

# 20 PARENTING CONFERENCE 19

at Westwood Community Church

 **Next Gen**  
A Ministry for Kids & Students

Parenting can be our greatest joy, but it can also be our biggest challenge.

We believe that no one has more influence in a kid's life than a parent and at Westwood, we want to be champions of parents by offering refreshment and encouragement. Whether you have kids in diapers or kids receiving their college diplomas, this conference is for you.



## Keynote Speaker

You'll be motivated and inspired by our keynote speaker Jim Candy. He is the Pastor of Ascent Community Church and a veteran of youth ministry with nearly 20 years experience working with students and their families. Jim is part of the Fuller Youth Institute speaking team and speaks across the country to parents and pastors on developing faith in kids and students. He will focus on growing faith in your homes and equipping you to be the spiritual teachers of your children.

**REGISTRATION:**  
[westwoodcc.org/events](http://westwoodcc.org/events)

January 19, 2019  
9:00am-3:00pm

**SCHEDULE:**  
9:00am – Check-in  
9:15am – Session 1  
11:00am – Breakout 1  
12:00pm – Lunch  
1:00pm – Breakout 2  
2:00pm – Session 2

**LOCATION:**  
Westwood Community Church  
Chanhassen Campus  
3121 Westwood Drive, Excelsior, MN 55331

**COST:**  
\$15 per person, lunch included  
No childcare provided

## Breakout Sessions

Two breakout sessions are offered, with relevant topics and options tailored to the specific age-stage of your kids. They're designed to give you confidence and tools as you do the hard job of raising kids.



### MARRIAGE: INVEST IN ONE ANOTHER

Investing in your kids is only half the battle. You also need to invest in your relationship. Come and be refreshed and encouraged in your marriage.

#### Don and Sherry Mortenson

Don Mortenson has a Doctorate in Marriage and Family Studies. He was a professor at Bethel Seminary and taught on pastoral care, marriage and family, and spiritual formation. He is currently the Associate Pastor at North Haven Church in North St. Paul. Sherry has a Master of Divinity degree and a Doctor of Ministry degree in Spiritual Formation from Bethel Theological Seminary. She served as the Associate Dean of Campus Ministries and Pastor of Spiritual Formation at Bethel University. She is a guest speaker and lecturer at colleges, churches and conferences.



### HELPING KIDS IN PAIN

Adolescence is not getting easier. Twenty percent of youth live with a mental health condition and many others will simply struggle with the challenges of growing up. You'll get practical ideas to help you stay focused and gain insight and understanding for helping your kids.

#### Kari Lyn Wampler

Kari Lyn has been advocating for the wellbeing of youth and adults for over 25 years. She is a licensed marriage and family therapist, certified life coach, international speaker, teacher and writer. She has a Master of Theology from Luther Seminary with a specialty in Marriage and Family Therapy.



### SEXUALITY AND OTHER HARD CONVERSATIONS

Discover how to view sexuality holistically and receive a framework to begin this conversation with your kids.

#### Peter and Hallie Kapsner

Peter and Hallie have been married 24 years and have five children. Hallie served as the Kids' Pastor and Co-Lead Pastor at Church of the Open Door. Peter is a professor of Practical Theology & Christian Ministries at Bethel University/Seminary and Northwestern and he served as a Co-Lead Pastor at Church of the Open Door. He has a Doctorate in Practical Theology and Religious Studies from Edinburgh and is the host of the Faith Radio Mornings show on the Faith Radio/KTIS.



### RAISING TECH HEALTHY KIDS

Get tips for keeping kids safe and understand the significant role you play in helping youth be responsible in today's high-tech world.

#### Dave Eisenmann

Dave has spoken to over 65,000 students, staff and parents about cyber safety issues, digital citizenship and healthy balance with technology. He is the Director of Instructional Technology & Media Services for Minnetonka Public Schools. He is an assistant professor at Saint Mary's University. Dave and his wife have four children.



### HELP! I'M A NEW PARENT

Beginning the journey into parenthood can be great, but it can also feel overwhelming and isolating. Let's get in a room together to laugh, maybe cry and learn tips on how to parent well in this new stage (and no judgment if you doze off.)

#### Geoff Bohleen

Geoff Bohleen has been learning for 31 years how to be a great dad and says he will probably keep learning for many more years to come. He and his wife Joni have three adult children, Abby, Kelsey and Drew and live in Victoria. Geoff has served in churches in Minnesota and Ohio. He believes God can do great work through normal parents.



### DISCIPLINE THAT CONNECTS WITH YOUR CHILD'S HEART

When parents are thoughtful about discipline their kids grow up knowing they are valued people built for God's purposes.

#### Chad Hayenga, Connected Families

Chad has spent over 25 years as a licensed marriage and family therapist, certified life coach and speaker. He has been married for more than 25 years and has three daughters. Chad loves asking significant questions, bringing God's grace and truth to life, and helping parents have "aha moments" in coaching sessions and workshops.



### LAUNCHING WELL: FROM TEENAGER TO ADULTHOOD

You welcomed them home as a baby and now they are leaving you. Let's talk about how to successfully move kids from teenage years to adulthood.

#### Mark Warder

Mark worked as a youth pastor for Wooddale Church in Eden Prairie and now works for Pulse in northeast Minneapolis. He loves all things Vikings, standup comedy and plays pick-up basketball 3 times a week. Mark and his wife Kelli have been married 16 years and they have three kids.