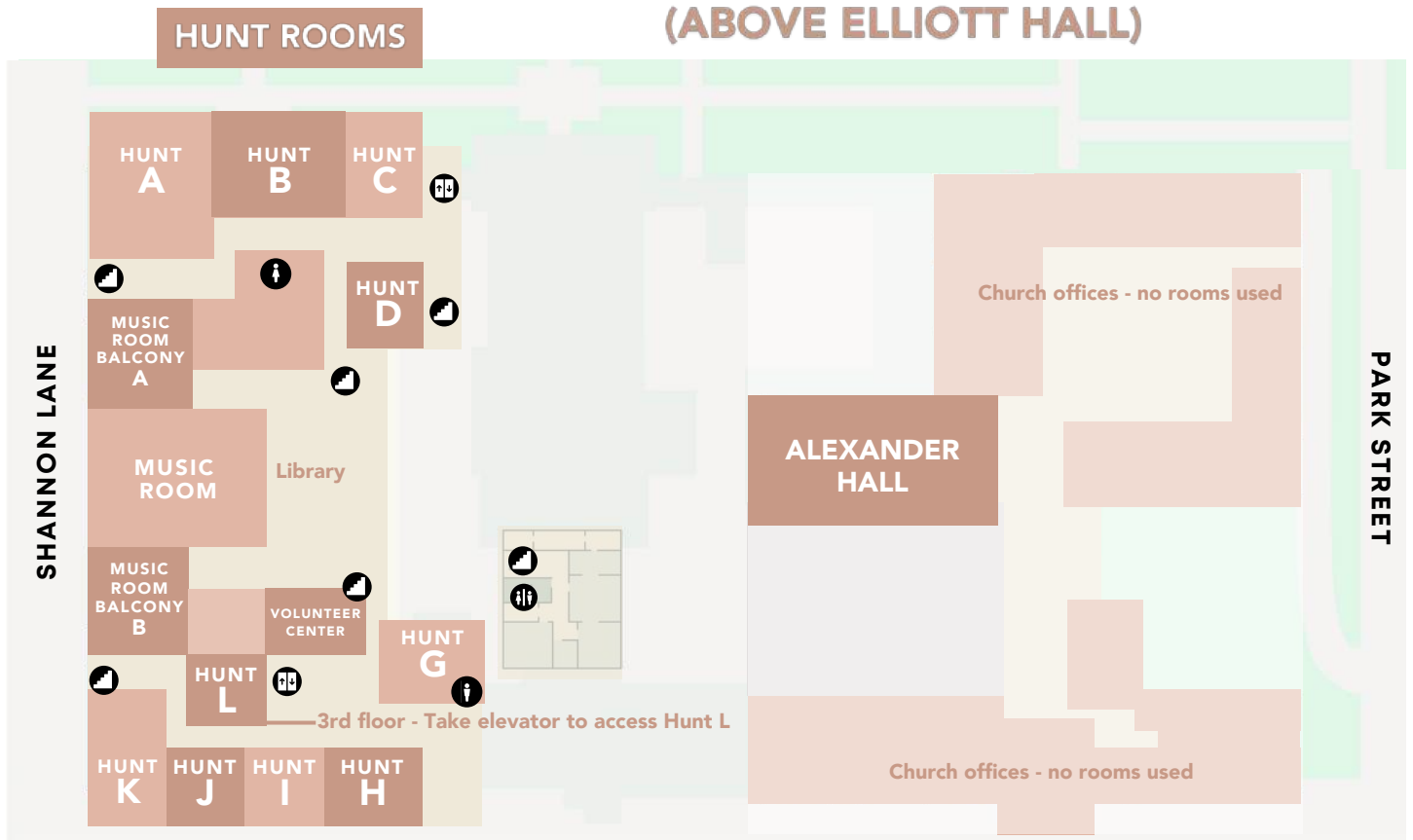
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LEVEL 1 - MAIN LEVEL

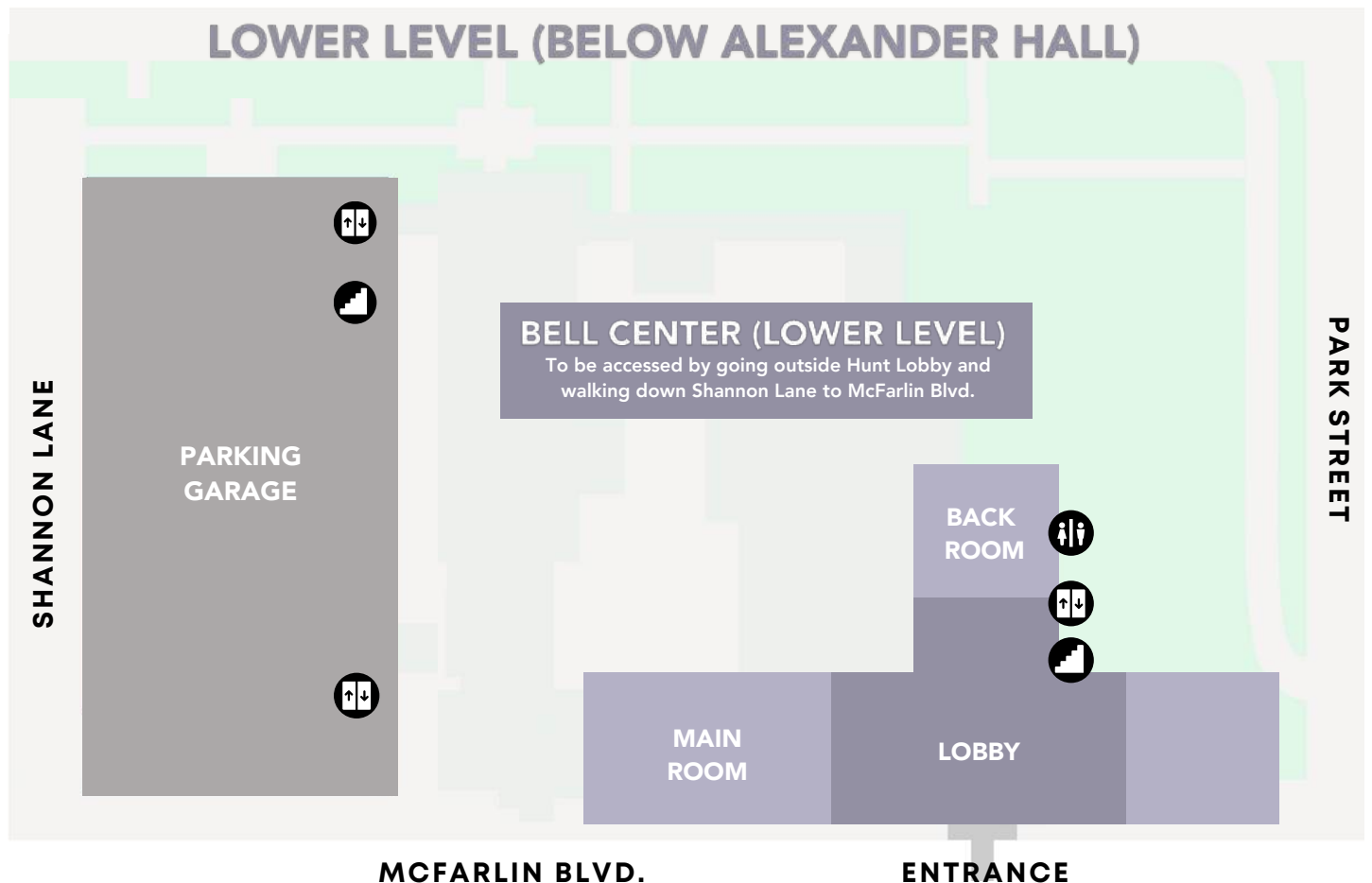
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A scenic view of the Atlanta skyline at sunset, with the city's skyscrapers reflected in the calm waters of a lake. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue, and the surrounding trees are lush and green.

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