

# THE MESSIAH'S MISSION



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2065 HALF DAY RD, DEERFIELD IL 60015

## REGISTRATION

**Early Bird \$80 (before Aug 15) / Regular \$100 (Aug 15-Sept 15) / Late \$120 (after Sept 15)**

**COLIN SMITH** (M.Phil, London School of Theology) is senior pastor of The Orchard, a thriving, multi-campus church in the Great Lakes District. Colin's teaching extends through Open the Bible, a ministry that proclaims Christ through media and mobilizes believers in evangelism. He is committed to mentoring next-generation pastors through The Orchard School of Ministry and has authored more than a dozen books. Colin and his wife Karen have two married sons and five granddaughters.

**NIRUP ALPHONSE** is the Lead Pastor of LIFEGATE Church in Denver, Colorado. Born in Singapore, Nirup moved to Chicago where he received his degree from Trinity International University. A sought-after speaker and communicator, Nirup has a passion to awaken others to walk in the fullness of their potential and calling. Outside of leading his church, traveling the world and speaking, his greatest joy is being married to his wife Hannah. Together they are raising four wonderful boys.

**RICHARD & SUSAN TRCA** (EFCA ReachGlobal) focus on church planting and leadership development of ReachGlobal staff and European nationals. Richard and his ReachGlobal colleagues collaborate with church planting networks to offer coaching, resourcing, and discipling relationships toward multiplying new church communities within the main cities of Europe. Presently residing in Chicago, Richard is completing his PhD research at Trinity International University while connecting with European training processes.

**SCOTT & LAURA DISTLER** have spent the last 12 years pastoring the E-Free Church in Gaylord, Michigan which also includes a campus in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan and an Online Campus. In 2024 they will be starting an additional campus in Alpena, Michigan. Scott is a graduate of Liberty University (undergraduate and graduate degrees) with 35+ years of pastoral experience. He is the Bible teacher on FOLKS LISTEN TV which is seen in 53 counties throughout Northern Michigan. Scott and Laura have two grown children and 3 grandchildren.

## AFFINITY GROUPS

**[MISSIONS LEADERS]** with Don Erickson, GLD Area Superintendent of the Chicago Suburbs & Equiper of International Pastors

**[HISPANIC MINISTRIES]** with Ricardo Palmerin, GLD Director of Hispanic Ministries & Senior Pastor of Iglesia Biblica de Bensenville, IL

**[MINISTRY WIVES]** with Jan Thompson, Writer, speaker and does ministry with her husband, Rick Thompson, GLD Superintendent

**[MINISTRY TO WOMEN]** with Cyndi Leamon, GLD Director of Ministry to Women

**[YOUTH LEADERS]** with Dan Sommer, Apex Director of International Youth Missions & GLD Director of Student Ministries

**[CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES]** with Judy Crocket, Retired Children's Ministries Director of Lakeland EFC, Gurnee, IL

**[WORSHIP LEADERS]** with Steve & Amy McCausland, GLD Regional Superintendent of Chicagoland

**[CHURCH MULTIPLICATION]** with Brett Gleason, GLD Director of Church Multiplication

**[NORMAL PASTORS UNDER 200]** with Mark Burks, GLD Area Superintendent of S Ohio and N Kentucky & Senior Pastor of Grace EFC, Louisville, KY

**[IMPACT PASTORS 200-450]** with Josh Weiland, Lead Pastor of Wawasee Community, Milford, IN

**[LARGER CHURCHES 450+]** with Knute Larson, GLD Pastoral Coach

**[LEADERS: CHURCH HEALTH THAT BREAKS GROWTH BARRIERS]** with Darrell Cloud, Executive Pastor of The Compass Church, Naperville, IL

**[WELCOMING NEW PEOPLE]** with Marc Read, Director of Communications and Special Events at Crossroads EFC, Plymouth, IN

**[SPECIAL NEEDS & DISABILITIES MINISTRY]** with Jim Baker, EFCA Disability/Special Needs Ministry

**[PASTORAL CARE]** with Joel Badal, Senior Pastor of River Valley EFC, Ottawa, IL

**QUESTIONS**  
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**SCHEDULE**

### MONDAY / OCT 9

Check In and Boxed Lunch Pick Up  
Affinity Groups & Lunch  
Break  
[THE MESSIAH'S GLOBAL MISSION] with Richard & Susan Trca / Other Churches  
Plenary Dinner and Women's Dinner  
[THE MESSIAH'S MISSION TO SAVE US] with Colin Smith

### TUESDAY / OCT 10

9:00AM [THE MESSIAH'S LOCAL MISSION] with Scott & Laura Distler / Other Churches  
Break  
[THE MESSIAH'S MISSION TO SEND US] with Nirup Alphonse  
Vision Lunch & Business Meeting

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