

Workshops New Field Staff Conference 2023

Integrating Personal Life and Ministry: Developing Strategies for Long-term Impact

By John and Jess Payton

Do you ever feel that giving adequate focus to all the important spheres of life and ministry can be elusive? Is it possible to live and minister in a healthy way, with sustainable impact? We'll explore strategies and approaches that help Nav staff flourish.



John and Jessica Payton serve The Navigators as the Directors of Field Staff Recruiting. They are passionate about Jesus and His Kingdom and count it a great joy to invite and launch Kingdom workers into vocational Navigator ministry. John and Jessica have served with the Navigators since 2002 and previously directed collegiate ministries at Northwest Missouri State & Iowa State and launched national staff training initiatives. They live in Ames, Iowa, with their 3 sons, Joseph (16), Jonathan (12), and James (10). In addition to their staff recruiting work, John and Jessica provide vision and equipping for groups of young professionals in central Iowa who are seeking to follow Jesus and advance the Gospel right where God has placed them.

Engaging With God

By Mike Jordahl

You can't give what you don't have! As Christ-followers and as Navigator staff, we need to carefully cultivate our relationships with God. It is hard to help someone else know Christ if we ourselves aren't current in our own relationships with him!

In this workshop we will consider the why and how of growing in intimacy with Christ. We will also process how we can avoid comparison, legalism, and guilt as we deepen our walks with Christ.



Mike lives in Colorado Springs with his wife, Nancy. Currently, Mike serves as the Executive Director of National Recruiting and Mobilization. He is passionate about knowing Christ, making him known and helping others do the same.

Disciplemaking Basics

By Jim and Beth Luebe

Jesus calls us to "Make Disciples of all Nations" (Matthew 28:19-20) and the Apostle Paul tells us to "...entrust to reliable men/women who will be qualified to teach others also" (2 Timothy 2:2). In this workshop we will cover some of the basics of 1:1 Disciplemaking and explore how to increase our competency and effectiveness in Life-to-Life Disciplemaking.



Jim and Beth live and minister in New York City on staff with The Navigators. Together they serve on the City Leadership Team helping to lead, shepherd, and train a staff team and volunteers serving in a variety of ministry contexts across NYC and the greater metro area. They have each been involved in disciplemaking for 40 years.

Nav Tools

By Noel and Rhoda Owuor

This workshop will equip us to understand some of the core Nav tools that are available to us to use and apply as we "make disciples of all nations" (Matt. 28:19-20).

We will specifically look at The Hand, The Wheel, and The Bridge. These tools are designed to help us explain the key aspects of discipleship.



Noel and Rhoda live in New Jersey and minister in New York on staff with the Navigators. Recently they joined the City Leadership Team helping to lead, shepherd, and train a staff team and volunteers serving in a variety of ministry contexts across NYC and the greater metro area. Noel and Rhoda have been involved in disciplemaking for 33 years.

MPD (Friday only) – Developing Sustainable MPD Rhythms

By Peter Kiefer

Are you raising support for your ministry with the Navigators? Whether you're just getting started, need to increase your budget, or you're planning for the future, learn from Ministry Partner Development pros how to create sustainable funding rhythms for long term ministry.



Peter serves the Navigators as the director and team lead for the Ministry Partner Development team. He loves helping field staff achieve full-funding for their ministry in a way that blesses ministry partners and empowers Nav staff to be more fruitful in the work God has called them to.