

**Compassion Symposium  
Schedule  
Friday, September 20, 2019**

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9:00	<p><b>Slowing Down Long Enough To Notice</b>  <i>Our pursuit in life serves as the primary evidence of what we believe. Sometimes, all it takes is a glance to watch the vulnerable and marginalized encounter transformative and sustainable change.</i></p> <p><b>Rev. Heath Adamson, PhD</b>          Chief of Staff at Convoy of Hope          Global Chairman, World Assemblies of God Next-Gen Commission</p>	<p><b>What God Thinks About Immigrants</b>  <i>A biblical theology of what God thinks about immigrants. The Bible does not speak directly to the current immigration situation, which differs greatly from that of ancient Israel, but rather offers principles that can guide our thinking about the issue.</i></p> <p><b>Rev. Steve Pulis, PhD</b>          Senior Director- Community Events, Convoy of Hope          Associate and Youth Pastor, Central Assembly of God</p>	<p><b>Community Partnerships - Heaven or Hell</b>  <i>Forging healthy partnerships is difficult and painful but necessary to bring God's compassion to people in need. This session will focus on the inconveniences of partnering with multiple organizations to bring change to a community, then show the beauty that emerges when we (personally and organizationally) lay our "ego" aside and focus on mission.</i></p> <p><b>Rev. Jeremy Hahn</b>          Executive Director, Life 360 Community Services</p>	<p><b>Exploring the Critical Link of Forgiveness between Compassion and Trauma Work</b>  <i>This presentation will focus on the moderating variable of forgiveness in its critical role in the compassion treatment and engagement with individuals and trauma histories. Not only will the role of "compassionate eyes" to others be examined, but also what it means to have "self" compassion. Research and case studies will be presented to illustrate concepts.</i></p> <p><b>Grant Jones, PhD</b>          Professor, Counseling and Psychology, Behavioral and Social Sciences Department</p>	<p><b>Compassion and Addictions: Students of Faith Making a Difference</b>  <i>Our faith can be a powerful motivator for helping people who struggle with substance abuse and addictions. Without insight and personal awareness, however, our religious beliefs can interfere with our best intentions to help and can, instead, cause harm. This session will offer strategies for showing compassion for people struggling with addiction.</i></p> <p><b>Lisa Street, EdD, LCSW</b>          Assistant Professor of Social Work, Behavioral and Social Sciences Department and</p> <p><b>Tressa Moyle, MSW, LCSW</b>          Director, Center for Addictions, Cox Health</p>	<p><b>Compassion 101: The Quartet of the Vulnerable</b>  <i>Compassion is not some optional emotional response that the Christian needs to append to all his/her other spiritual responses. It represents a display of the core character of God. Failing to respond to the "quartet of the vulnerable" is a denial of our commitment to our spiritual maturity.</i></p> <p><b>Rev. Johan Mostert, PhD</b>          Director of CompaCare, AG Family Services</p>
10:00	<b>Plenary Session with Dr. Brian Fikkert, Chalmers Center for Economic Development</b> <b>Spence Chapel</b>					
11:00	<p><b>The Origin of Our Compassion Ethos: The Nature of God</b>  <i>What is the origin of the Christian "love thy neighbor" ethos? Is it a stand-alone ethic that developed over millennia of human development or is it rooted in the nature of the Creator, Who has called us to imitate Him?</i></p> <p><b>Rev. Wave Nunnally, PhD</b>          Professor of Early Judaism and Christian Origins, Theology and Global Church Ministries Department</p>	<p><b>Flint Water Crisis</b>  <i>As a Flint native, credentialed AG minister, and parent, Shannon Polk will share the history of the crisis and the community's response. The discussion will address the local and national church involvement as well as the continued partnerships with organizations like Convoy of Hope. We will also discuss the current state of the city, how race, faith, and poverty intersected in this tragedy, and the lessons learned from philanthropy, churches, and government.</i></p> <p><b>Rev. Shannon Polk, DMin</b>          Consultant, Attorney, and Assistant Pastor</p>	<p><b>Poverty Relief and Sustainability Through Agriculture</b>  <i>The need for food and nutrient security is fundamental to human existence and there is nothing more empowering to a community than the ability to provide it themselves. This is a presentation looking at the theory, practice, and pitfalls of using agriculture as a tool for lifting communities out of poverty.</i></p> <p><b>Rev. Jason Streubel, PhD</b>          Associate Professor of Biology, Natural and Applied Sciences Department</p> <p><b>Senior Director- Agriculture and Food Security, Convoy of Hope</b></p>	<p><b>Preserving the Dignity of Those We Serve</b>  <i>In our Western efficiency, we at times assume we know "what people need". In this workshop, we will discuss ways that we might unintentionally trample on dignity and ways to prevent that as we enter into authentic relationships.</i></p> <p><b>Rev. JoAnn Butrin, PhD</b>          Director, International Ministries, Assemblies of God World Missions</p>	<p><b>Crisis &amp; Violence: A Compassionate Response to the Violence of School Shootings and Other Violent Events</b>  <i>On May 18, 2018 a young man shot and killed 8 students and 2 teachers and wounded 13 at Santa Fe (Texas) High School. Kelly Ward was on site immediately following the shooting, and walked through the grief response to the violent deaths with the families.</i></p> <p><b>Rev. M. Kelly Ward, MA, LPC</b>          Director, Sole Mission</p>	<p><b>Preventing Burnout and Compassion Fatigue: Current Research and Ancient Practices</b>  <i>Sometimes it becomes too much. We burn out. The minister becomes the one in need of ministry. In this session, learn the hallmark signs of burnout/compassion fatigue, the latest research on predictors of burnout/compassion fatigue, and practices to prevent yourself from burning out, many of which Jesus taught and modeled.</i></p> <p><b>Heather Kelly, PsyD</b>          Chair, Behavioral and Social Sciences Department          Professor of Psychology</p>

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12:00	<b>Welcome Junkies, Felons, and Saints</b> <p>After years of incarceration and addiction, Pastor John Alarid had an encounter with Jesus that radically transformed him. Informed by his own experience, Pastor John will discuss how his church reaches the marginalized and those far from God to see them transformed and put on mission for Christ.</p> <p><b>Rev. John Alarid</b> Founder and Lead Pastor, Freedom City Church</p>	<b>Ministering to Mirror Images</b> <p>Let's discuss what to do when the recipients of your ministry come from the same ethnic, socioeconomic, and geographical location as you do. Often those of us who are Black, Indigenous, or People of Color as well as those of poorer socioeconomic classes find ourselves doing ministry in our home communities or significantly similar locales. How does one minister in your healthiest place when you are so emotionally connected to the issues of the people you are helping, and how do you help your ministry colleagues who may be completely unfamiliar with the needs, history, and nuances of that community effectively and unoffensively?</p> <p><b>Rev. Shannon Polk, DMin</b> Consultant, Attorney, and Associate Pastor</p>	<b>Separation? When Government and Church Become Friends</b> <p>Dare to dream about the amazing opportunities faith-based nonprofits and churches have by teaming up with local and federal government. This session will focus on partnerships that are needed and desired in spite of the common misconception that church and state can not play well together.</p> <p><b>Rev. Jeremy Hahn</b> Executive Director, Life 360 Community Services</p>	<b>Cultivating Compassion in the Refugee Community: A Story of Welcoming Strangers and Making New Friends in Springfield, MO</b> <p>Learn how to go from knowing nothing about the refugees in your city to building community among the groups of new friends now calling America home. This session will help you coordinate with local resources, navigate pitfalls and challenges, and walk with refugees through an invigorating process going from arrival to adjusting to advancement in their communities.</p> <p><b>Rev. Lois Olena, DMin</b> AGTS Associate Professor and Doctor of Ministry Project Coordinator</p>	<b>Acting Redemptively as Part of Servant Leadership: Jesus' Ministry in Compassion</b> <p>A common verse used with leadership literature is Mt. 20:28 and Mk. 10:45 where Jesus came to serve and give his life as a ransom, but almost all writers neglect the latter part of the verse. While we know that Jesus was the unique ransom, in the contexts of both Matthew and Mark, these sayings were intended to be a model for the disciples' actions. Three biblical stories from the gospels highlighting this will be explored showing that Jesus did not separate servanthood from acting redemptively (acting with compassion).</p> <p><b>Rev. Paul Lewis, PhD</b> Associate Dean of the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary</p>	<b>Transforming Rural Communities with Compassion and Collaboration</b> <p>1000-plus communities are partnering with Rural Compassion (Convoy of Hope) to see life made better for children and families in rural America. We place a big emphasis in working with local schools, churches, and community leaders.</p> <p><b>Rev. Greg Colegrove</b> Church Care Network Coordinator with Rural Compassion, Convoy of Hope</p>
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1:00	<b>Who is Your Neighbor?</b> <p>In ancient and modern times, humans have defined "neighbor" (people for whom we are responsible) in terms of ethnic and geographical considerations. How does the Bible (OT and NT) define it?</p> <p><b>Rev. Wave Nunnally, PhD</b> Professor of Early Judaism and Christian Origins, Theology and Global Church Ministries Department</p>	<b>A Personal Pentecostal Response to the Death Penalty</b> <p>After a brief evaluation of arguments given in favor of the death penalty, I propose a Pentecostal alternative based upon Scripture, economics, and compassion.</p> <p><b>Rev. Marty Mittelstadt, PhD</b> Professor of New Testament, Theology and Global Church Ministries Department</p>	<b>The Case for Payday Lending Reform: A Test Case for Compassion and Public Policy</b> <p>This seminar will make the case for payday lending reform based on biblical and social science lines of argument. In making this case, broader themes in the relationship between biblical imperatives and public policy will be raised.</p> <p><b>Rev. George Paul Wood</b> Executive Editor, Assemblies of God Publications</p>	<b>Compassion for Trauma Victims</b> <p>This workshop will look at the consequences of trauma and how one can minister to a survivor. A compassionate biblical approach which follows best practice recommendations will be presented.</p> <p><b>Rev. Melody Palm, PsyD</b> Professor of Counseling, Behavioral and Social Sciences Department</p>	<b>Compassion First: Providing Project-Based Learning Opportunities with Compassion</b> <p>Dr. Crawford, along with EU Education students, will present a project-based learning curriculum prepared for students on the other side of the world in Indonesia. Come find out how these dynamic learning experiences on our campus transform the lives of human trafficking survivors.</p> <p><b>Shonna Crawford, PhD</b> Chair, Education Department Professor in Education Literacy</p>	<b>Compassion Through Entrepreneurship: How Free-Market System Can Help Solve Poverty</b> <p>What does business have to do with compassion? This session will discuss the call to embrace "the least of these," poverty, the possibility of mixed mission and market-driven motives (social and economic values), innovative solutions, and the call to "compassionately move beyond charity".</p> <p><b>Eveline Susanto Lewis, D.B.A.</b> Chair, Business Department</p>
2:00	<b>Plenary Session with Dr. Brian Fikkert, Chalmers Center for Economic Development</b> <b>Spence Chapel</b>					