Workshops Session 1: 3:00- 4:00

Contextualizing to Gen Z

Angelo Blancaflor (InterVarsity, Evangelism Dept)

This workshop will offer insights from coaching and training Gen Z students to do
fruitful evangelistic ministry and give practical tips for empowering and discipling
Gen Z students. We will talk about the different leadership needs across the
generations (Gen-X, Millennial, Gen Z), and the barriers to contextualizing our
training and discipleship for this generation.

Color Courageous Evangelism

Mickey Sanchez (GFM, Northwestern University)

 How can we prepare Graduate Students and Faculty to participate in conversations about race within their departments and the wider University? What aspects of discipleship will help them become a courageous and faithful presence in such conversations? This seminar will synthesize some of Michelle Sanchez's work in her recently published book, Color Courageous Discipleship, with some of Mickey Sanchez's work with Graduate Students and Faculty at Northwestern.

Front Door - Side Door: Creating Meaningful Conversations in Polarizing Climates

Rick Mattson (GFM, Evangelist/Apologist)

 In the volatile political/social climate of higher ed., we need a conversation strategy that advances the gospel while respecting neighboring views. So, we'll learn how to use the "side door" (indirect witness) before moving to the "front door" (more direct witness). What's the difference? What are the required skills? Use Front Door - Side Door to help students/faculty who struggle to get started in witness.

Reimagining the Path to Flourishing in Human Sexuality

Jess Pafumi (Area Director, Greater Springfield MA, Discipleship & Leadership: Resource Specialist)

David Paladino (Assoc. Director of Discipleship & Leadership)

• This cultural moment is a time to live out the good news in both how we talk about sexuality—that is, how we grow in compassion, humility and hospitality. It is also a moment to live out what we say about sexuality—that we all need Jesus' help in restoring our desires. For those in traditional sexuality spaces, it is especially important for us to inspect our bias towards marriage as the sole path of fulfillment of personhood. We'll discuss these topics and provide you with practical tools to develop hospitable, honest and transformative conversations about sexuality including how to engage the LGBTQ+ community on campus.