



INDIANAPOLIS 2008 CONGRESS OF ELDERS

## 2008 WORKSHOPS

*Post Road Christian Church, Indianapolis, IN*

*Oct. 18, 2008*

### First Session (10:15 – 11:00 AM)

#### The State of the Eldership In Our Churches Today *(Also Offered During Third Session)*

**Mark Taylor**, editor of and publisher of Christian Standard, has a grand view of the direction our movement is headed.

In this workshop, he will share his observation of the past, present and future trends of the eldership in the church.

#### Death By Meeting

**David Empson**, director of the National Missionary Convention upon the retirement of Walter Birney, will focus on a cure for the most painful, yet underestimated, problem of churches: bad meetings. This workshop will offer both simple and revolutionary suggestions to make meetings better for everyone.

#### Mosaic Church

**Kasey Newbold** is the lead Church Planter for the Mosaic Church, one of our newest church plants in Indianapolis, which began in September, 2007. In this session you'll share in the exciting Mosaic story and discuss the obstacles the independent Christian Churches face with church plants and what we can do to help ensure new church work in central Indiana for years to come.

### Second Session (11:05-11:50 AM)

#### Elder Governance - Does it work?

**Gary Johnson** has been the Senior Minister at Indian Creek Christian Church since 1990. He has led the congregation through many changes, growing from a congregation of 250 to over 4,000 in attendance. In this workshop, he will explore the importance of the eldership in leading the church and working with staff.

#### Can I Really Trust Those Other Elders? *(Minister to Elder / Elder to Elder)*

**Virgil Clotfelter** and **Warren Martin** have served together in a 31-year relationship as minister and elder at the Garden City Church of Christ in Columbus, Indiana. Along with a panel representing additional staff and elders from this same congregation, these men will share insights on building rock-solid trusting relationships among church leaders for the long haul.

#### Dealing With Discouragement Within the Leadership

**Dennis McConaughay** has been the Senior Minister of the Post Road Christian Church since June, 2005. Before coming to PRCC, Dennis served ministries in the St. Louis area as well as serving with St. Louis Christian College. Discouragement is real, even among the Lord's leaders. In this session, we'll discuss how the Lord will help us in and through our discouragement.

### Third Session (12:40-1:25 PM)

#### Dumbest Decisions We Ever Made: Panel

**Roy Lawson** [Main Speaker], **Shan Rutherford** [Greenwood], **Dan Asche** [formerly at Oaklandon], and others will share some stories about some of their least successful efforts. We can learn from our mistakes, but it's better to learn from someone else's mistakes.

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#### Ministering to Men In Sexual Sin

**Gary Meeks** has been on staff at College Park Church for 12 years and is involved with Family Ministries and Counseling. He also serves with Pure Life Ministries as a counselor for their Overcomers-At-Home Program. Men in our churches are struggling with sexual sin. This workshop will cover the basics of how to come alongside a man wanting real, long-lasting change and will provide personal testimony that God's ways work.