

**Churches of God,
General Conference**

57th Triennial Sessions

JULY 25-27, 2022

**Winebrenner Seminary at the
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Welcome!

Welcome to the 2022 General Conference Sessions! We're so glad that you're here and we're looking forward to our time together this week as we REIMAGINE how we carry out the work that God has called us to do in making disciples of Jesus Christ.



**Lance Finley,
CGGC Executive
Director**

None of us could have anticipated all the challenges and disruptions of the past three years. Similarly, none of us see with complete accuracy as we anticipate what the next few years will bring. We're living through some truly tumultuous and complex times. These are exciting days for those who follow Jesus! While the challenges before us are daunting, the opportunities for Gospel work are abundant. Our world needs the hope that is only found in Jesus Christ!

It's my prayer that you will be encouraged during our time together. The past three years have been filled with difficulties and profound losses. It's good for us to be together, to bear one another's collective burdens and to be reminded of God's faithfulness and goodness throughout the course of such difficult times. We need each other in days like these.

It's my expectation that you will also be stretched during these sessions. There's something about growing older that makes it harder to use our imagination. Most of us know a lot about how to "do" church but we're going to have to rethink some things if we're going to be effective missionaries to our modern world. Most of us were trained for another time and other conditions than what we're facing today. It's not a time to be afraid, but it is a time to reimagine how we effectively carry out our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ.

Enjoy these three days! Be encouraged. Be stretched. Be challenged to return home committed to live out the mission that Jesus has given his church.

Christ's Peace,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Lance Finley". The signature is fluid and stylized, with the first and last names being more prominent.

Lance Finley
CGGC Executive Director

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Monday, July 25

- 1:00 Welcome & Worship
- 2:00 Rethinking Church & Mission – Brad Brisco
- 3:00 Break
- 3:20 Rethinking Leadership – Brad Brisco
- 4:20 Elections
- 5:00 Dinner – The Refinery, College of Business
- 6:30 Worship
- 6:50 Rethinking Discipleship & Evangelism in a Missionary
Context – Brad Brisco
- 7:50 Dismissal

Tuesday, July 26

- 8:30 Worship
- 8:50 The Beauty of Bivocational Mission & Ministry – Brad Brisco
- 9:50 Break
- 10:10 Business and Reports
- 11:45 Lunch – The Refinery, College of Business
- 1:00 Worship
- 1:20 Engaging God's Mission Where You Live, Work & Play – Brad Brisco
- 2:20 General Conference Report
- 3:30 Break
- 3:45 Scorecards (Counting & Measuring What Matters) – Brad Brisco
- 4:45 Group Picture
- 5:00 Dinner – The Refinery, College of Business
- 6:30 Worship & Celebration
- 8:00 Ice Cream Social

Wednesday, July 27

- 8:30 Worship
- 8:45 Global Reach Report
- 9:40 Break
- 10:00 Installation Service
- 10:15 Closing Address by Dr. David Odegard
- 10:45 Celebration of Ordinances
- 12:00 Adjournment

The University of Findlay Campus Map



1. Winebrenner Theological Seminary (WTS)
2. Center for Student Life & College of Business - The Refinery

Scan the QR code at right for an interactive UF campus map on your mobile phone or device.





Keynote Speaker: Brad Brisco

Brad Brisco is the Director of Bivocational Church Planting for the North American Mission Board. He holds a doctorate in the area of missional ecclesiology; his doctoral thesis was on assisting existing congregations in transitioning in a missional direction. Brad enjoys working with existing congregations that desire to more deeply engage God's mission in a local context.



Brisco has authored *ReThink: 9 Paradigm Shifts for Activating the Church*. **In this e-book, Brad presents 9 key paradigm shifts the church needs to experience when desiring to equip and activate all the people of God to engage in His mission.** (Scan the QR code at the right to view the e-book.) Every organization, including the church, is built upon underlying paradigms or assumptions. If we try to restructure an organization but leave the original paradigms in place, nothing will change within the organization. Therefore, for real change to take place, we need to experience a paradigm shift or, in most cases, multiple paradigm shifts.



Brad will use these topics to stimulate discussion around the idea of how we "do church" in the days ahead of us. How can we understand and reach our culture? How do we "rethink" what we understand to be the ministry and work of the church? How do we affirm our beliefs and "reimagine" the best way to communicate this to others?



Event Host: Crystal Stine



Crystal Stine is the author of *Holy Hustle*, *Quieting the Shout of Should*, and the *Holy Hustle Planner*. She serves as the Communications and Online Director for Grand Point Church and has a passion for using social media as a digital ministry mission field to reach as many as possible for Christ. You can connect with Crystal online at crystalstine.me,

get a sneak peek of her books through her popular YouVersion reading plans, or find her on Instagram [@crystalstine](https://www.instagram.com/crystalstine). Crystal lives in Pennsylvania with her husband and daughter.



Worship Leaders: The Grand Point Worship Team

Grand Point Worship is passionate about creating a worship environment where the focus moves away from ourselves and what God can do for us and shifts toward exalting God simply for who He is. The Grand Point Worship team is led by Grand Point Church's Director of Worship Arts, Chris Clugh. With more than 25 years of worship leading experience, Chris oversees more than 100 volunteers who serve in the church's worship and tech ministry. Chris and the team also have a deep desire to be a resource for other churches and ministries, providing training and development for worship leaders and teams. Together, the worship team has written several original songs for the church. These songs have recently been captured at a live worship night and will be released later in 2022. Learn more about Grand Point Church at www.grandpoint.church.



Meal Guide

The Dining Card can be used for Monday Dinner, Tuesday Lunch and Tuesday Dinner. *Please turn it in to the Dining Staff when you go through the line for your final meal.*

Henderson Hall is under construction so all meals will be served in The Refinery, located in the College of Business. Choose from Hometown Comfort Foods, The Grill and SubConnections.

2019-2021 Statistics

2019:

US Churches:	310
US Worship Attendance:	24,575
US New Churches:	2
US Baptisms:	585
US Professions of Faith:	656
Cooperative Contributions:	\$1,195,114
Designated Contributions:	\$1,098,862
GR Churches:	308
GR Baptisms:	626
GR Professions of Faith	746

2020:

US Churches:	303
US Worship Attendance:	19,970
US New Churches:	1
US Baptisms:	295
US Professions of Faith:	304
Cooperative Contributions:	\$1,166,394
Designated Contributions:	\$1,046,344
GR Churches:	314
GR Baptisms:	484
GR Professions of Faith	846

2021:

US Churches:	305
US Worship Attendance:	18,405
US New Churches:	3
US Baptisms:	560
US Professions of Faith:	463
Cooperative Contributions:	\$1,178,621
Designated Contributions:	\$945,489
GR Churches:	323
GR Baptisms:	411
GR Professions of Faith	1,112



The officers of CGWM for the 2022-2025 term are Kathy Foor, Director; Heather Boss, Assistant Director; Kimberly Daly, Secretary; and Nancy Scott, Treasurer. The role of women is so vital to the church's effective ministry that the Churches of God, General Conference (CGGC) believes it is important for the women to be able to have an organized ministry that is in harmony with the total ministry of the church. The Churches of God Women's Ministries is an active organization of women and is accountable to the Churches of God, General Conference.

Training leaders to connect and equip women to live boldly for God



CGWM is committed to training leaders to connect and equip women to live boldly for God. We encourage women to participate in local, regional and national women's events and are exploring ways to provide opportunities for individual and/or group leadership training in regions across the denomination.

As we reimagine what that ministry will look like these next three years, we invite you to join us! Visit our website for more information about our various ministry opportunities.

Website: <https://www.cggcwomen.org/> **Facebook:** Churches of God Women's Ministries (CGWM)
YouTube: CGWM

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Go to <https://cggc-store.myshopify.com/> or scan the QR code at the right.



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Lance Finley is the CGGC Executive Director. He works closely with the regional directors and leads the CGGC staff to make sure we maximize our collective potential for kingdom impact. Lance welcomes the opportunity to talk to pastors and church leaders about the CGGC.



Lance Finley
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Questions you can ask Lance:

- What are the trends and forces shaping our culture and what will that mean for the church in North America?
- What are the Mission, Vision and Values of the CGGC and how can our local congregation partner in ministry?
- What can our local congregation do to help support or participate in the multiplication of new churches and ministry expressions?

Scan the QR code to submit a question directly to Lance.



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Strategy & Leadership

Trent Grable is the CGGC Director of Strategy and Leadership. He welcomes the opportunity to talk to pastors and church leaders about best practices in Missional Leadership.

Questions you can ask Trent:

- How do we help rally congregational communities around emerging missional leaders and go-getters to facilitate the development of their calling?
- How do we better understand the make-up and calling of our congregations to leverage our uniqueness to its best missional advantage?
- What does leadership development look like for non-pastoral leaders in our congregation?
- How does a congregation govern a wide variety of missional expressions at the same time?

Scan the QR code to submit a question directly to Trent.



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Ben Tobias is the CGGC Director of Global Reach and welcomes the opportunity to talk to pastors and church leaders about ways for you and your church to connect in global ministries.



Ben Tobias
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Things you can ask Ben and the Global Reach team about:

- Designing a missions leadership team for your church
- Connecting with Global Reach ministries (e.g. mission trip, guest speaker)
- Developing a personalized, long-term partnership between your church/small group and one of the Global Reach Mission Fields



Scan the QR code to submit a question directly to Ben.



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Communications

Jacob Clagg is the CGGC Director of Communications. He welcomes the opportunity to talk to pastors and church leaders about Communications Resources.

Questions you can ask Jacob:

- How can we get our pastor signed up with RightNow Media's expansive library of 20,000 Bible Study materials for FREE?
- How can new talented writers and thinkers contribute articles for *The Global Advocate*?
- How can the CGGC help our church tell our story to the rest of the denomination or even the world? Help us write, record, produce or broadcast it out.

Scan the QR code to submit a question directly to Jacob.



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Archives Museum

The Archives Museum's mission is to collect, store, preserve and catalog materials that relate to the life, ministry and history of the Churches of God, General Conference. Materials such as



artifacts, memorabilia, books, pamphlets, publications, programs, minutes, and personal papers are made available for research and display.



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Finance

Bob Stephenson is the CGGC Director of Finance and welcomes the opportunity to talk to pastors and church leaders about best practices in Church Finances.

Things you can ask Bob about:

- Church participation in the CGGC federal group tax exemption program
- Payroll administration including pastor's housing allowances
- CGGC financial reporting

Scan the QR code to submit a question directly to Bob.



Bob Stephenson
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Pensions

The Board of Pensions is pleased to announce the hiring of **Jason White** as Pension Administrator effective July 1. Jason has 26 years of experience in the financial services industry and currently serves as Relationship Manager and Ambassador for Shelton Financial Group, Inc., Fort Wayne, Indiana.



Jason White
Pension Administrator
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Jason brings a deep commitment to Christ and the Church and a wide breadth of experience in the marketplace. He and his wife Jesse (Callaway) and family live in Zanesville, IN and attend the First Church of God, Zanesville.

Jason succeeds Jim Thomas who has been part of the Board of Pensions for the past 39 years, beginning as a director in 1983 and serving as Administrator since 1998. Jim and Donna will continue to enjoy retirement from their home in upstate Minnesota.



Darlene Mattox
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For CGGC Pension Plan Enrollment Information, contact **Darlene Mattox**, pensions@cggc.org.



Merrill Lynch representatives will be available from 10-3 on Tuesday. Stop by WTS Room 150 to talk about financial considerations or fund information or call their office at 800-433-2855.

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