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ICOM IS COMING, ARE YOU?

The International Conference on Missions (ICOM) is coming to the Richmond Convention Center (VA) November 18-21, the weekend before Thanksgiving. You're invited!

As host to the conference, the Waypoint booth will be located just inside the entrance to the Grand Exhibit Hall along with nearly 500 other Kingdom-oriented organizations from around the globe.



President Pino Neglia from Lecce, Italy, along with the ICOM team is planning an impactful week loaded with inspiring worship and international speakers during the six main sessions, dozens of workshops each day, a dedicated Youth conference called "SICOM," children's programming, along with several day-long pre-conference seminars.

Your church can pre-register your entire membership with one reasonable fee. If you'll be staying overnight, you will want to book your hotels soon. They fill up quickly. In 2015 the Richmond convention had more than 6500 attend the conference!

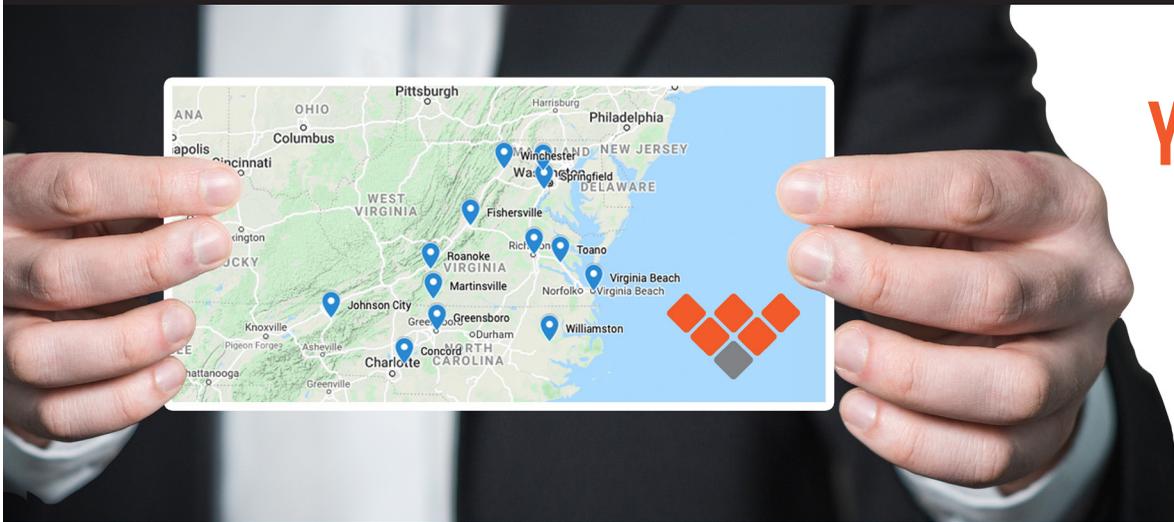
Stay tuned for future announcements for the special Waypoint reception after the main session on Friday evening. We want you to attend, but space is limited, so plan to register once the portal becomes active.

Navigate to
www.theicom.org
for details and
registration

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YOU'RE INVITED TO THE ICOM PROMOTIONAL TOUR

COMING IN JUNE TO A LOCATION NEAR YOU

Waypoint is hosting a whirlwind four-day, 13-stop ICOM promotional tour from June 7-10 all around the Waypoint region. You're invited!

At each stop you'll get a complimentary meal along with the opportunity to meet Pino Neglia from Lecce, Italy, president of this year's ICOM along with Dave Empson and Jacob Albrecht, Directors of ICOM and SICOM - the STUDENT International Conference on Missions.

You'll want to bring staff, elders and missions team members who are interested in hearing all about this year's convention to be held in Richmond November 18-21.



Pino Neglia, ICOM 2021 President

Monday, June 7

Breakfast at 8:00am @ Connect Christian Church, 3101 Davidson Hwy, **Concord, NC**
Lunch at 11:45am @ Catalyst Christian Church, 532 N. Regional Rd, **Greensboro, NC**
Dinner at 6:00pm @ Community Christian Church, 22184 NC Hwy. 125, **Williamston, NC**

Tuesday, June 8

Breakfast at 8:30am @ Avalon Church of Christ, 844 Woodstock Rd, **Virginia Beach, VA**
Lunch at 12:00pm @ Lifepointe Christian Church, **Toano, VA**
Dinner at 6:00pm @ Area10 Church, 2810 W Cary St, **Richmond, VA**

Wednesday, June 9

Breakfast at 9:15am @ The Journey Church, 6427 Franconia Rd, **Springfield, VA**
Lunch at 12:30pm @ Journey's Crossing Christian Church, **Gaithersburg, MD**
Dinner at 6:15pm @ New Life Christian Church, 2930 Middle Rd, **Winchester, VA**

Thursday, June 10

Breakfast at 8:30am @ Bridge Christian Church, 1275 Goose Creek Rd., **Fishersville, VA**
Lunch at 12:00pm @ New Hope Christian Church, 4229 Welcome Valley Rd., **Roanoke, VA**
Dinner at 6:00pm (split) @ Rich Acres Christian Church, 422 Mountain View Rd, **Martinsville, VA**
Dinner at 6:00pm (split) @ Boones Creek Christian Church, 305 Christian Church Rd., **Johnson City, TN**

HOW TO REGISTER: Navigate to www.waypointchurchpartners.com/ICOMTOUR to register your seats at the table for the venue nearest you.

CHRISTIAN CHURCHES PURCHASE CHURCH PLANT BUILDING



RESTORE
CHURCH

When Covid hit, Waypoint church plant Restore Church (Jacksonville, NC, 2017) went online just like the rest of the world, one week shy of their 3rd anniversary. Little did anyone know it would be almost a year before they would meet again in person on Sundays.

By July another church in town was kind enough to allow them to use their facility on Saturday nights for a season. Restore quickly discovered Saturday nights did not work well for their young congregation.

They soon began to search for a facility of their own to purchase. It didn't take long to find the only feasible options were to rent and renovate someone else's facility. Frustrated because they couldn't find anything to suit their needs, they stumbled across a 6,000 square foot building with historic roots in downtown Jacksonville that surprisingly fit well within their budget.

Our friends at Christian Financial Resources (CFR) pre-approved Restore for the cost of renovation on the condition they somehow find a way to purchase the facility. They challenged church planter, Roger Burns, to raise \$100,000. Instead, he took the challenge of fundraising the cost of the entire building.

Roger began setting appointments in November, and actively began fundraising in December. By March 8th Restore Church was able to purchase their facility outright because of donations and selfless giving of other Restoration Movement churches in Virginia and North Carolina!

Similar to the churches in Paul's first missionary journey, they saw a young church needing support and responded. They were eager to help Restore continue to be a church that is "For Jacksonville" by being a more permanent fixture in the community.

During the process, Restore received an anonymous \$10,000 donation along with another \$40,000 matching gift. After agreeing to sell for \$20,000 less than the asking price, the owners came down an additional \$10,000 a week before closing.

Church Planter, Roger Burns says, "This isn't our story, it's God's story. We're just glad it's happening to us!"





ICOM 21 IN CAMPAIGN SPOT North Ghana

Waypoint's special ICOM 21in'21 campaign allows participating churches to see 21 new churches planted in five locations around the globe as a result of hosting ICOM in Richmond this November.

Next Generation Ministries International (NGMI) was established in 2004. Over time, unreached people groups have become their top priority. For them "Unreached" means less than 2% Christian. NGMI currently financially supports four pastors in two regions. Pastor Albert Jatoe Wanaa leads the church planting efforts in the Upper West region of Ghana.

Albert turns 60 this year, and his passion for church planting among the unreached grows with every breath. A church planter for 33 years, he now mentors 22 lay pastors. Since 2011 Albert's team has founded 78 house churches within 36 villages. There are an estimated 2,350 believers from these efforts.

Prior to his understanding of unreached groups, Albert's focus was on the local Daga-ba villages which were openly receptive to the Gospel. Albert's vision for the Gospel message changed immediately once he was made aware of the unreached.

He began to seek out his own people, the Walal, which unbeknownst to him classified as "unreached"! He has also targeted the Chakali, Fulani, and Tampilma tribes, all predominantly Muslim groups. Despite the difficulties of distance, living conditions, and language barriers, the Gospel is now being taught among all these tribes.

Albert relates much of the success of ministry to his relationship and partnership with NGMI and other stateside organizations.

Albert says, "The importance of partnership with stateside churches can not be overemphasized. We've been encouraged by their prayers for us and financial support to reach out to remote villages and do trainings. Logistics like vehicles (motorcycles and a pickup truck) have been tremendous help in church planting, disciple-making, and pastoring churches. From time-to-time, field visits help equipping leaders. Rest assured, women and children are not left out in their efforts! We are especially grateful for our partnership."



21in'21 SPOTLIGHT Africa



Albert eagerly anticipates planting five new churches next year, inspired by Waypoint's special ICOM 21in'21 campaign. He has lay pastors in place and people groups have been targeted. NGMI is thrilled to support such an amazing man with amazing energy for church planting!

Would your church contribute to Waypoint's special 21in'21 campaign?

To make a pledge navigate to www.21in21campaign.com or to get more information

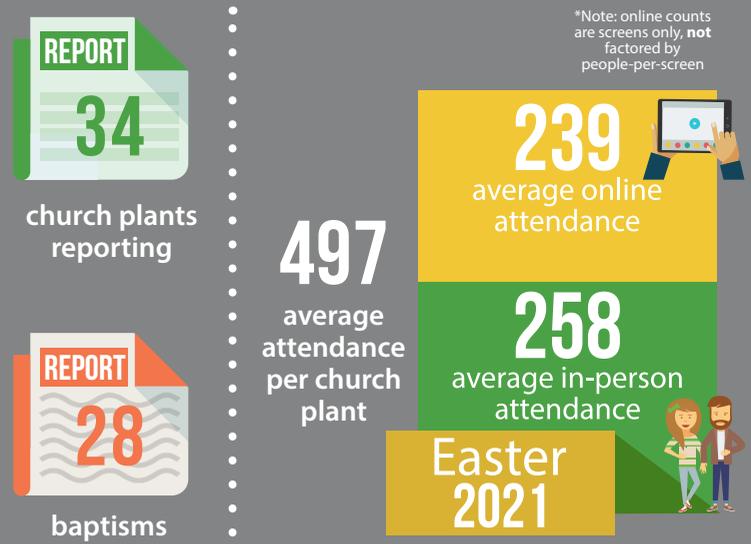


CHURCH PLANTS USE NEW MEASURES FOR EASTER

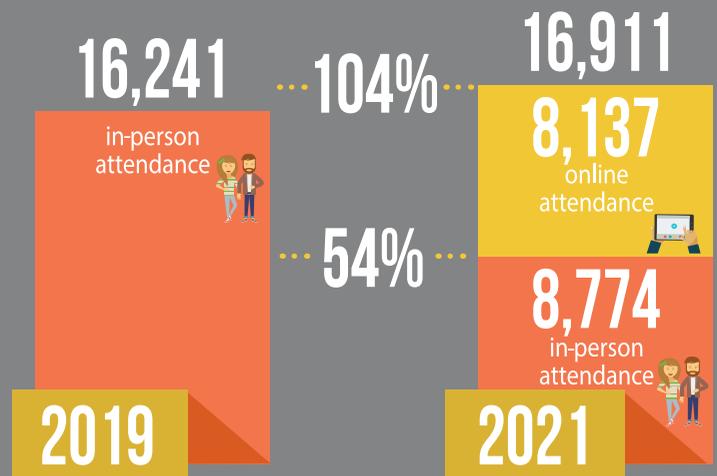
Most churches in the Waypoint region were thrilled to worship in-person for Easter this year after being forced into an online-only format in 2020. While the total in-person attendance (8,774) was far below their 2019 numbers (16,241), many ministers happily reported seeing many familiar faces returning for the first time in over a year.

At the same time, the vast majority of churches held some kind of online Easter service that tempered the somewhat disappointing in-person count. Waypoint Church Plants were no exception to these two realities.

Here is what Waypoint Church Plants reported:



2019 Easter attendance compared to 2021





THE **AYPOINT** 55 minutes

Ministry-focused webinars in

JUNE

MEN'S MINISTRY EVENTS THAT WORK

Monday, June 14
8:00 pm (EDT)



JULY

CONVENTION PRAYER ELEMENTS THAT WORK AT YOUR CHURCH

Monday, July 12
8:00 pm (EDT)



AUGUST

WOMEN'S MINISTRY EVENTS THAT WORK

Monday, August 16
8:00 pm (EDT)



REGISTER TODAY!

Register for webinars on the "Events" tab of waypointchurchpartners.com.
There is no cost, but space is limited.
Consider joining as a group from your church!

The Waypoint55 webinar series is sponsored by our regional ministry partner, Mid-Atlantic Christian University.



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Marion Harris MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING

FRIDAY JUNE 4TH, 2021

HANGING ROCK GOLF CLUB SALEM, VA

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A Note From Our Executive Director



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ART OF THE SERMON SUCCESS!

Waypoint was pleased to have record registrations, 197, for this year's annual Art of the Sermon events, sponsored by our ministry partner, Johnson University.

Johnson alum and Virginia native, Taylor Brown, shared at all four locations (and a virtual site) how principles used by improvisational comedians can be used to present more natural, engaging sermons each week.



Watch for dates and details for next year's event in March 2022 featuring well-known Bible teacher, Mark Moore, Teaching Pastor at Christ's Church of the Valley near Phoenix, AZ.



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