

I eagerly anticipate our gathering at this year's National Conference to share what God has been doing among us and to set the direction for this dynamic movement we call the Evangelical Congregational Church. I look forward to worshipping together, spending time in God's Word and having opportunities to forge new relationships and deepen existing ones. Like you, I am praying that God's Holy Spirit overflows our entire experience with refreshing and renewal.



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Equipping Experience

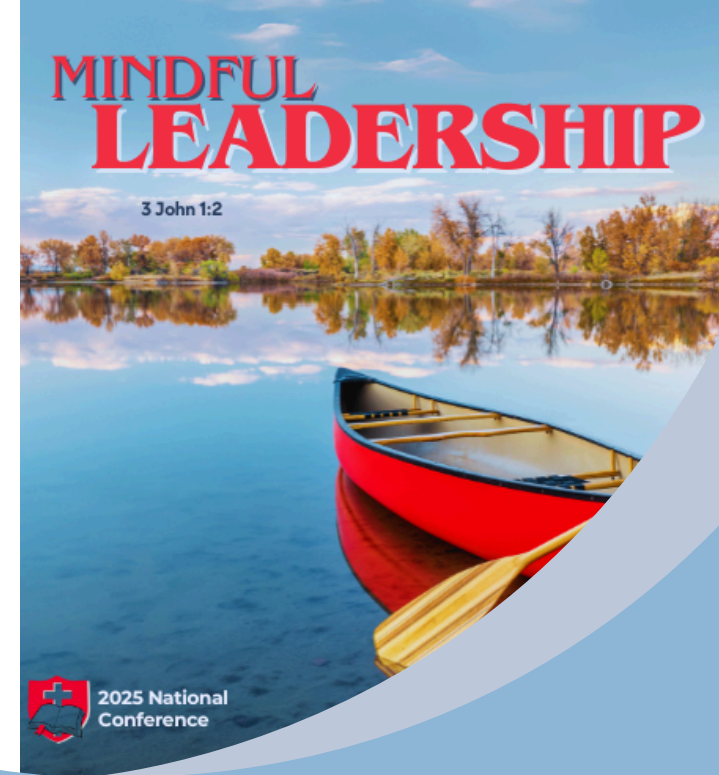
The theme for this year's National Conference Celebration is **Mindful Leadership**. You may ask, "What does mindful leadership have to do with becoming a dynamic movement of God?" A dynamic movement of God built on healthy, disciple-making churches requires healthy, mindful leaders! Church leaders must be **mindful**, that is they must be intentionally aware of how their physical, spiritual and emotional health impacts their ability to lead. During our plenary Equipping Experience on Thursday afternoon, Dave Wiedis, founder of ServingLeaders and author of *The Spiritually Healthy Leader*, will help us explore how to be mindful leaders.



Dave Wiedis, J.D., M.S.C.C., is the Founder and Executive Director of ServingLeaders Ministries, and is a counselor and an attorney. He is also the Director of Counseling at Providence Church, West Chester, and has served as an adjunct professor in the graduate counseling department at Cairn University for over two decades. Dave is the author of *The Spiritually Healthy Leader: Finding Freedom from Self-Sabotage*. He is married to Miho Kahn, a performing and visual artist. Together they have performed Miho's show, *Clean Sheets*, around the world. Dave and Miho have two adult children and live in West Chester, PA.

ServingLeaders' Mission Statement:

ServingLeaders exists to revive, restore and resource ministry leaders and their families, enabling them to pursue health and excellence in their ministry.



**2025
National
Conference**
of the Evangelical
Congregational Church

May 21-23, 2025
Messiah University
Mechanicsburg, PA

General Agenda

(subject to change)

TUESDAY, MAY 20

7:00 – 9:00 PM Early Registration *Eisenhower Campus Center* (for those staying on campus Tuesday evening)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

7:00 AM Breakfast *Lottie Nelson Dining Hall*
9:00 AM Registration *Eisenhower Campus Center*
10:30 AM Lay Delegate Orientation *Sollenberger 165*
12:00 PM Lunch *Lottie Nelson Dining Hall*
1:30 PM Worship & Holy Communion Service
Hostetter Chapel
3:00 PM Afternoon Business Session including the
Episcopal Address *Eisenhower Campus Center*
5:00 PM Dinner *Lottie Nelson Dining Hall*
6:30 PM Worship *Eisenhower Campus Center*
7:45 PM Adjourn and Ice Cream Fellowship

THURSDAY, MAY 22

7:00 AM Breakfast *Lottie Nelson Dining Hall*
8:00 AM Registration *Eisenhower Campus Center*
8:30 AM Worship *Eisenhower Campus Center*
9:30 AM Morning Business Session *Eisenhower
Campus Center*
10:45 AM Community Updates / Reports *Eisenhower
Campus Center*
12:00 PM Lunch *Lottie Nelson Dining Hall*
1:30 PM Equipping Experience: Emotional Health
Eisenhower Campus Center
5:00 PM Dinner *Lottie Nelson Dining Hall*
6:30 PM Evening Session *Eisenhower Campus Center*
7:45 PM Announcements and Adjourn

FRIDAY, MAY 23

7:00 AM Breakfast *Lottie Nelson Dining Hall*
8:30 AM Morning Session *Eisenhower Campus Center*
10:00 AM Worship *Eisenhower Campus Center*
12:00 PM Lunch *Lottie Nelson Dining Hall*

Registration

- Registration will be at the Eisenhower Campus Center on Tuesday, May 20, from 7 - 9 PM (for those staying on campus Tuesday night); Wednesday, May 21, beginning at 9 AM; and Thursday, May 22, at 8 AM.
- Conference sessions officially begin on Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 PM with Worship and Holy Communion in Hostetter Chapel.
- All pastors serving a church will pay the per person Registration Fee.
- Superannuated and/or retired pastoral classifications not serving a church as of May 1, 2025, will receive a code to use at registration to waive the registration fee.

Meals

- There are two Meal Plans, one for all meals (\$79) and another for just lunches and dinners (\$63), which are available for purchase at the time of registration.
- Individual meals may also be purchased for \$16.50 each when registering or for \$17.25 each at National Conference.

Housing

- Three on-campus housing options are available: Single Dorm (\$62); Dorm with a roommate (\$47); and Apartment with roommate(s) (\$58). All prices are per person per night. **You must provide your own pillow, bed sheets, blankets and towels.**
- Blocks of rooms have been reserved at two local hotels. Please contact EC Church Center for more information about this option.

Campus Info

- Dress policy is "business casual." A sweater or light jacket is suggested to assure comfort in varying temperatures in the auditorium, buildings and rooms.
- Messiah University's campus is a "walking campus." Be prepared to walk to other buildings on the campus.

Conference Preacher

Rev. Will Lockhart

Will Lockhart is the Lead Pastor for Grace EC in Kutztown. He has been involved in ministry for over 25 years while also working in the field of Social Work and Criminal Justice after serving in the U.S. Army. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Social Work from Kutztown University and a Master's Degree from Shippensburg University. With the love and support of his wife of eighteen years, Emily, and two children, he is currently a student at LBC/Capital Seminary in the Masters of Ministry program. Will loves to grill and smoke food including ribs, brisket, chicken and mac & cheese. He enjoys bringing good physical food together with good, sound Biblical sustenance.



Lay Delegate Orientation

Wednesday, May 21 at 10:30 AM (*Sollenberger 165*)

The position of lay delegate has been one of the most important in the Evangelical Congregational Church; and as such, it is not a responsibility to be taken lightly. This short orientation will help you to develop a better knowledge of the history and work of the EC Church. Check with the EC Courtesy Desk upon registration for more details.