



the Fellowship Community's 2019 National Gathering

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leading with heart, soul, mind, and strength

The First Presbyterian Church, Tulsa, OK
February 19-21, 2019

Welcome

The Peace of our Savior to you all! Welcome to the 2019 National Gathering of The Fellowship Community, and welcome to First Presbyterian Church Tulsa. Since 1885, this outpost of the kingdom has, by the grace of God, existed for the love of Christ and the common good. All of us here at First Church—pastors, members, and staff—have been eagerly awaiting and preparing for your arrival. We stand ready to offer help and to make your time with us life-giving. We consider it a great privilege to serve as your host. Know that we have been praying for you and for these three days—that our time together would be Spirit led and filled, and that we might again have the joy of beholding the truth, goodness, and beauty of our Triune God.

Special “thanks” to The Fellowship Community’s board, staff, and volunteers. Once again they have set the table for a rich feast of speakers, fellowship, and worship. Their efforts are a labor of love to the Lord and to His Church. But this work also stems from a deep theological conviction that the mission and witness of all of us committed to the Reformed, orthodox, and evangelical teachings of the church become far more credible to a skeptical world as we do life together in Christ’s name.

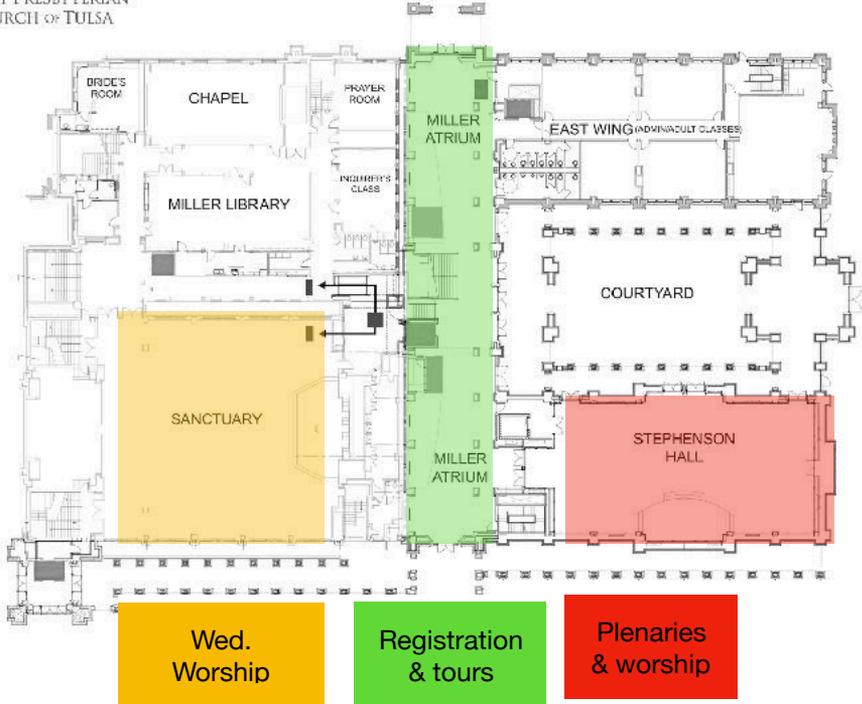
Finally, thanks are due to each of you for making the trip to Tulsa. You’ve cleared busy calendars, some of you have loved ones covering the bases at home, many of you have travelled long distances by air or on land, and you all come with stories of God’s faithfulness that we look forward to hearing.

We are delighted to have you here at First Church, and we are excited to hear how the Lord might speak to us. Our prayer is that each of you, and all of us together, might be strengthened with the joy of the Lord as we return home to lead as under shepherds to the Good and Great Shepherd, Jesus our Lord.

Warmly in Christ,
Jim Miller and Ryan Moore
Co-Pastors



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Schedule

Tuesday, Feb 19

2:00-4:00	Registration and Exhibits Open Docent Tours Available	Atrium
4:00	Gathering and Welcome	Stephenson
4:20pm	Opening Plenary with Admiral Kibben <i>All In: Leaders Lead</i>	
5:05	Break	
5:15	Panel <i>New Things God is Doing</i>	Stephenson
6:15	Dinner	Great Hall
7:15	Worship with Rev. Radcliff	Stephenson
8:30	Community Art Café	Atrium

Wednesday, Feb 20

(breakfast on your own or with seminars)

7:30-8:45am	Fuller Seminary	Miller Library
8:00-8:45am	Princeton Seminary	E204
9:00am	Welcome	Stephenson
9:15	Plenary with Rev. Radcliff <i>All Means ALL: Moving from Binitarian Faith & Practice to Trinitarian</i>	
10:00	Break	
10:15	Workshops - see descriptions for locations	
11:30	Lunch with Table Groups	Great Hall

1:00pm	Plenary with Dr. Stetzer <i>The Mission Field and the Mission Force</i>	Stephenson
2:00	Break	
2:30	Plenary with Dr. Stetzer <i>Commissions of Jesus</i>	Stephenson
3:30	Break	
3:45	Workshops (repeat of morning schedule)	
5:15	Dinner	Great Hall
6:30pm	Worship with Rev. Marsh	Sanctuary
7:30	Dessert	Atrium
8:30	Hospitality Suite	Doubletree

Thursday, Feb 21

(breakfast on your own)

8:45am	Welcome	Stephenson
9:00	Plenary with Admiral Kibben <i>Leaders Fail... and Still Lead</i>	
10:00	Break	
10:15	<i>What's Next</i> <i>State of The Fellowship Community</i>	Stephenson
11:00	Worship with Dr. Stetzer	Stephenson
12:00pm	Dismissal	

Lunch Group Options

During lunch on Wednesday we are offering the opportunity to meet with groups with similar leadership contexts. The designated groups are:

Under 40s in leadership
Women in Leadership
Small Church Leadership

Lunch tables will be marked accordingly.

If you do not fit into one of those categories or simply want to hear from people outside of your unique context, you may sit at any unmarked tables for general fellowship and sharing.

Trolley Information

We will have a trolley available for hotel pick-ups and drop-offs between the church and *only* the 3 TFC-contracted hotels (DoubleTree, Aloft, Hampton Inn).

Trolley times:

Tues: 9pm-10:10pm

Wed: 8am-8:55am & 8:30pm-11:10pm

Thurs: 7:30am-8:25am & 12:15PM-1:10pm

A trolley should arrive approximately every 20 minutes

Note: all 3 TFC-contracted hotels provide complimentary, first-come-first-serve shuttle service:

DoubleTree: (918) 587-8000 / 5:30AM-11PM

Hampton Inn: (918) 949-6900 press 0 / 7AM-10PM

Aloft by Marriott: (918) 947-8200 press 0 / 7AM-11PM

Note: Trolley is unable to go to airport.

Tour FPC Tulsa's Facilities & Ministries

Tuesday, Feb. 19 2:00-4:00pm

2:00 **The Arts Academy**

with Elder Jenette McEntire - Docent, Interim Executive Director

2:20 **History and Archives**

with Elder Vicky Wilcoxon - First Presbyterian Church Archivist

2:20 **Sanctuary**

with Elders William (Bill) Hellen and Bruce Wiley - Docents, History and Archives/Building and Grounds

2:40 **Music Ministry**

with Ron Pearson, M.M. - Organist and Director of Music Ministries

2:40 **Children's Ministry**

with Elder Mary Anne Marberry - Docent

2:40 **Power House Teen Ministry**

with Jackson Seibert - Associate Director of Middle School Ministries

3:00 **Music Ministry**

Ron Pearson continues his discussion focusing on the carillon bells

3:20 **Atrium Art**

with Norma Wallace and Ronda Falkensten - Docents

3:40 **Atrium Art Mandala**

Ronda Falkensten remains in the Prayer Room for playful reflection

3:20 **Stephenson Hall**

with Elder Joan Williams Hoar - Docent

3:40 **Arts Academy**

with Duff Points - Executive Director of Ministries

4:40 **Sanctuary and Kerr Chapel**

with Elder Joan Williams Hoar - Docent, FPC Historian

PLEASE NOTE: ALL TOURS BEGIN IN THE ATRIUM. First Presbyterian Church art books (2) will be offered for sale at a discount to those attending the National Fellowship gathering. Check the book table for review copies or to purchase.

Workshops

#MeToo and the Church -

E104 with Elizabeth Brookens-Sturman

The Church is not immune from the cultural crisis that has come to be known as the #MeToo movement, as women speak up about sexual harassment. How does this issue affect the Church? Can we take the politics out of the issue and think about it together as brothers and sisters in Christ? How can we lead our ministry teams and congregations to be aware, respectful, and faithful without being driven by fear or panic? You won't want to miss this timely, calm, and helpful discussion.

Beyond Crisis to the Long Game -

E100 with James Goodloe

Fellowship Community members want to live out a biblical, orthodox, evangelical Faith, and we want to do that in a denomination with which we sometimes disagree. And so, the questions for us are: What are we to do now? What are we to believe? How are we to obey? Dr. John H. Leith (1919–2002), professor of historical theology at Union Theological Seminary in Virginia, analyzed the situation well in *Crisis in the Church: The Plight of Theological Education*. Perhaps he, along with Saint Benedict, Martin Luther, Alastair McIntyre, and Rod Dreher can help point us toward the shape and content of the long service ahead of us.

God's Justice in Action: Defending the World's Most Vulnerable -

E102 with Jon Good

In our journey toward a transformed world reflecting God's justice and peace, there are far too many who face a constant, tangible, very real threat: everyday violence. This session will examine this hidden plague that is destroying lives and undermining the fight against poverty in the

developing world. Together we'll explore how God's heart for justice is woven throughout Scripture, serving as compelling motivation for the Church of Jesus Christ to confront head-on the most pervasive and intractable cases of injustice. An overview of the work of International Justice Mission will be provided, and opportunities will be given for church leaders to explore how they might engage in IJM's work through prayer, advocacy, and congregational partnership.

Growing the Church in the Power of the Holy Spirit - E101 with Susan Finck

Much is written about listening prayer and the Holy Spirit's guidance for individuals. But how can we truly cooperate with the Holy Spirit as a session or ministry leadership team? How can we truly embrace God's sovereign leadership of our local church in various specific expressions, thus "keeping in step" with the Spirit? Working with the analogy of partners in ballroom dancing, each participant will discover: the foundations that need to be in place so that churches and individuals can step out onto the 'dance floor'; the dynamic 'dance steps' that need to be learned in order to keep in step with the Holy Spirit; the pitfalls and benefits involved in seeking to operate under the guidance of the Holy Spirit in this way.



Workshops

The Legacy of Eugene Peterson -

E103 with Dan Baumgartner

Eugene Peterson, who died in October 2018, was a pastor, writer, and professor. His impact on pastors and the church in America is hard to quantify beyond saying he was hugely influential for an entire generation of church leaders. And certainly his bible translation The Message has helped millions get a fresh reading of scripture. His was often a prophetic voice, calling the church to move beyond marketing, glitzy programming, worship as entertainment or pastors as celebrities. Somehow, he accomplished all this while never pastoring a large or even medium size church, being fairly reserved and unambitious. Through stories of his life and ministry, readings from his books and a few video clips, the workshop will reflect on possible implications of his legacy for the church in 2019.

Multiethnic Ministry: Leading in, Through and Beyond the Difficulties -

E200 with Ray Gracia

Every church MIF, website or advocate points to their church's desire to be more ethnically, racially and socio-economically diverse; however, most of our churches have fallen short of reflecting the diversity of our own communities, let alone achieving the lofty goals of glimpsing the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. This workshop will address the pitfalls that we often get tripped up in, identify tools that help us to equip our leadership, and speak directly to the difficulties that we walk through when we intentionally choose to bare witness to the coming Kingdom of God, in our local churches today.

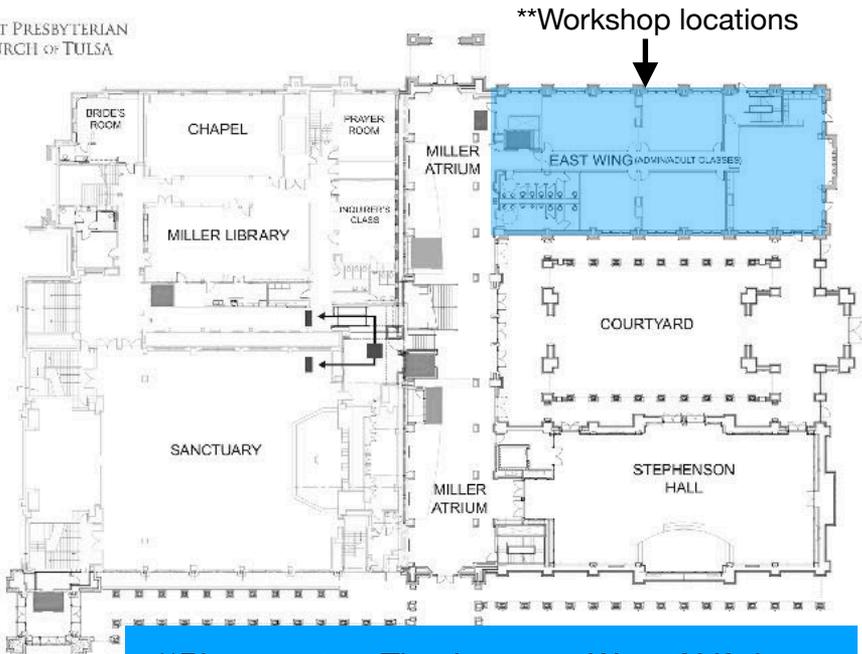
Theology as a Way of Life: On the Art of Teaching the Christian Faith -

Choir Room (3rd floor) with Adam Neder

What difference does Jesus Christ make for the way we teach Christianity? If he is truly God and truly human, if he reveals God to us and us to ourselves, how should that shape our approach to teaching the Christian faith? If our goal is for people to know God, and if we are incapable of producing knowledge of God in those whom we teach, where does that leave us? Drawing on the work of Søren Kierkegaard, Karl Barth, and Dietrich Bonhoeffer, this workshop offers a clear and creative theological and spiritual reflection on the art of teaching the Christian faith.



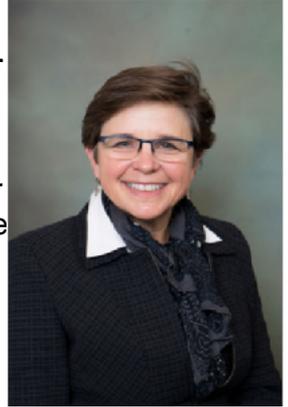
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****Please note - *Theology as a Way of Life* is on the 3rd floor in the choir room**

Plenary Speakers & Preachers

Rear Admiral Margaret Grun Kibben - Most recently, Margaret served our country as the U.S. Navy's Chief of Chaplains. Prior to this assignment, Margaret served as the Chaplain of the U.S. Marine Corps. A native of Warrington, Pennsylvania, Margaret is a graduate of Goucher College, Princeton Theological Seminary, and the Naval War College. She has served as a senior fellow at United States Institute of Peace, and presently serves on the boards of Princeton Theological Seminary, the Inamori International Center for Ethics and Excellence, the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation, and the Veterans and Military Advisory Committee for the Washington National Cathedral. Margaret, her husband Tim, and daughter Lindsay live in Virginia.



Rev. Dwight Radcliff - Dwight is the founding pastor of The Message Center church in Gardena, CA. Dwight's energy, truth-telling and deep faith have made him a frequent teacher and preacher across denominational lines. Dwight's perseverance in a career in law enforcement and now full-time ministry is challenging and inspiring. He is an attentive student of culture and an effective evangelist very experienced in conversations around racial reconciliation. He has a Bachelor's in Biblical Studies, a Master of Divinity, and is a PhD candidate at Fuller Theological Seminary. Dwight has received recognition and commendations for his work in ministry and with youth from City, County, and State officials. He has also served as a Deputy Sheriff and a Chaplain with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept. He has been married to wife DeShun for 20 years, and they have two daughters.



Rev. Dr. Ed Stetzer - Ed holds the Billy Graham Distinguished Chair for Church, Mission, and Evangelism at Wheaton College. Ed also serves as the Executive Director of the Billy Graham Center, and as Dean of the School of Mission, Ministry, and Leadership. Ed is a prolific author, and well-known conference speaker. He has planted, revitalized, and pastored churches, trained pastors and church planters on six continents, holds two masters degrees and two doctorates, and has written a dozen books and hundreds of articles. Ed is a contributing editor for *Christianity Today*, a columnist for *Outreach Magazine*, and is frequently cited or interviewed in news outlets such as USA Today and CNN. He is also the Executive Editor of *The Gospel Project*, which is used by over 1 million individuals each week. Stetzer co-hosts (with John Stonestreet) *BreakPoint This Week*, a radio show started and formerly hosted by Chuck Colson, and now airing on over 400 media outlets. He is the interim teaching pastor at Moody Church, a historic congregation in downtown Chicago.



Rev. Donna Marsh - Donna serves National Presbyterian Church in Washington, DC as Associate Pastor for Serve Ministries and Management. She and her husband Ken live in nearby Bethesda, Maryland with their two daughters, ages 15 and 11. Donna is a graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary and Smith College. Prior to attending seminary, Donna worked at Andersen Consulting and the US Committee for Refugees. She is an active member of The Fellowship Community Program Team, and also serves on the Princeton Seminary Alumni Council. She would love to meet you!



Workshop Leaders

Rev. Dan Baumgartner - Dan has been senior pastor of Hollywood Presbyterian Church in Los Angeles, CA since 2010, following 11 years at Bethany Presbyterian in his hometown of Seattle, WA. He had a ten-year business career after graduating with a business degree from the University of Washington in Seattle, then earned an MDiv at Princeton Seminary in 1996. Eugene Peterson was a longtime friend and mentor. Dan is a voracious reader and occasional writer who also loves running, biking, hiking and most things sport-related. He and Anne have three grown children.



Rev. Elizabeth Brookens-Sturman - TFC Board member, Elizabeth is the Founding Pastor and Senior Pastor of Brambleton Presbyterian Church, a highly successful new church in the Washington, DC suburb and mission field of Brambleton, VA. Elizabeth holds an M.A. in Theology from Gordon-Conwell and an M.Div. from San Francisco Theological Seminary. After a first career as a social worker helping abused and neglected children and incarcerated youth, she served as Director of College Ministries at the First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley, CA, and then as Associate Pastor for Mission and Evangelism at the First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem, PA, then took her current call in Virginia. She has been a Lausanne delegate and done mission work in many parts of God's world including the Philippines, Argentina, Mexico, France, Holland, Haiti and Tanzania. Elizabeth loves the outdoors, and recently climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro with her husband John and daughters Ceci and Lucy!



Rev. Susan Finck - Susan serves as the pastor of El Calvario Presbyterian Church in Waco, Texas. A graduate of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, she has served small Presbyterian Churches since 1988. Susan enjoys teaching and mentoring in multiple venues for PRMI (Presbyterian Reformed Ministries International), including Youth/Young Adult ministry, Growing the Church retreats, and a years-long partnership with Young Life America Central Region.



Rev. Raymond Garcia - Raymond is the founder and Executive Director of The Philadelphia Project. As Senior Pastor at Roxborough Church, he is married to Michelle, they have four children: Isaiah, Nathan, Cadence, and Thomas. Together they serve as visionaries for both TPP and Roxborough Church. Having served as a Youth Director for 15 years prior, in 2010, Raymond and Michelle trusted the leading of the Lord to settle into the city of Philadelphia and launch a new ministry that he had been praying about since 1996. He is a graduate of Palmer Seminary, avid bowler, entrepreneur and a budding local urban missiologist. It is with great passion and a sense of urgency to reach the lost, that he continues to serve in these capacities, advancing the Kingdom, proclaiming the Good News and looking forward to the Day of the Lord (2 Peter 3:12).



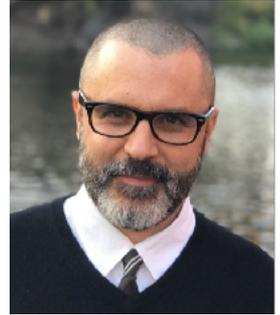
Rev. Jon Good - Jon serves as one of International Justice Mission's Church Mobilization Directors, and helps to equip churches by sharing the Biblical call to justice, introducing churches to IJM's ministry, and mobilizing churches to engage in local and global justice ministries. An ordained pastor in the Presbyterian Church (USA), Jon received his BA in Sociology from The Colorado College and his M.Div. from Fuller Theological Seminary. Prior to joining IJM, Jon pastored two churches (in Madison, Wisconsin and suburban Minneapolis) for a total of fifteen years, and helped launch a partnership with IJM during one of his pastorates. Jon's parish ministry was followed by service on staff with World Vision-US and Habitat for Humanity International. Jon has extensive experience in ecumenical and interfaith relations, in leading global short-term service teams, and in preaching and teaching. Based in Minneapolis, Jon is married to Peggy, a hospice chaplain, and is proud father to two young adult daughters. In his spare time he enjoys athletics and volunteers as a fire chaplain in his hometown.



Rev. Dr. James Goodloe IV - James is the Executive Director of The Foundation for Reformed Theology, based in Richmond, Virginia. The Foundation was started by The Rev. Dr. John Leith - a mentor, pastor, and friend to many pastors in the PCUSA. James is a graduate of Davidson College, Union Theological Seminary in Virginia (DMin), and the University of Chicago (PhD). He also pastored three churches, for twenty-three years, before taking up the Executive Directorship of the Foundation for Reformed Theology.



Prof. Adam Neder - Adam is the Bruner-Welch Professor of Theology at Whitworth University. In addition to a number of articles and reviews, he is the author of *Participation in Christ: An Entry Into Karl Barth's Church Dogmatics* and *Theology As a Way of Life: On Teaching and Learning the Christian Faith*, which will appear in the fall. Adam teaches a wide range of popular courses and has been voted the most influential professor at Whitworth by four senior classes.



Stay Connected

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Wifi is available using the credentials below.

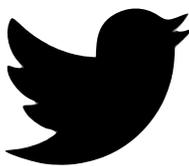


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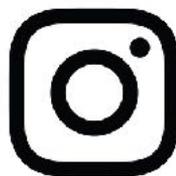
Join the conversation on social media listed below using the hashtag #allinTFC. Post pictures, quote the speakers, pose questions, or simply say “hello”! Tag The Fellowship Community’s channels listed below, and let other people know what God is doing here at FPC Tulsa.



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Membership in



What does it mean to be a member of The Fellowship Community?

Any time someone officially joins an organization there are benefits to being part of it. While anyone is welcome to participate in TFC events and gatherings, we believe formally joining us as members carries several benefits including the following:

- **Identity** - as part of The Fellowship Community you and/or your church are formally declaring your commitment to theological and biblical integrity within our Reformed branch of the Church as articulated in our **Essential Tenets**. Many member congregations, add our logo to their websites or bulletins to demonstrate this identity.
- **Relationships** - The Fellowship Community is about building relationships with others who share our theological commitments. We offer several ways to do that through regular **National Gatherings** and **Theology Conferences** as well as periodic **Regional** and Pastor's Gatherings and a visible presence at General Assembly. Through **Mission Affinity Groups** many TFC members have found regular relational connections for encouragement and accountability. We also provide a way to hear how our sisters and brothers in Christ are living out their faith through our social media channels and website.
- **Growth** - TFC's goal is to help every member become a better witness for Jesus Christ in their context. At our gatherings and conferences, we are committed to providing opportunities to learn from leaders inside and outside our Reformed tradition so we can gain from the best practices available. As a member, you have access to that teaching and learning, and your support ensures we can continue to bring those opportunities to fruition in the future.

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Membership for Congregations

Established member - \$250/year - Session sign and affirm the **Covenant for Congregations** - 10% off registration for the National Gathering, and a listing on the website. Also can promote open calls/positions on our “Find A Call” page.

Partner member - \$500/year - Session sign and affirm the **Covenant for Congregations** - 20% off registration for the National Gathering, and a “partner” listing on the website and in National Gathering booklets. Promote open calls/positions in a highlighted position on our “Find A Call” page.

Anchor member - \$3000+/year - Session sign and affirm the **Covenant for Congregations** - 30% off registration for National Gathering, and an “anchor” listing on the website and in National Gathering booklets. These churches make a significant contribution to the work of TFC. Promote open calls/positions in a premium position on our “Find A Call” page.

Supporting congregation - \$250/year - Session does not sign the Covenant for Congregations. - We realize some congregations would like to support the work of TFC but, for various reasons, do not want to highlight this association. These congregations receive 10% off registration for the National Gathering, and will not be listed on our website or materials.

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Membership for Individuals

Member - \$125/year - Sign **Covenant for Individuals** - receive **10% off your individual registration for the National Gathering, and a listing on the website.

Contributing Member - \$125/year + auto-payment of \$10+/month - Sign **Covenant for Individuals** - receive 15% off your individual registration for the National Gathering and a listing on the website.

Friend of the Fellowship - \$125/year - do not sign Covenant - We realize that some individuals would like to support the work of TFC but, for various reasons, do not want to highlight that association. Friends of the Fellowship receive a **10% off an individual registration, and will not be listed on the website.

** Members receive the best discount available. TFC discounts do not combine/stack except for Individual Contributing Members whose discounts combine

Why would an individual be a member of TFC if their congregation is a member?

An individual may want to support the work of TFC regardless of congregational membership and as a member also clarify their own theological and biblical *identity*. For ministers of Word and Sacrament, establishing membership helps future congregations understand your theological convictions from the outset.

At both the congregational and individual level membership is an investment in the future of the larger Church.

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Other items

TFC will send out reminders to individuals and congregations whose membership is set to expire.

Small churches: If a congregation has significant need for a discounted membership, one may be applied for by emailing [**office@fellowship.community**](mailto:office@fellowship.community).

Students: Currently enrolled college or seminary students who cannot pay the membership rates but would like to affiliate may apply for a \$50 membership rate with proof of eligibility, and they will have access to special National Gathering scholarships.

Payments can be made **online** or by submitting a check to The Fellowship Community office with “Membership Payment” in the memo line.



With Gratitude

A lot of hard work and team effort goes into each National Gathering, and we would like to highlight and thank a few people, churches, and organizations who made this event possible. First, **Julie McGowen**, the National Gathering Coordinator, has worked tirelessly to coordinate catering, transportation, hotels, scholarships, and much more to make this Gathering successful. The Program Team of The Fellowship Community Board of **Dan Baumgartner, James Cubie, Ray Garcia, and Donna Marsh**, has prayerfully sought God's will and worked to secure the content for this event. **Shenango Presbytery** has meticulously monitored the finances and administrative tasks of The Fellowship. The people of the **First Presbyterian Church in Tulsa** have been our gracious hosts, especially **Amy Scheiper** who has been a valuable friend with facility usage and coordination along with all the amazing staff, elders, and volunteers. **First Presbyterian Church in Lakeland, FL** generously provided the cost for various printing needs. **The Presbyterian Foundation** was most generous in sponsoring the additional hospitality opportunities and other aspects of the Gathering.

And we thank **you** for giving of your time and energy to be part of this special set of experiences and contributing your voice to the conversation.



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