

MRE EVENTS

Des Moines Eastside
1451 E 25th Street
Des Moines, IA 50317

August 13, 2019...Dr. Jeren Rowell

September 17, 2019...Rev. Tara Thomas Smith

SATURDAY

October 26, 2019...Rev. Michael Kraemer

*This event is designed for both
pastors and lay people*

Register at www.iowanazarene.org

Cost: \$10/ event

This includes lunch and materials

All events are from 9:30 AM—2:30 PM

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THE IOWA DISTRICT

— Church of the Nazarene —



2019-2020



August 13, 2019

Jeren Rowell serves as president of Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City. Prior to his election in October 2017, he served as district superintendent of the Kansas City District Church of the Nazarene from 2005 to 2017. Previously he served fourteen years as senior pastor of the Church of the Nazarene in Shawnee, Kansas. He also served for twelve years in associate pastor assignments at Nampa, Idaho; Shawnee, Kansas; and Chicago, Illinois. He is a graduate of Northwest Nazarene University (B.A., Philosophy and Religion), and Olivet Nazarene University (M.A. Religion; Ed.D. in Ethical Leadership). Dr. Rowell is a frequent speaker in churches, workshops, college and seminary classes, retreats and marriage enrichment events. He is

also a writer and editor. Jeren and his wife, Starla have four adult children and six grandchildren. They reside in Shawnee, Kansas.

MRE DESCRIPTION:

Starting Well: What I Wish I Knew Then: From 25 years of parish ministry and 12 years of superintendency, Jeren Rowell offers this space for dialogue on some of the lessons learned along the way. The focal point is thinking and practices that enable a flourishing life of vocational ministry.

Details on Purpose: Ministry Practices to Form the People of God: Good pastoral theology is not simply a matter of right thinking about the nature of the gospel, mission, and parish ministry. While it certainly must have this sure foundation, a truly pastoral theology learns (is constantly learning) how to integrate theological reflection with practices of ministry that serve to form the congregation and community as an authentic expression of the in-breaking kingdom of God.

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September 17, 2019

Tara Thomas Smith is currently serving as Co-Lead Pastor, with her husband Brett, at Bakersfield First Church of the Nazarene. She has served as a missionary in the South Pacific, doing Community Based Health Care and teaching at Melanesia Nazarene Bible College. She also served as the Director of a Crisis Pregnancy Center, and spoke at the United Nations about contemporary forms of slavery with a focus on human trafficking. She has pastored in Tennessee, Indiana, and now California. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in religious studies and political science from Olivet Nazarene University, and is currently completing her Master of Divinity at Nazarene Theological Seminary.



MRE DESCRIPTION: Harvest Workers: How Matthew 9:38 Flips the Script on Women in Ministry

Every woman in ministry hears it regularly, and every man who empowers women pastors will be called to task for it: Why does the Church of the Nazarene fully support women at every level of leadership and ministry?

This MRE will give you the tools you need to kindly and graciously educate your people. We will look at some of the “problem texts,” preparing you to speak knowledgeably with those who are earnestly seeking Scriptural answers. But more than that, we will discuss why we do not need to take a defensive posture on women in ministry; rather, those who would seek to limit the Lord’s Harvest Workers must be challenged in order for the church to thrive throughout the 21st century.



SATURDAY- October 26, 2019

Mike Kraemer received his education for ministry at Olivet Nazarene University. He has served in churches in North Dakota, South Dakota, and Illinois. Mike has a passion for planting churches and encouraging pastors and leaders in fulfilling the Great Commission. In January, 2015 Mike resigned from a great ministry in Salem, Illinois to move to Bismarck, ND to plant a new church. After a year of casting vision and gathering a team, on March 6, 2016, the Bismarck Prairie Heights Church was launched in the Bismarck Civic Center. This new church is reaching into the lives of many unchurched people in this growing and progressive capital city. He and his wife Latifah live in Bismarck, ND with their daughter and two sons.

MRE DESCRIPTION: Reaching the Unchurched: In a rapidly changing culture more and more are walking away from the church. Much of church growth has come from Christians transferring from one church to another. How do we reach the unchurched? How do we communicate to them? How do we create churches that unchurched people love to go to?