



DAY 1 | THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

8:00 — 8:30 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS OF PARTICIPANTS & FACULTY

8:30 — 9:30 SESSION 1: THE CALLING & PASSION OF THE PRESIDENT

Presenter: Steve Lennox, President — Kingswood University (NB)

Overview: What does it mean to be called to the service of president? What place does calling take in the inner well-spring of motivation and energy? Where does a president go to renew their passion when the well runs dry? Consider these reflections from a spiritually energized president who lives in the divine favor of his calling. Consider:

- ⦿ Wrestling with a presidential calling — its source, meaning, and responsibility
- ⦿ Finding balance between obedience to your calling and institutional accountability
- ⦿ Establishing the disciplines and tapping the creativity of renewal
- ⦿ Capturing the wind of God's favor and presence

9:30 — 10:00 Q & A DISCUSSION

10:00 — 10:30 REFRESHMENT BREAK

10:30 — 11:30 SESSION 2: SALT & LIGHT FOR JUSTICE, MERCY & LOVE

Presenter: Bill Blocker, President — College of Biblical Studies (TX)

Overview: Beyond the COVID-19 pandemic impact, our culture is grappling with the ugly face of systemic racial prejudice and oppression. How is this being reflected across biblical higher education — as a campus community issue and in our sphere of community influence? Consider the wise counsel of one of our presidents as he leads his multi-ethnic campus community through the current cultural morass, including:

- ⦿ Grasping a frank awareness of the spiritual reality of racial prejudice — getting in touch
- ⦿ Creating a safe environment where voices can be heard — caring enough to listen
- ⦿ Understanding issues through the lens of Scripture and history — having an authentic voice
- ⦿ Considering ways to creatively engage for transformation — a call to action

11:30 — 12:00 Q & A DISCUSSION

12:00 — 1:00 LUNCH — CATERED AT THE CONFERENCE CENTER

1:00 — 2:00 SESSION 3: A FRESH VISION FOR DISTINCTIVELY BIBLE-CENTERED EDUCATION

Presenter: Philip Dearborn, President — Association for Biblical Higher Education (FL)

Overview: With this generation's precipitous drop in Bible knowledge and application, NOW is the time for us to re-visit and renew our engagement in effective biblical higher education. What does it mean for all of our educational programs to be Bible-based and Christ-centered? Is the declaration and spread of the gospel still a passion in the heart of God . . . and in our institutions? Consider some provocative questions including:

- ⦿ Revisiting the heart of biblical higher education — Who are we?
- ⦿ Capturing the passion of God for all to know Him — Is Christ & the gospel center?
- ⦿ Weaving God's Word through the entire curriculum — How can we do this?
- ⦿ Fanning the Flame of God's presence — Is there power present for transformation?

2:00 — 2:30 Q & A DISCUSSION

2:30 — 3:00 REFRESHMENT BREAK

3:00 — 4:00 SESSION 4: FACILITATING BOARD DEVELOPMENT — EVALUATION, RECRUITING, ENGAGEMENT

Presenter: David Arnett, President — Northpoint Bible College; ABHE Board Chair (MA)

Overview: The maxim is so true — strong institutions are led by strong boards. And strong boards are not likely to happen by accident or without the persistent efforts of the president. But the dividends are extraordinary! Consider practical ways to recruit, evaluate and develop your board — from the insights of a distinguished president and recent graduate from the Board Governance Training Program sponsored by the Murdock Charitable Trust, including:

- ⦿ Getting started with a sound philosophy of board development — the vision
- ⦿ Initiating regular board member and board meeting evaluations — practical tools
- ⦿ Designing a plan and matrix for recruiting well-qualified board members — a blueprint
- ⦿ Crafting a partnership with the board chair for wise implementation — the synergy

4:00 — 4:30 Q & A DISCUSSION

4:30 — 5:00 FRESHEN UP BREAK

5:00 — 7:00 DINNER & FELLOWSHIP

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DAY 2 | FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

8:00 — 8:30 WELCOME AND REVIEW

8:30 — 9:30 SESSION 5: LEADING AN INSTITUTION THROUGH A CRISIS

Presenter: Mark Maxwell, President — Prairie College (AB)

Overview: Perhaps never has there been a time for nimble financial oversight like this pandemic crisis. This is not the season for just a casual grasp of the audited financial statement — looking backward as you lead forward. Prudent presidents have a strategic plan for the relevant posting of important information that leads to timely decisions. Think through this process with a distinguished president whom God has gifted with wise financial oversight:

- ⦿ Creating a dashboard with vital strategic information — relevant data
- ⦿ Establishing protocols for systematic review — smart systems
- ⦿ Weaving scenario planning into budgeting — multiple options
- ⦿ Having wise discernment, making prudent decisions — proactive initiative

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10:00 — 10:30 REFRESHMENT BREAK

10:30 — 11:30 SESSION 6: LEADING AN INSTITUTION FROM CRISIS TO THRIVING

Presenter: Jay Barber, Senior Fellow — MJ Murdock Charitable Trust (OR); President Emeritus — Warner Pacific University (OR)

Overview: Few challenges will test the leadership capacity of a president like leading an institution away from the precipice of closing into a new season of thriving. What does this take from the president and what does this journey look like? Hear the wise insights from a distinguished former president to was called to save an institution . . . and how by God's grace it happened:

- ⦿ Grasping the dimensions of a crisis — a reality check
- ⦿ Knowing how to create stability — stopping the hemorrhage, instilling hope
- ⦿ Choosing and taking the right first steps for reaching sustainability
- ⦿ Achieving critical mass for continuity and thriving

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1:00 — 2:00 SESSION 7: PRESIDENTIAL/PROVOST PARTNERSHIP — A POWERFUL SYNERGY

Presenter: Steve Hostetter, President — Pacific Rim University (HI)

Overview: Hardly any institutional partnership has more potential than that of the president and provost. From strategic thinking/ planning to execution, their relationship and influence impacts so much of institutional life and progress. How do you cultivate and sustain this kind of powerful synergy? Consider insights from a veteran provost and president of what has worked . . . and not; and take your partnership to the next level.

- ⦿ Understanding the complimentary or competitive roles — finding the right balance
- ⦿ Building trust and respect — twin pillars of synergy
- ⦿ Sustaining vital communications — no surprises or secrets
- ⦿ Repairing damage from unavoidable mistakes — we're human

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3:00 — 4:00 SESSION 8: CATCHING THE WIND OF THE SPIRIT — IS THIS POSSIBLE?

Presenter: Gary Stratton, ABHE Senior Fellow; Professor of Spiritual Formation & Cultural Leadership — Johnson University (TN)

Overview: While the history of ABHE institutions gives ample evidence of founding leaders responding to the voice of God, is this spiritual dynamic still true for our movement? Do we intentionally listen for God's fresh Wind — as leaders, faculty, and trustees? How does this work in our culture of class schedules, policies, protocols and procedures? Explore ways your institution might be open for the fresh voice of God, including:

- ⦿ Knowing our irrefutable DNA markings — spiritual heritage
- ⦿ Weaving God's voice into the life of the institution — spiritual awareness
- ⦿ Creating space to hear from God as leaders and as institutions — spiritual practice
- ⦿ Learning important lessons of opportunity and warning — initiative and balance

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