

ECWA USA 2018 CONFERENCE

Thursday - Sunday: July 19 - 22

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THE MANDATE, JOYS AND PAINS OF BUILDING SOLID ECWA CHURCHES IN THE US

Introduction

The Great Commission remains the enduring mandate Christ gave the Church and our church named *Evangelical Church Winning All* is our all-time response to our Lord and Master. Our obedience to the Great Commission in America comes at a great price and our 2018 Theme: *Joy in Suffering* is woven into the theme for the conference: *The Mandate, Joys and Pains of Building Solid ECWA Churches in the US.*

Our Goal for the conference is to equip and position us for effective evangelism, church planting and growth in 21st century America.

Plenary Sessions

Biblical Mandate for Church Planting - *Friday July 20, 9:05am – 9:25am (20 minutes)*

This topic seeks to unveil the fact that Church Planting is not just a mandate but also the most effective model for fulfilling the Great Commission.

ECWA Must Live to its Name and Purpose - *Friday July 20, 9:35am – 9:55am (20 minutes)*

ECWA, as an Evangelical Church, signs off that the proclamation of the Gospel is what we live and breathe. Our most recent name change to *Evangelical Church Winning All* is a paradigm shift, a broadening of our vision and a bold step to cross barriers and cultures to take the Gospel where ever it is needed. A brief history of ECWA and how we have always ministered will help us see the new direction we are going.

Why Plant Churches in the USA? - *Friday July 20, 10:05am – 10:25am (20 minutes)*

Although there are hundreds of thousands of churches in America today, America continues to be a growing mission field given the thousands of refugees from non-Christian backgrounds, Asylum seekers and young Americans who are turning away from the traditional religion of their parents. The American Church needs revival and new ways of doing church.

What kind of Churches are we called to Build? - *Friday July 20, 7:55pm – 8:15pm (20 minutes)*

It is not a secret that churches today have different agendas and some are not necessarily concerned about carrying out the gospel mandate. There are those that focus more on Economic, Political, Social, Ecological, etc. issues than on the Gospel. The mandate to make disciples of all nations and teach them to obey all that Christ taught remains undone and we need to return to this task.

God has a Role for you - *Friday July 20, 8:25pm – 8:45pm (20 minutes)*

One great challenge ECWA has is that ministry is still largely being driven professionally by the clergy. Most ECWA members are spectators instead of being equipped for work of ministry – Eph. 4:11-12. We must break this habit and unleash Church members to do ministry.

How to Build strong and Multi-cultural churches - *Saturday July 21, 9:05am – 9:25am (20 minutes)*

The Good News is for all nations and as Paul said: I became all things to all people so that by all means I might win some to Christ. America is a multi-cultural, multi-racial, multi-generational nation. We need to change how we do church and reposition our churches to reflect the diversity in our communities if we are going to thrive. This will take hard work.

The Cost of being part of the Building process - *Saturday July 21, 9:35am – 9:55am (20 minutes)*

No one is exempted from the Great Commission. This task also is costly as suffering is involved. Jesus made it clear that if anyone will be His disciple, he must take up his cross daily and follow Him. We are advised to count the cost before embarking on any project – even that of church planting in the US.

The Joys of being involved in the Building process - *Saturday July 21, 10:05am – 10:25am (20 minutes)*

Joy is part of the fruit of the Holy Spirit which the believer enjoys as he walks in obedience with the Lord. The hardships and challenges we face as we seek to expand the Kingdom of God here on earth cannot compare with the joy God gives us through the trials. There is Joy in Suffering and there are other blessings that come to us as we obey God and carry out His mandate.

Workshops 1 *Friday July 20, 10:45am – 11:45am (60 minutes)*

How to Transform our Churches into Multi-Cultural Churches *Friday July 20, 10:45am – 11:45am (60 min)*

This workshop will equip you and your church to move from being a mono-cultural church to a multi-cultural church that adequately reflects the demographics of your parish or neighborhood. When we are labeled a Nigerian Church, a Yoruba Church or even an African Church, we should not be contented with that.

How to start and sustain a Prayer cell where you are. *Friday July 20, 10:45am – 11:45am (60 min)*

Many will never consider themselves to be church planters because they did not go to seminary or do not know the Bible much. Truth of the matter is that anyone of us can be a Church planter. Learn how you and one or a few others can start and sustain a Prayer cell which will eventually evolve into a full fledged church.

How can I know God's will for my life? *Friday July 20, 10:45am – 11:45am (60 min)*

Who should I marry? What career should I pursue? What college should I go to? What town should I live in? Where will God want me to serve Him? ... and many similar questions. Come to this workshop and learn guiding principles of how to discern God's will in every situation of your life.

The truth about the Holy Spirit and how I can be filled *Friday July 20, 10:45am – 11:45am (60 min)*

The Holy Spirit is neither controversial nor are His activities shrouded in secrecy. He is plain and simple but many wrong teachings about Him and His work has brought about confusion to many. This workshop will guide you to the truths you need to know about the Holy spirit and how you can be filled by Him.

Finding my right partner, Dating and Marriage *Friday July 20, 10:45am – 11:45am (60 min)*

Finding your right partner is second only to salvation. It is important to know where and how to find your partner for marriage. Issues of dating and marriage will also be discussed at this workshop.

Minimizing conflicts between parents and children arising from cross cultural differences *Friday July 20, 10:45am – 11:45am (60 min)*

This workshop will help everyone and especially families that immigrated from other cultures into America. Cultural conflicts, generational gaps, language barriers, etc. are constant areas of conflicts between parents and children. Learn how to manage these differences and bring peace to your home.

Workshops 2 *Saturday July 21, 10:45am – 11:45am (60 minutes)*

Understanding what the Prosperity and Health gospel is all about *Saturday July 21, 10:45am – 11:45am (60 min)*

What is Prosperity Gospel? Why is it such a popular Gospel and everyone is gravitating toward it? Can it be wrong when it is taught in the Bible and so many churches and good Christians believe in it? Find out more about it in this workshop.

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How to use technology and Social Media without worshipping it. *Saturday July 21, 10:45–11:45am (60 min)*

The revolution of cell phones, iPhones, iPads, computers and wide-open doors to social media, have good and bad outcomes. These gadgets are not evil by themselves, but we need wisdom on how best to use them as subtly they are running our lives instead of God. If you use these gadgets much, this workshop is a must for you.

Starting and maintaining a growing Devotional life or Quiet time *Saturday July 21, 10:45am – 11:45am (60 min)*

The one Christian discipline that contributes most to our growing process in our faith is our personal devotional time with the Lord. It is also called Quiet Time. Many saints struggle with maintaining a consistent, joyful and spiritually enriching Quiet Time. Quiet time best practices will be shared at this workshop to help you launch into a more fruitful experience.

How to know my spiritual gifts *Saturday July 21, 10:45am – 11:45am (60 min)*

The Bible makes it clear that every believer has one or more spiritual gifts and God expects you to steward your gift faithfully. But you find yourself among several others who say: but I do not know my gift. Welcome to this workshop; you will be shown how to know your spiritual gift(s).

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Panel Discussion: *Saturday July 21, 7:30pm – 8:15pm (45 minutes)*

Topic: The Role of Prayer, Men, Women and Youth in Building the Church

Sunday morning Worship: *Sunday July 22, 8:00am – 9:15am (75 minutes)*

Sermon Topic: Let us Rise and Build *(Sermon length: 30 minutes)*

This is to be more of an invitation to all join hands and carry on with the work that we, as ECWA, are committed to here in the US. Bearing in mind all the presentations made in the plenary sessions, it is time now to have all hands-on deck to build.