



CONFERENCE

DO JUSTICE • LOVE MERCY • WALK HUMBLY • MAKE DISCIPLES

Workshop Partner Request for Proposal

GO Conference Overview

Every year, Christians from all over New England gather for two days of worship, prayer, equipping and encouraging. While New England may be one of the more challenging regions of our country for the Gospel, it also is one of the most rewarding. God is moving in our region in unique and powerful ways. Christians from every state are committed to living a disciple-making life focused on doing justice, loving mercy and walking humbly with God.

On February 16-17 at the MassMutual Center in Springfield, MA, the GO Conference will bring together those followers of Jesus hungry to grow in their capacity to go make disciples in their everyday lives. We will worship together, pray together, get equipped together and encourage another.

Workshop Topics

The GO Conference combines dynamic, inspirational plenary session speakers and New England-focused workshops to inspire and equip people to bring the hope of Jesus to their communities in practical ways. The workshops communicate how to translate and apply the four major themes of the conference into a New England context.

This year, we will offer 18 one-hour workshops. Audience interaction/participation is highly valued by conference participants. We are looking for partners to create workshop environments where participants learn from the facilitator and work with other participants to apply the content, not mini plenary sessions. Participants expect an experiential learning environment and the opportunity for networking with other New England Christians and ministries.

Here are the four themes for the weekend. Each workshop will fall under one of these themes.

- **EVERYDAY JUSTICE WORKSHOPS:** Fighting injustice is central to making new disciples of deeply skeptical New Englanders who often see the Christian faith as only interested in filling buildings and supporting their programs. Led by New Englanders doing amazing justice work, these workshops will equip you to stand with the oppressed and fight injustice in New England in practical ways.
- **LOVING MERCY WORKSHOPS:** Sharing the Gospel in New England means creating space on our sofas and in our sanctuaries for the broken, unredeemed outcast Jesus loves. Our Love Mercy workshops are for those wanting to explore ways in which individuals, churches, and businesses in New England are creating radically merciful and welcoming environments for sinners and tax collectors to meet Jesus.

- **WALKING HUMBLY WORKSHOPS:** Humility allows us to enter into the world of the broken and lost. We are able to give grace only when we daily walk humbly in the grace of God. Our Walk Humbly workshops focus on equipping you with soul care strategies to humbly walk close to Jesus so you can effectively share the truth of Jesus from a place of spiritual health and vulnerability.
- **DISCIPLES MAKING DISCIPLES WORKSHOPS:** All of us are called as individuals to be a witness of God's grace and mercy to those around us. Our churches also ought to be effective witnessing communities to their cities. The Make Disciples workshops equip you with New England-tested strategies to be effective in building relationships, sharing Jesus, inviting people to follow him and seeing new commitments to Jesus in New England.

Workshop Partner Responsibilities

- Workshop Partner financial contribution of \$2000. (If your ministry is unable to provide this contribution, please note on the application that you are in need of a benefactor to make this contribution on your behalf.)
- Provide high quality, informative and interactive workshops
- Coordinate with the GO Conference Workshop Team to provide the following:
 - Workshop title and summary, top three takeaways, high-resolution image and a biography for marketing purposes
 - Presentation title
 - Presentation topic description with 3 learning outcomes (should include a 3-4 sentence paragraph for publicity)
 - Presentation summary including how the presentation topic fits with the GO Conference theme
 - Delivery method: how will the presentation engage attendees through audience participation and discussion? Will it be a panel, single lecture with Q/A, guided table discussion?
 - Names, pictures, short biography and contact information for all presenters
 - Headshot picture should be 300 x 300 image, 72 dpi or better
 - Biography and PR blurb (150 words or less) for publicity
- If you offer curriculum or services of any kind, the workshop is not an infomercial for your service or curriculum (participants should walk away equipped for ministry whether or not they use your services in the future)
- Promote your participation in the event on your social media sites
- Provide your own printed pieces and/or promotional collaterals to hand out to participants in your workshop

Workshop Partners Receive the Following:

- Your organization listed on both the VNE website and GO Conference website
- Eligible to purchase booth space in the Coffee Break Area
- Logo placed on the GO Conference partners banner
- Complimentary Partner Booth in the Main Session Hall (Partner's Expo Area)

- One 1-Hour Workshop spot during the 2018 GO Conference
- $\frac{1}{2}$ -page ad in the GO Conference Booklet
- VNE will aggressively promote the GO Conference, including your workshop
- A volunteer Workshop Room host to provide assistance during the Conference
- A/V tech assistance with any A/V problems that may occur at the Conference
- Two complimentary passes to the 2018 GO Conference
- Prayer for presenter and workshop presentation

Submission of Workshop Partner Application

Your input is valued and will be carefully considered by our event planning committee and board. We will respond to your submission by **November 10, 2017**. We appreciate all submissions and if you are not selected for this upcoming Conference, we welcome you to submit again for the following year.

How to Submit

Please complete the form below to submit your information and proposed topic details to the GO Conference planning committee for consideration. Please submit your completed application and any questions to: Sharon Rogers, srogers@visionnewengland.org. All of the information listed must be submitted by **October 10, 2017** for your application to be reviewed.

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Deadline for Request for Proposal and all accompanying items is October 10, 2017

General Information

Point of Contact:

Organization/Ministry:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Website:

Social media:

Please check the days you are available to present:

Friday, February 16

Saturday, February 17

Both days

Workshop Information

Proposed workshop title:

Presentation summary (should include the following):

- *Please provide a summary no longer than 500 words*
- *List three to five learning objectives.*
- *List three to five specific benefits participants will take away*
- *Details on how you plan to engage the audience in interacting with one another*
- *Details why you consider your topic essential for GO Conference participants*

Who would benefit from your presentation (church members, pastors, community members)?

Have you presented this program before?

Will you provide take-away materials/handouts?

Will you need a computer, projector and screen?

Presenter Information

Please provide name, phone number and email address of all presenters.

Please attach to your proposal a 150-word biography for each presenter.

Please attach high resolution .jpg for each presenter. The name of the file should be the name of the presenter.

References

Please provide name, phone number and email address for two references

Reference 1:

Reference 2:

The GO Conference is a partnership-based event. Our workshop partners provide a financial contribution of \$2000 to cover the costs associated with the workshop. Please choose whether you are able to provide this partnership or you are requesting a sponsor to provide the financial contribution on your behalf.

I will be a workshop sponsor for \$2,000.

I am requesting a sponsor to provide the financial contribution on my behalf.