

# reconciliation & justice conference 2015

JANUARY 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>

NEW CITY FELLOWSHIP ST. LOUIS



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# general information

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# Welcome!

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Welcome to our 5th annual Reconciliation and Justice Conference. We thank God for each of you who are gathered for these two short days together and we are praying for God's blessing of wisdom, understanding and the Spirit's power to endure in love, to be poured out on each of us and the churches we represent.

The recent events in Ferguson, Missouri, including the exposure of the underbelly of racial division and tension that still permeates the St Louis region, has only served to heighten our awareness of the need to continue pressing the call for reconciliation and the practice of justice-righteousness in the body of Christ across our country. Ferguson, Missouri is Any City, USA. The segregation of rich from poor, and the splintering of communities and churches into ethnic enclaves is still the fundamental, practical reality of life throughout much of this country. But the great apologetic of Jesus remains the same:

*"I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me."*

**John 17:20-23**

As part of our time together this year, we are going to address how the reconciled-justice practicing-church, under the Lordship of Jesus the Messiah, is God's ultimate apologetic that both confronts the power structures of this world, seen and unseen, with the Kingship of Christ, and at the same time invites the nations into the present-and-coming eternal kingdom of God where all things are set right.

We pray the times of fellowship and worship and prayer and mutual instruction will be a source of great encouragement to you.

On behalf of the Steering Committee,

Barry Henning

## wi-fi connection

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## charging stations

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# conference schedule

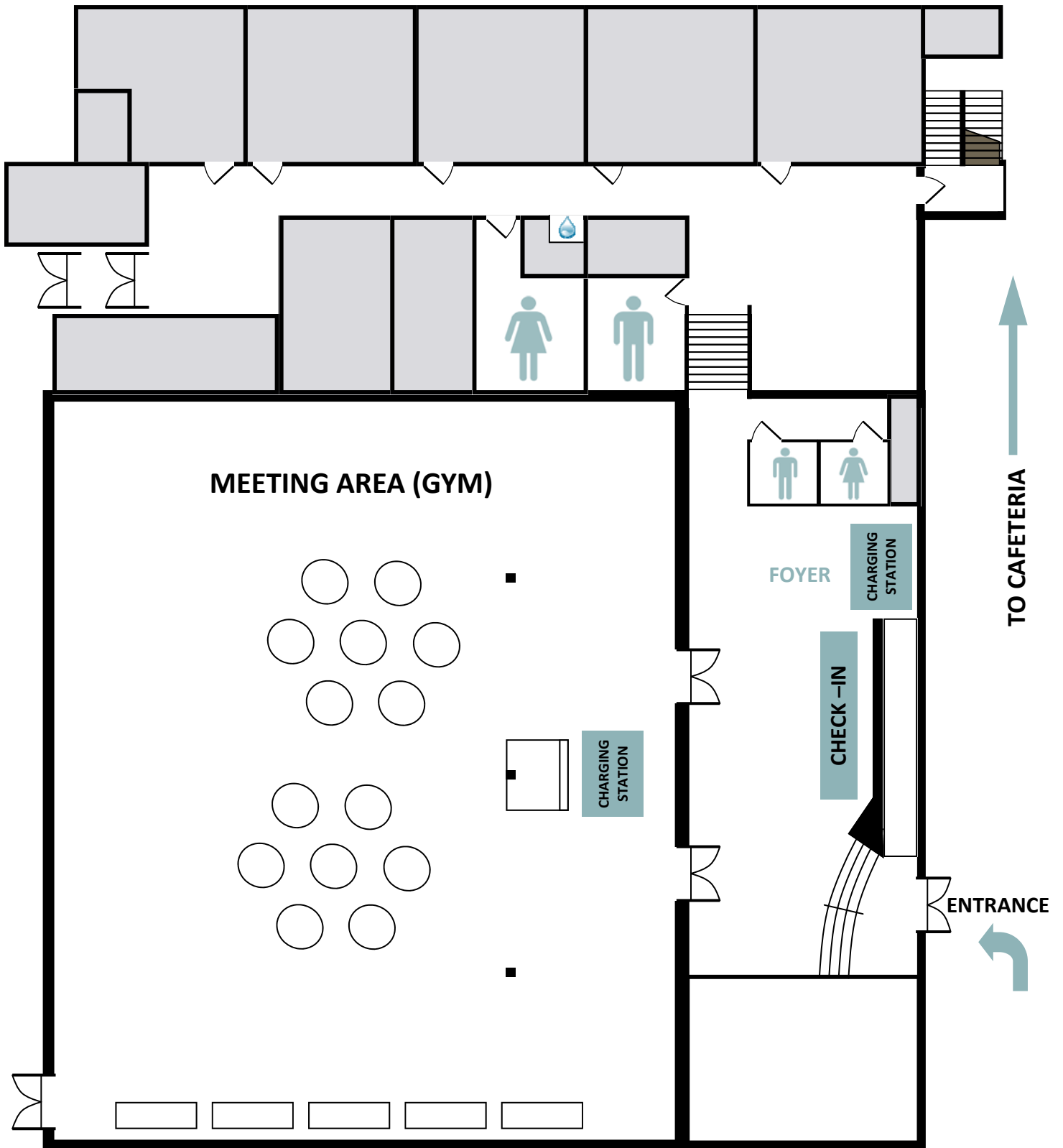
## tuesday, january 27

9:00 am - 9:30 am	Check-in
9:30 am - 10:45 am	Worship, Opening Plenary Session - <b>"Reconciliation and Justice in the Church and the Power Structures of the World,"</b> Randy Nabors and Thurman Williams
10:45 am - 11:10 am	Large Group Discussion
11:10 am - 11:20 am	Break
11:20 am - 12:00 pm	Plenary Session - <b>"Dominant Culture and Minority Culture Realities in Reconciliation,"</b> Tony Myles
12:00 pm - 12:45 pm	Lunch ( <i>in gym</i> )
12:45 pm - 1:10 pm	Table Talk
1:10 pm - 1:35 pm	Large Group Discussion
1:35 pm - 1:45 pm	Break
1:45 pm - 2:50 pm	Worship, Plenary Session - <b>Ferguson Panel Presentation</b>
2:50 pm - 3:20 pm	Large Group Discussion
3:20 pm - 3:30 pm	Break
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm	Break Out Sessions - <b>see list of topics on page 9</b>
4:30 pm - 5:00 pm	Large Group Discussion
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Dinner ( <i>in cafeteria</i> )
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Worship and Prayer

## wednesday, january 28

8:30 am - 9:40 am	Worship, Plenary Session - <b>"Changing Power Structures in Society through the Church - the Apostles Paul and Peter and Martin Luther King Jr,"</b> Barry Henning
9:40 am - 9:50 am	Break
9:50 am - 10:20 am	Table Talk
10:20 am - 10:50 am	Large Group Discussion
10:50 am - 11:00 am	Break
11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Plenary Session - <b>Panel Presentation and Discussion on Changing Government Structures</b>
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Lunch ( <i>in gym</i> )
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Worship, Prayer and Large Group Discussion; Dismissal

# map of facilities



# local venues

## RESTAURANTS / COFFEE

### 1 Starbucks

9200 Olive Blvd, 63132

Head south on 82nd, right onto Olive, destination is on the left

### 2 McDonald's

8127 Olive Blvd, 63130

Head south on 82nd, left onto Olive, destination is on the left

### 3 Taqueria La Monarca

8531 Olive Blvd, 63132

Head south on 82nd, right onto Olive, destination is on the right

### 4 Papa John's Pizza

8107 Olive Blvd, 63130

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### 5 Chevy's Fresh Mex

9119 Olive Blvd, 63132

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### 6 Sugarfire Barbecue

9200 Olive Blvd, 63132

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### 7 Lu Lu Seafood

8224 Olive Blvd, 63132

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### 8 Royal Chinese Barbecue

8406 Olive Blvd, 63132

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## ATM / GAS / GROCERY

### 9 QuikTrip

8815 Page Ave, 63114

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### 10 7-Eleven

8159 Olive Blvd, 63130

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### 11 CVS Pharmacy

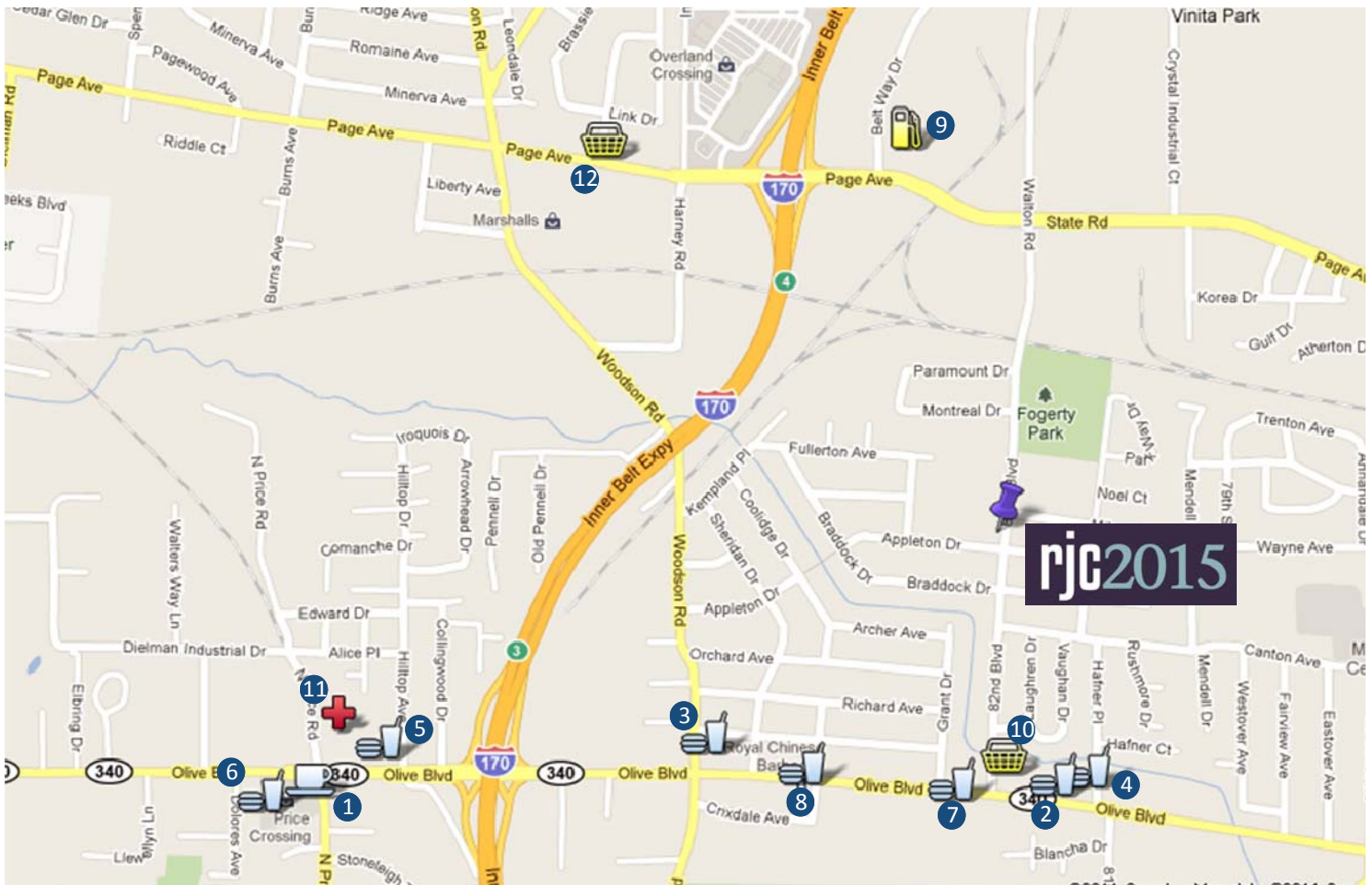
9141 Olive Blvd, 63132

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### 12 Schnucks Grocery

9074 Page Blvd, 63114

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# plenary session 1

## Reconciliation and Justice in the Church and the Power Structures of the World

*Randy Nabors and Thurman Williams*

*<Pick up materials at registration table>*



# plenary session 2

## Dominant Culture and Minority Culture Realities in Reconciliation

Tony Myles

### Human Dignity

One of the fundamental wrestles between dominant culture and minority cultures continues to center on the Imago Dei (image of God).

Dominant cultures are afforded the privilege of shaping what it means to be full image bearers -- that is, they get to define what makes someone worthy of value, acceptance, love, etc. as a human being. And that value, acceptance, love, etc. is often rooted in cultural norms rather than biblical ones.

Minority cultures and oppressed peoples in one way or another are always reacting to that definition either by moving toward that definition and trying to fit into its parameters, reacting against it and defining the Imago Dei (image of God) on their own terms, or some combination of both.

*How do Christians present to the world a more biblically faithful manifestation of the image of God?*

### By being a reconciled community around:

- The scriptures

We need each other's eyes to see what we don't see

- Church Life

We need each other's experience and wisdom to know what we don't know

- Public witness

We need each other's voice to cry out for what the Lord calls us cry out for

### Questions

- What minority voices are you reading from, listening to, or being disciplined by that are shaping your understanding of the scriptures?
- What majority culture voices are you reading from, listening to, or being disciplined by that are shaping your understanding of the scriptures?
- Where is your church walking with the poor and minorities and how is that experience impacting your church and you as an individual? What are you learning?
- What is the role of the church in the public arena? How can we speak to the issues of our day with the good news of the kingdom in the public square?

# panel discussions - notes

## Tuesday - Ferguson Panel Presentation

**Panelists:** Macklann Basse, Abe Cho, Kenny Foster, Barry Henning, Duke Kwon, Leon Mukendi, Tony Myles, Randy Nabors, Jonathan Seda, Thurman Williams

## Wednesday - Discussion on Changing Government Structures

**Panelists:** Matt Brummund (FBI), Al Johnson (Attorney; Director of New Covenant Legal Ministry), Leon Mukendi, Tony Myles, Randy Nabors, Thurman Williams





# break out sessions

*Break out sessions will be held on Tuesday afternoon in the main conference room. Table tents designating each topic will be placed on tables during the break after the Ferguson Panel Presentation to show where each group will meet.*

- ◆ **Reconciliation, Justice and Global Church Relationships** - *Leon Mukendi and Macklann Basse*
- ◆ **Challenging the Segregated Church in Love to Understand Racism and Embrace Reconciliation** - *Randy Nabors and Kevin Smith*
- ◆ **Avoiding Pitfalls and Common Mistakes in Cross Cultural Ministry** - *Duke Kwon and Kevin VandenBrink*
- ◆ **Youth Ministry Dynamics in the Reconciling Church** - *Otto Scott and Blake Scheidt*
- ◆ **Leadership Development in the Reconciling Church** - *Barry Henning and Kenny Foster*
- ◆ **Reconciliation and Justice in the Education Context** - *Tim Baker*
- ◆ **Creating Cultural Intelligence in the Local Church** - *Jonathan Seda and Craig Garriott*
- ◆ **Living Under and Fighting Oppression in Love and Humility** - *Thurman Williams and Tony Myles*



# plenary session 3

## Changing Power Structures in Society through the Church - the Apostles Paul and Peter and Martin Luther King Jr.

*Barry Henning*

The People of the Kingdom of God in Relationship to the Governing Authorities

The Biblical -Theological, Exegetical and Historical Context of Romans 13

### A. Romans 13 in Context

The historical context of the church in Rome

The biblical context of Romans 13

### B. An Exegetical Re-reading and Re-translation of Romans 13:1-6

Romans 13:1: Pa/sa yuch. evxousi,aij u`perecou,saij u`potasse,sqw ouv ga.r e;stin evxousi,a eiv mh. u`po. qeou/ ai` de. ou=sai u`po. qeou/ tetagme,nai eivsi,n\ 13:2 w[ste o` avntitasso,menoj th/| evxousi,a| th/| tou/ qeou/ diatagh/| avnqe,sthken oi` de. avnqesthko,tej e`autoi/j kri,ma lh,myontai

Traditional translation:

KJV Romans 13:1-2: Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. 2 Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation.

Re-translation:

Romans 13:1: Let every person be “arranged/ordered (directed) under” the existing governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which is “ordered and arranged (directed) under God, 13:2 so the one ranging in battle against the authorities is the one resisting the directing of God and the ones resisting will bring judgment on themselves”

### C. Paul’s Message and the Message of Jesus

Matt 26:47-55; John 18:33-37

### D. Acts 4:23-31

The climactic statement of the triumph of Jesus and the early church in submitting to the physical authority of the governments while boldly resisting their moral injustice

Conclusions?

# New City Music // [ncfmusic.com](http://ncfmusic.com)

Scripture tells of a heavenly city where chosen people from every nation and tongue gather together to worship God. When Jesus returns we will finally see this city perfected, the way it was meant to be. But even now we see vivid glimpses of it in our local congregations. In cities around the world, believers are joining hands across cultural barriers and lifting their voices together in praise of their Savior.

A pastor's gracious words or a deacon's loving deeds, in their own way, can help to heal racial fallout. Likewise, **a musician's songs of praise can unite peoples who were once divided.** The challenge of the cross-cultural worship leader is to search out the cultural angles that connect the grooves to bring everything together.

## resources at [ncfmusic.com](http://ncfmusic.com)

Several of the songs from the 2015 Reconciliation & Justice Conference are available for FREE download from New City Music:

<http://ncfmusic.com/resources>

Almost all the other songs from the conference can be purchased through [praisecharts.com](http://praisecharts.com) or the *African American Heritage Hymnal* ([amazon.com](http://amazon.com)).

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## Black History Month // St. Louis Area



### BLACK HISTORY CELEBRATION

Saturday,  
February 28, 2015  
at 6:30 PM

New City Fellowship  
University City  
1483 82nd Boulevard

#### ST. LOUIS AREA CHURCHES:

Join us for the annual community-wide

## BLACK HISTORY CELEBRATION

*a concert of worship in reflection of God's goodness*

#### SING WITH US

Vocalists are invited to join the St. Louis City Mass Choir

(contact Michelle Higgins at [michelle@southcitychurch.com](mailto:michelle@southcitychurch.com) for rehearsal schedule)

#### PARTNER WITH US

Are you hosting any events during Black History Month?

We would like to promote forums, panel discussions, lectures and other events along with the Black History Celebration (speak to Lisa St. Pierre before the conference is over)

#### INVITE YOUR CONGREGATION

Sign up to receive promotional materials for your church community (speak to Lisa St. Pierre before the conference is over)

# njc2015 plenary speakers



## randy nabors

**new city network / mna, chattanooga, tn**

Randy Nabors grew up in the inner-city of Newark, NJ, in a church that had a strong commitment to the city and its people. He served as lead pastor at New City Fellowship in Chattanooga, TN, starting in 1976. He also served as a U.S. Army Reserve Chaplain. Randy is a graduate of Covenant Seminary in St. Louis (M.Div.), and has done graduate work in urban sociology and ministry at the College of Urban Life (Georgia State University) and Westminster Theological Seminary (Philadelphia). While serving as pastor of NCF, Randy was asked by Mission to North America to voluntarily serve as the Coordinator for Urban and Mercy Ministries. In 2012 Randy took a paid staff position with MNA to coordinate Urban and Mercy and to build the New City Network which connects New City congregations around the country for mutual support and encouragement. Randy and Joan have four grown children and five grandchildren as of this writing.

## thurman williams

**grace and peace fellowship, st. louis, mo**

Thurman became the Associate Pastor of Grace and Peace Fellowship in St. Louis, MO in July of 2013. Prior to that, he was the Pastor of New Song Community Church in the Sandtown community of inner-city Baltimore for 13 years. Before that he served as the Minister of Outreach and Youth at Faith Christian Fellowship Church, also in the city of Baltimore, while completing his M.Div. at Chesapeake Theological Seminary. Before serving at Faith, he was on staff with Young Life. Thurman has been married to his lovely wife, Evie, for 17 years and they have four beautiful children. Thurman has served as a member of the PCA's Mission to North America Committee and as the chairman of Chesapeake Presbytery's Urban and Mercy Ministries Committee. He serves now on the Missouri Presbytery's Reconciliation and Kingdom Justice Committee. Thurman completed his Doctor of Ministry degree at Covenant Theological Seminary in St. Louis in 2011, with his dissertation, "Christ-Centered Preaching in Hip Hop Culture."



## tony myles

**new city fellowship, st. louis, mo**

Tony was born in St. Louis and lived for several years just a few blocks from where New City's office is located. He graduated from Covenant Seminary in 2006 and he and his family moved to Knoxville Tennessee where Tony served as church-planting pastor for 2 years. Having lived in the city of St. Louis and for a brief time in Knoxville, Tony and his wife Tanya are both aware of the need for churches that will faithfully enter into God's call to pursue reconciliation across racial, social, tribal and all other dividing lines. Tony and Tanya have 4 children: Hannah, Jonathan, Amaya, and Jeremiah.

## barry henning

**new city fellowship, st. louis, mo**

Barry first pastored in Chattanooga, TN, which was a learning experience about the importance of the message of the Gospel as a source of power for God's church. After that he became involved with New City Fellowship of Chattanooga, a church committed to racial reconciliation and the needs of the poor, and was assistant pastor there for five years before starting New City Fellowship of Saint Louis. He has been the lead pastor at NCF S. Louis for 22 years. He is married to Ann and they have four adult children and 20 grandchildren.

