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Missions Fest Seattle 2019 Conference Report www.missionsfestseattle.org

Thanks & Venue for 2020

We want to thank Crossroads Bible Church for their great support in hosting Missions Fest for the 2nd year. It requires a lot from a church staff and again, like last year, they did a magnificent job. Thank you!!! We are still working on the venue and dates for next year's conference and will let you know via email and the website as soon as that decision is made.

Speakers and Music

We were blessed with Peter Tsukahira and George Davidiuk as our keynote speakers this year who both did a fantastic job. Peter gave a one-hour overview of the last 2000 years since Jesus walked the earth. It's the best I have ever heard. On Saturday afternoon we had a panel discussion with 6 technology experts who shared about the use of technology in ministry and challenge us to use it. As Ichabod Caine, the moderator said, "If Martin Luther were alive today, he would be all over using technology in ministry."

And we were richly blessed with three different ethnic music groups. I encourage you to go on the website (www.missionsfestseattle.org) where you will find videos of all the keynote sessions and the three music groups. You will be blessed!

Registration Update

This is the first year we asked/required people to register for Missions Fest so that we could better understand our audience and have a better way to stay in touch with them. We asked for Name, Email Address, Church Name, and City. We had 1123 register plus an estimated 75-100 that didn't get registered. When you add to that number the people who were involved in other parts of Missions Fest, we had a total of about 2300 people. They came from 234 different churches with the furthest distances being people from Idaho, Minnesota, and New York. One church that has 4 campuses had 91 people register while one church with a single campus had 76 register. Registration gave us a much better understanding of the people

represented and helped us discover some churches we had never heard of. Thank you to Jennifer for organizing this effort and for the volunteer team of about 12 who carried this out!

Meal Packing

251 volunteers packed about 53,000 meals in three different shifts on the Saturday of Missions Fest. These meals will be going to the country of Sierra Leone in Africa, one of the poorest nations in the world. They will be distributed by Children of the Nations that has workers on the ground who help the locals develop sustainable farming practices in the area where the food is distributed.

Friday Workshop

62 pastors, staff, and mission leaders received a boatload of very helpful information about developing a sending culture in their church which means that one of the key criteria to look at regarding the success of a ministry is the sending capacity vs the seating capacity. Several of the participants commented about what a great and helpful workshop it was for their churches. We gave out copies of the book, *Gaining by Losing*, by J.D. Greear to all the churches represented. Amazing book!

Friday Field Trip

We had 351 attendees at our 4th – 12th grade Friday Field Trip. This consisted of 257 from area Christian schools and 94 homeschoolers. Unfortunately, an Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) conference was scheduled on the same day so our Christian school attendance was less than normal. Students had the opportunity of hearing from Dan Kreft, the 7-foot apologist, who helped them understand who Jesus is. They also were able to choose from 10 elective workshops and hear from Anthony Hogan about how to navigate the world of video gaming as believers.

70 Seminars

We had 1042 people attend 70 different seminars. Every year we get the request about recordings being available because participants can't attend all the seminars they desire as some of conflicting schedules and there are so many they want to attend. We will explore this some for next year. In the meantime, a significant number of individuals came away with not only lots of new information, and a new passion for moving into some areas of interest. Thank you to Suzi on our team for putting all this together!

Thanks to all who made Missions Fest possible and to all who attended. May God bless you!

Keith Hook
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