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### Best Price Info

Registration fees for full-time participants go up starting May 1, so register at [www.nwmcmission.org](http://www.nwmcmission.org) today!

| For Full Time Registration**                   | Register on or before May 1st | Register between May 2nd-June 30th | Register on or after July 1st | Part Time Fees |
|--|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|
| Adult and GAP Participants                     | \$435                         | \$455                              | \$475                         | \$75/day       |
| Young Adults, High School, Junior High         | \$370                         | \$390                              | \$410                         | \$65/day       |
| High School or Young Adult Dining Hall Workers | \$250                         | \$270                              | \$290                         | N/A            |
| Jr. High Luggage Carriers                      | \$320                         | \$340                              | \$370                         | N/A            |
| Juniors and Primary                            | \$255                         | \$275                              | \$285                         | \$45/day       |
| Preschoolers                                   | \$150                         | \$170                              | \$190                         | \$25/day       |



To the end that all may know.....

**Stay Connected All Year Long !**

- To receive Chatter emails, contact the office and we will sign you up.
- Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/NewWilmingtonMissionConference>
- Receive monthly prayer requests by e-mailing [ddawson@pts.edu](mailto:ddawson@pts.edu)
- NWMC Website: [www.NWMCmission.org](http://www.NWMCmission.org)
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To The Church Triumphant

Rev. David Baumann

Future Dates - Mark your calendars NOW !

- ♦ July 22 - 29, 2017
- ♦ July 21 - 28, 2018

# SCATTERED CHATTER

Spring, 2016

## 111TH NEW WILMINGTON MISSION CONFERENCE JULY 23 - 30, 2016

### THEME VERSE ~

*"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8*

### A Few Words from the Chairman of the Board Tom English

It's been a gentle winter here where I live in beautiful, desirable Toledo, Ohio! As the trees start to green and the Lake Erie algae threatens to bloom, we look forward to NWMC in New Wilmington July 23-30!

The Board met this past March 18-19 for two full days. Our first day was spent finalizing updated mission and vision statements, as well as core values. We also got a strong start on a strategic plan for the next season of NWMC. We have identified many specific actions that we can take to impact NWMC within the next six months. Some will be large changes affecting all. Others will be minor tweaks affecting a few.

Two Board members were re-elected: Chip Stapleton and Renee Bronzetti. A third new Board member was elected: Jessie Brooks.

One of the greatest challenges that the Board now faces is the selection of a new NWMC Director. After 16 years as Director, Don Dawson has announced his retirement, effective

October 31, 2016. We praise God for Don's leadership and the work that He has done through Don. We are excited for Don and Ginny as they start this new chapter in their lives! We ask God for continued guidance in this selection process. A Call Committee has been appointed, including Bill Crooks, Judy Nelson, Dena Roy, Tod Custer and Tom English.

Lots of surprises planned for this summer! I'd love to share them with you now, but I can't. Right now I've got to go practice some new music numbers for the Morning Meeting...



## Easter Aftermath

The appearances of Jesus on Easter and during the following 40 days both confirmed the victory of God and gave all of us who believe the role of sharing the salvation message. When Jesus appeared the first Easter evening in the upper room to frightened followers, he charged them "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (John 20:21) Our English word "send" is the translation of both the Greek root "apostle" and the Latin word "mission." The risen Lord Jesus sends ("missions") his apostles ("sent ones") to live and declare his saving love.

The New Wilmington Mission Conference has accepted this legacy of being used by God to inspire, call, equip, and send believers to participate in God's mission. The Conference has kept this heritage for 111 years, and now we are entrusted with the responsibility of carrying the torch into the future.

It has been an honor, privilege, and joy to serve with you in this calling for 16 years. Now, it is time to pass the leadership to someone else. I will retire as your director at the end of October.

Thank you for your support and encouragement, your friendship and love, and the pleasure of working together in the Lord's vineyard.

As I move on, I am excited about the vitality of NWMC. The Board just completed a strategic planning process that resulted in a revised mission statement, vision statement, and list of core values, which positions the conference well moving into the future.

To the end that all may know,

~ Don Dawson



## Additional 2016 Speakers

### Adult 1 Bible Hour

Aaron and Ayana Teter  
Pittsburgh Presbytery

### Adult 1 Mission Hour

Scott Hagley  
Missiology Professor at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

### Adult 2 Bible Hour

Jen Haddox  
Associate Director of World Mission Initiative

### Adult 2 Mission Hour

Presbyterian Frontier Fellowship

### Young Adult

Mike Moore  
Agape & Ecclesia Church, Chicago, IL

### High School

Jaclyn Williams  
Hospital Chaplain

### Junior High

Michael Ludwig  
PC(USA) Mission Co-Worker in Niger

### Sunday and Evening Speakers

Don Dawson  
Director, NWMC and World Mission Initiative  
Billy Gama  
Blantyre Synod, Malawi  
John and Gwen Haspels  
PC(USA) Mission Co-Workers in Ethiopia  
Summer Service Team, Central Asia

## Welcome to New Board Member!

Jessie Brooks is an Art Teacher at Imagine Charter Schools in Columbus, Ohio. She is also a member and ruling elder at her church,

Concord Presbyterian Church. Jessie has

been attending NWMC for the past 12 years and has been part of the high school staff for five of those years. She was also on the 2012 Thailand Summer Service



Team. In her spare time, Jessie likes to read, paint, and hang out with her sister, Hannah. Jessie's term on the Board will begin during the week of the conference. Welcome, Jessie!

## 2016 Morning Meeting Speakers

Shelvis and Nancy Smith-Mather  
PC(USA) Mission Co-Workers in South Sudan



## New Mission and Vision for NWMC

At its meeting in March, the Board of Managers approved a new mission and vision statement for NWMC. After working with consultant Caroline Kurtz for many months, the Board discerned that God is leading NWMC into a new, exciting time. These statements are a result of that hard work. They are truly just the beginning of a time when NWMC reclaims its mission roots while leaning into an identity that reflects our current context. It is the Board's intent that this statement be lived out in every aspect of the conference. The first steps involve better communicating our identity, improving our response to evaluations, and practicing hospitality. We welcome your input, as well as your help, in living out these new values.

### Mission Statement:

NWMC invites all to be transformed by the Spirit of God, to be inspired, called, equipped and sent into God's mission.

### Vision Statement:

So that all may know the grace of God shown to us in Jesus, NWMC through the Spirit of God:

- Transforms minds and spirits through study, fellowship and worship
- Encourages discernment of call
- Reflects the Body of Christ through a rich diversity of age, race, culture and denomination
- Enriches faith through mutual encouragement with global church leaders.

### Core Value Statement:

In response to God's love, NWMC values:

- Placing God, as seen in the face of Jesus, at the center of our lives (II Corinthians 4:6)
- Expressing our faith by acting with justice and mercy in deep humility (Micah 6:8)
- Loving others as we have been loved by God (I John 4:19)
- Being sent into the world as Jesus was sent (John 20:21)

## NEW CONFERENCE STAFF

*Even more changes are afoot at NWMC!* As you prepare for and arrive at NWMC this summer, you may see some new faces and hear some new voices. We are welcoming some new individuals to the NWMC staff this year. Please encourage and welcome our new staff; they are all excited to be serving God through NWMC.

- Our office manager, Karen Weichman, has resigned to take a position at Westminster College (congratulations, Karen!). The Board has hired **Andrea Hall** to be the new office manager. Andrea was our summer office assistant last year and brings to the table gifts of administration. Andrea is a graduate of Westminster College and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and has served as a Young Adult Volunteer in the PC(USA). She lives in Greenville, PA with her husband, Sean, a pastor.
- Our long-time operations manager, Dan Forsberg, has retired (we'll miss you, Dan!). The Board has hired **Tim Shelenberger** to take on these duties. Tim lives in New Wilmington and is a teacher.
- Our treasurer, Carolyn Moss, will be transitioning out of her role this year (thank you, Carolyn!). She is in the process of training our new treasurer, **Don Rodgers**. Like Tim, Don works as a teacher at Laurel High School.