

2012 Small-Town Pastors' Conference

A conference tailored to pastors and wives in town and country settings



April 23-25

Ordinary Pastor, Extraordinary God.

Featuring

Duane Litfin



President Emeritus, Wheaton College; former small-town pastor; former professor, Dallas Theological Seminary; author

D.A. Carson



Research Professor of New Testament, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School; small-church pastor's kid; author of many books including a biography of his father, *Memoirs of an Ordinary Pastor*

Kendra Smiley



Host of the nationwide daily radio program *Live Life Intentionally*; frequent women's speaker; author of several books; has lived all her life in rural Illinois; selected as Illinois Mother of the Year 2001



Bill Allison

Founder and Executive Director, Cadre International; author; former small-town youth pastor



Mark Danielson

RHMA's Director of Mission Sociology; former church planter, Mullen, Nebraska



Gary Goreham

Chair and Professor of Rural Sociology, North Dakota State University; author, including *Encyclopedia of Rural America*



Ron Klassen

Executive Director, RHMA; former small-town pastor; author, including *No Little Places: The Untapped Potential of the Small-Town Church*



Jim Mason

Professor Emeritus, Bethel Seminary; teaching specialty: town and country ministry; former small-town pastor; lives in rural Minnesota and attends a country church



Ken Muck

Pastor (for 23 years), Countryside Bible Church, Monmouth, Illinois; strong advocate of bivocational pastoring - for many years he has continued to be bivocational out of desire not necessity



Kathy Petersen

Women's teacher, staff counselor, and pastor's wife, Grace Evangelical Church, Morton, Illinois; professor, Lincoln Christian College; former missionary in remote Africa



Larry and Kerry Van Gundy

Larry is Associate Pastor of Outreach and Care, East White Oak Bible Church; they formerly served for more than 20 years as pastoral couple in a town of less than 1,000 people; Larry is a member of RHMA's Board of Directors



Brian Wechsler

Executive Director, Village Missions; former small-town pastor, Finchford, Iowa, and Red Feather Lakes, Colorado



Barney Wells

Consultant and professor for RHMA's TACT Program; professor, Lincoln Christian Seminary; was a country church pastor for 34 years; author, including *Leading Through Change, Shepherding the Town and Country Church in a New Era*

Sampling of Seminar Topics

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| <p><i>How to Think Wisely About Suffering and Evil</i>
 <i>The Church's Role in Rural Community Betterment</i>
 <i>Leading through Change and Conflict</i>
 <i>Preaching the Word and Loving the People</i>
 <i>The Pastor as Community Leader</i>
 <i>The Pastor's Family and Small-Town Ministry</i>
 <i>Word versus Deed in Our Ministry:</i>
 <i>The Search for Biblical Balance</i>
 <i>The Blessing of Being Ordinary Women</i></p> | <p><i>If Only . . . What If . . .</i>
 <i>The Expectation Trap: Dealing with Legitimate and Not-So-Legitimate Expectations</i>
 <i>Rural Ministry 101</i>
 <i>Youth Ministry in a Rural Context</i>
 <i>Bivocational Pastoring</i>
 <i>Guiding the Journey of a Strong-Willed Child</i>
 <i>Weathering the Storms</i>
 <i>Who Lives in Rural America Today?</i></p> |
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A detailed brochure will be mailed to you in January.
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