

# Central Plains Classis

Annual Retreat - GO FOR IT - March 22-23, 2019

Spiritual Life Center | 7100 E 45th St North | Wichita, Kansas

Leadership is discerning, knowing, understanding and leading God's people according to God's mission and call. GO FOR IT will inspire us to intentionally lead our people to "take the land" He has called us to. The general sessions, breakout sessions, worship and biblical encounter times are designed to build strength in each of us to gain confidence and leadership prowess to GO FOR IT!



**Andrew Bossardet**  
RCA Pastor & Coordinator  
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Congregations

## **Session 1: What is thriving?**

*In this session, we will move from seeing thriving as something reserved for large churches and toward a model of ministry fitting any size church. We will see how size changes our leadership models and learn the advantages of different sized churches in ministry. We will also consider how measurement can be faithful and fruitful when steered toward ministry outcomes, not just higher attendance.*

## **Session 2: What is already thriving?**

*So much of church leadership rests on finding and solving problems. While problems ought to be solved, this session will explore how leaders can learn to see the things already thriving in their congregations and use those things to help address the challenges which face the Church in the 21st century. Leaders will walk away from this session with practical skills for helping lead change.*

# Go For It

Worship and Biblical Encounter  
Westwood Worship Team & Dale Assink

Friday 7:00pm Surveying the Land - Obeying God's Call - Numbers 13-14

8:50pm Holy Communion - Tasting of the Lord's Promise

Saturday 8:45am Taking the Land - Living into God's Provision - Deuteronomy 1:8-11

## **Friday**

4:30pm Check In

5:30 Dinner

7:00 Worship & Biblical Encounter

7:30 Session 1

8:50 Communion

## **Saturday**

8:00am Breakfast

8:45 Worship & Biblical Encounter

9:25 Session 2

10:45 Breakout Sessions

12:00 Lunch

12:45 Breakout Sessions

2:00 Business meeting

# Saturday Breakout Sessions

(Each Breakout Session will be offered twice)

## **Thriving is a Leap of Faith**

### **Andrew Bossardet**

The 21st century has brought a rapid pace of change, a culture increasingly disconnected from the Church and a church structure not designed for either. In this session, leaders will learn skills and practices to identify when a big risk is needed to face the challenges before their congregations. There will also be a time of prayer for the faith to take those risks and to lead one step at a time into God's future

## **Maintaining Resilience in Ministry**

### **Rodney Veldhuizen**

As a pastor you engage in many stressful activities, including grief counseling, navigating the competing demands of members, and delivering a weekly sermon (or two) that opens you up to criticism. The strain of these roles is further amplified by having to switch rapidly between them, which other studies have shown to exacerbate stressful experiences. How do you maintain the ability to continually adjust and thrive in ministry over the long haul? We will take a look at one or two factors that can help you maintain your resilience as a Pastor.

## **Backstage at Westwood --**

### **How We Plan and Carry Out Worship**

#### **Westwood Worship Team**

Description: Every church plans and leads worship but no two churches do it the same way. Come and hear how Westwood Church plans, preps and leads worship for a couple of ideas that might bless your worship leadership. This is not the "Be all and End all" but only how we do it and what we've learned through lots of mistakes.

## **Following Jesus, The Healer** **Tim Vink**

Explore a short-course in healing and miracles today, for you to both receive and minister to others. Grounded in the eternal gospel, this will be a Christ-centered, Bible-based overview of Christ's and our healing ministry, laced with stories and testimonies. A printed training resource is yours to keep for all participants.



*Andy Bossardet* is an RCA pastor and RCA Coordinator for Equipping Thriving Congregations. Before taking on this role in leadership development and congregational health, he was a pastor to Glen Lake Community Reformed Church in Glen Arbor, MI for over five years. Andy was drawn into ministry by a passion for the biblical story, and now pursues that passion by helping congregations and their leaders tell their chapter in the unfolding story of God. When not at work or trying to keep up with family life, Andy can be found on his mountain bike or enjoying a game with close friends.



*Rodney Veldhuizen* is an RCA pastor who served churches in Michigan, Iowa and South Dakota. In 2000 he earned a Masters in Marriage and Family Therapy from Sioux Falls Seminary, and in 2005 he earned a Doctor of Ministry Degree from Western Theological Seminary in Church and Pastoral Health. In 2008 he became a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist in South Dakota. In June 2018, he retired from Riverview Reformed Church in Yankton after 21 years to found New Trails Ministry, Inc.



*Westwood Worship Team.* Scott Christiansen has been the senior pastor at Westwood Church in Omaha, Nebraska for almost 22 years. For the past 7 years he has been partnering with Todd Laird, Director of Worship Arts at Westwood and Quinn Tirrel, Associate Pastor at Westwood, in planning and leading worship for a growing church in the heart of Omaha, Nebraska.



*Rev. Tim and Dana Vink* are based out of Grand Rapids, Michigan, for the last 13 years as the RCA's Senior Catalyst for Church Multiplication. Mobilizing hundreds of leaders and tens of millions of dollars, we have seen 400 churches started all over North America through the Lord's calling of church planters to the harvest fields. Tim served churches in Iowa, Michigan and California. For 32 years he has been engaged in equipping the saints as an apostolic-prophetic leader in the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, with healing and deliverance.