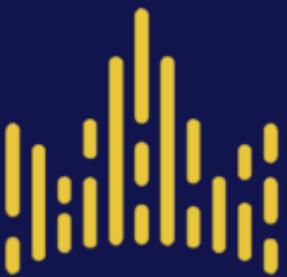


# Welcome to the Kingdom Network Launch Celebration!



We are excited and Honored to have you!

**Branson Parlor**  
**Author of New Book *Every Body's***  
***Story* and Co-Founder of the Foundry**

**Kevin and Sherry Harney**

Pastor, Author's and Gurus of Lots of  
Cool Organic Stuff!



**Nurturing a Lasting Movement of Discipleship and Evangelism  
in Your Local Church**

**Kingdom Network Gathering, Nov. 17 & 18, 2022**

## 1. How the *Organic Disciples* Experience Can Help a Church Develop an Ongoing Discipleship Pathway

- Key Concept - A Wholistic Approach (Preaching, Reading, Bible Engagement, Self-Assessment, One-on-One Mentoring, Small Groups...Much More)
- Prayer, Prayer, and More Prayer!
- Key Concept - The Dynamic Approach of Individual Pathways
- Key Question - *Does your church have a contextualized approach for both discipleship and evangelism that connects these two critical areas of ministry?*

## 2. Tending to Your Own Spiritual Journey

- Key Concept - Being Mentored



- Key Concept - Psalm 139...Self-Examination



- Key Question - *Is your spiritual life vibrant and blazing hot or lukewarm?*



### 3. Focusing on the Spiritual Growth of Your Family

- Key Concept - Four Generations of Discipleship



- Key Concept - 2 Timothy 2:2



- Key Question - *Whom are you discipling and how are you equipping them to do the same for others?*



## 4. Connecting Discipleship and Evangelism

- Key Concept - The Marriage of Discipleship and Evangelism

- Key Concept - The Importance of the Fruit of the Spirit

- Key Concept - The Seven Markers of Spiritual Maturity



Bible Engagement



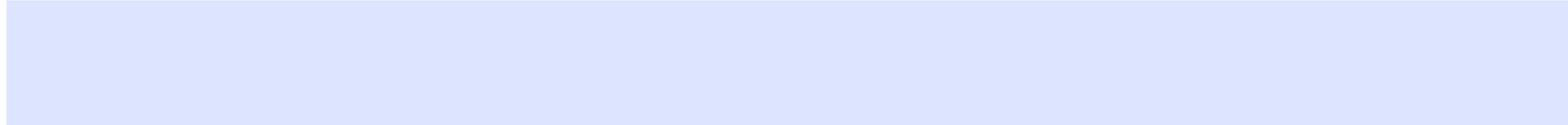
Passionate Prayer



Wholehearted Worship



Humble Service





Joyful Generosity



Consistent Community



Organic Outreach



## Three Movements:

1) Learning from Jesus (Biblical Studies)

2) Adopting the lifestyle and lessons of Jesus (Discipleship)

3) Going with Jesus on the mission (Evangelism)

Key Question - *Do your church members realize that growing in Jesus means going with Jesus?*

## 5. Continuing the Journey After the Launch

- Idea - New Members Class and New Believers Class

- Idea - 222 Training

[www.OrganicOutreach.org](http://www.OrganicOutreach.org)

- Continued Prayer

- Idea - Use of the Seven Markers (ad Icons) from children through adult

- Idea - Use of the self-assessment and mentoring process

## Resources for Organic Disciples: ([organicdisciples.org](http://organicdisciples.org))

- The Book - *Organic Disciples: Seven Ways to Grow Spiritually and Naturally Share Jesus* (260 Pages). Discounts are available in both English and Spanish. Contact our office for more information at [info@organicoutreach.org](mailto:info@organicoutreach.org).
- The Small Group Guide - *Organic Disciples: Seven Ways to Grow Spiritually and Naturally Share Jesus* (120 Pages, an eight-week learning experience). Discounts are available in both English and Spanish. Contact our office for more information at [info@organicoutreach.org](mailto:info@organicoutreach.org).
- Eight Small Group Videos (free on the website)
- Adult Self-Assessment (free on the website)
- Student Self-Assessment (free on the website)
- Video Training for Assessment Mentors and downloadable coaching materials (free on the website)
- Eight-Week Preaching Resources (free on the website)

- Eight-Week Video Devotions (free on the website)
- Eight-Week Bible Reading Guide, Bible memory ideas, prayer direction, and life-challenge (free on the website)
- Guidelines for leading an eight-week learning experience (free on the website)
- Badges, graphics, and icons (free on the website)
- Two prayer guides for event preparation and eight weeks of the *Organic Disciples* journey (free on the website)

## **Question and Answer Time**

# **Q & A and Networking around Best Practices in Disciple-Making...**



# **Discussion Questions:**

- 1) What struck you most from this teaching?**
- 2) Share some best practices around disciples making – wins and challenges...**
- 3) What is a next step for you, your team or your ministry as it relates to disciple making?**

# **Evening Session:** Gathering for Celebrations, Declarations, and Worshipful Work...



# **President's Report... What if?**



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The Twin Sin:

- 1) Rebellion against God.
- 2) A redefinition of Good and Evil

*The late Dr. Larry Hurtado, historian of early Christianity, in his wildly celebrated book **Destroyer of the Gods**, Told the story of how a tiny Jewish sect of Jesus followers overcame the bastion of paganism and won over the Roman Empire in only a few centuries.*

*His thesis was that it wasn't the churches relevance or relatability to the culture but it's difference and distinctness that made it compelling to so many. The church was marked by five distinctive features, all of which made it stand out against the backdrop of the empire.*

# **5 Distinctive Features of the Early Church.**



1. The church was multiracial and multiethnic, with a high value for diversity, equity, and inclusion.

2. The church was spread across socioeconomic lines as well, and there was a high value for caring for the poor: those with extra were expected to share with those with less.

3. It was staunch in its active resistance to infanticide and abortion.

4. It was resolute in its vision of marriage and sexuality as between one man and one woman for life.

5. It was nonviolent, both on a personal level and a political level.

*Tertullian remarked that Non Christians would look at Christians and say, “look how they love one another and how they are ready to die for each other. There is something extraordinary about the way that they care for the poor, conduct*

*their business and restrain their sexual appetites. These people don't abandon their babies on the streets (as was common in that day), But pick them up and Care for them, husbands and wives have sex only with each other (unlike the Greek double standard of demanding a*

*faithful wife but allowing men to have courtesans and concubines for pleasure and slaves for their “daily needs.” These people are different. ***It was not Christian worship that attracted outsiders it was Christians who attracted them.****

- Tertullian 3<sup>rd</sup> Century pastor

**The Hope of New Things...**

**18** “Forget the former things;  
do not dwell on the past.

**19** See, I am doing a new thing!  
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?  
I am making a way in the wilderness  
and streams in the wasteland.

(Isaiah 43:18-19)

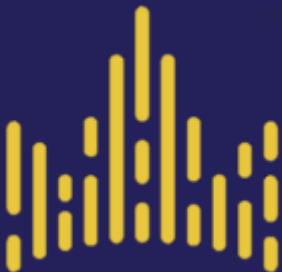
**Our Dream: A Community of Reformed  
Churches connected through a Denomi –  
Network that is Lean, Nimble, Kingdom  
Focused, Relational, Enjoyable!**



**Toward a Kingdom Network Vision... To**  
Join Jesus in building a global movement of  
regional networks compelled by a Kingdom  
vision, rooted in scripture and a reformed  
heritage,



passionate about reaching the lost, making disciples, empowering the next generation, reaching and reflecting our diverse communities, and exploding with Growth and Joy.



## **4 Words of Challenge and Encouragement:**

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**1) Let's Go all In!**

## **4 Words of Challenge and Encouragement:**

**2) Let's humbly and passionately be about  
the work of the Kingdom.**

## **4 Words of Challenge and Encouragement:**

**3) Let's lead a movement characterized by  
prayer and fasting.**

## **4 Words of Challenge and Encouragement:**

**4) Let us nurture an atmosphere of  
hospitality and radical love and welcome.**

# Chicagoland Celebrations



# **Michigan Regional Celebrations**



# **Vision/Process/ Timetable for Global Board**





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As you consider whom you will nominate to represent your network on Kingdom Network Global Board (KNGB), we share two ideas that hopefully will help you in this process. The first idea is



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Jesus's vision for leadership. Jesus tells us that worldly leadership is marked by control and power. Jesus redefines leadership for his followers. For him, **leadership is servanthood and sacrifice.**



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The second idea is the **necessity of biblical diversity**. While explaining how the church is a body that functions when each part of the body functions, Paul writes, “God has so composed the



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body, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, that there may be no division in the body... (v.24-25)". Here, Paul reimagines who receives honor; he challenges us concerning who gets a seat at the



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table. In God's economy, a place of honor is given to the overlooked and undervalued parts. This "greater honor" ensures that the whole body is healthy, as Jesus intends.



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**These two ideas capture our vision for the KNGB. As you look at who makes up our membership and whom you will nominate, ask these two questions:**



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**1. Who embodies Jesus's leadership style and will lead through service and sacrifice?**



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**2. Who brings this biblical diversity – those who Jesus gives greater honor – to KNGB, enabling us to flourish?**



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One final thought: we left a denomination that gave lip service to diversity but had little. We had a denomination where politicking was more important than prayer. Will we repeat the mistakes of the past



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or chart a new course? Whom we nominate for KNGB will begin answering this question.



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As leaders of churches in the Kingdom Network, we commit ourselves to follow Jesus together in building a global movement of regional networks compelled by a Kingdom vision, rooted in scripture



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and a reformed heritage, to passionately reach the lost, multiply disciples and churches, and empower the next generation to lead courageously into the future.



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To accomplish this mission, we covenant together to live out the following values:



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1. Our foundation is Jesus Christ. We have a passion for him, and we love him. He is preeminent in all that we do. His fame is our concern.



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2. We exist to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ  
as revealed in Holy Scripture.



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3. We will act continually on the belief that the Word of God, the Bible, is the inspired and inerrant final authority in all issues of life and doctrine.



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4. We embrace the tradition articulated by Augustine: “In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things, charity.”



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5. We are a multiplying movement of like-minded churches that is committed to make disciples through raising up a new generation of leaders and starting new churches.



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6. We are a movement that is passionate about embodying the great vision of heaven found in the book of Revelation, “every tribe, tongue and nation”. we promise to partner with God to see this come about.



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7. We are growing as people of love. this movement is based upon Christ-centered friendships that encourage us to stay faithful, accountable and that will work to see all our churches thrive.



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8. We intend to defend and celebrate a biblical view of sexuality. We extend love to every person created in God's image, and uphold the biblical truth that man is for woman



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and woman is for man. Heterosexual marriage is the space for good sexual intimacy.



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9. We stand on the shoulders of others. Our network is a descendant of the reformation and the ancient church, and we gladly adhere to the Heidelberg Catechism, the Apostles Creed, the Nicene Creed and the Athanasian Creed.



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To these values we stand united and covenant together to uphold them in the name and power of our living Lord Jesus Christ.

# Time of Consecration



**Happy Friday Morning of our  
Kingdom Network Launch!**



# **Session #1: Multiplication and Dreaming Big**

John Ferguson and Patrick O' Connell  
From New Things Network!

# **Session #2: Multiplication Continued**

## **Creating Movement and Next Steps**

# **Brainstorming and Takeaways...**

# **Churches:**

- 1) What did we hear,**
- 2) Next Steps as a church**

# **Regions:**

- 1) What are our next steps as a region?**
- 2) What do we need to apply?**

**Where do we go from here?**

- 3) Any other Churches we need to reach out to?**
- 4) Let's Dream...**



# **Leaders Breakouts. Some Questions to Consider:**

- 1) Introductions: who are you, where do you serve, and one little known fact about yourself?**
- 2) Tell a word about your context (e.g. urban, rural, anything unique?) What is God doing? Share wins and challenges.**
- 3) What is a best practice you have learned or implemented recently?**
- 4) How can we Better Together? How can we help each other?**
- 5) Next steps? Who will initiate e-mail, text chains, or other way to best network together?**

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