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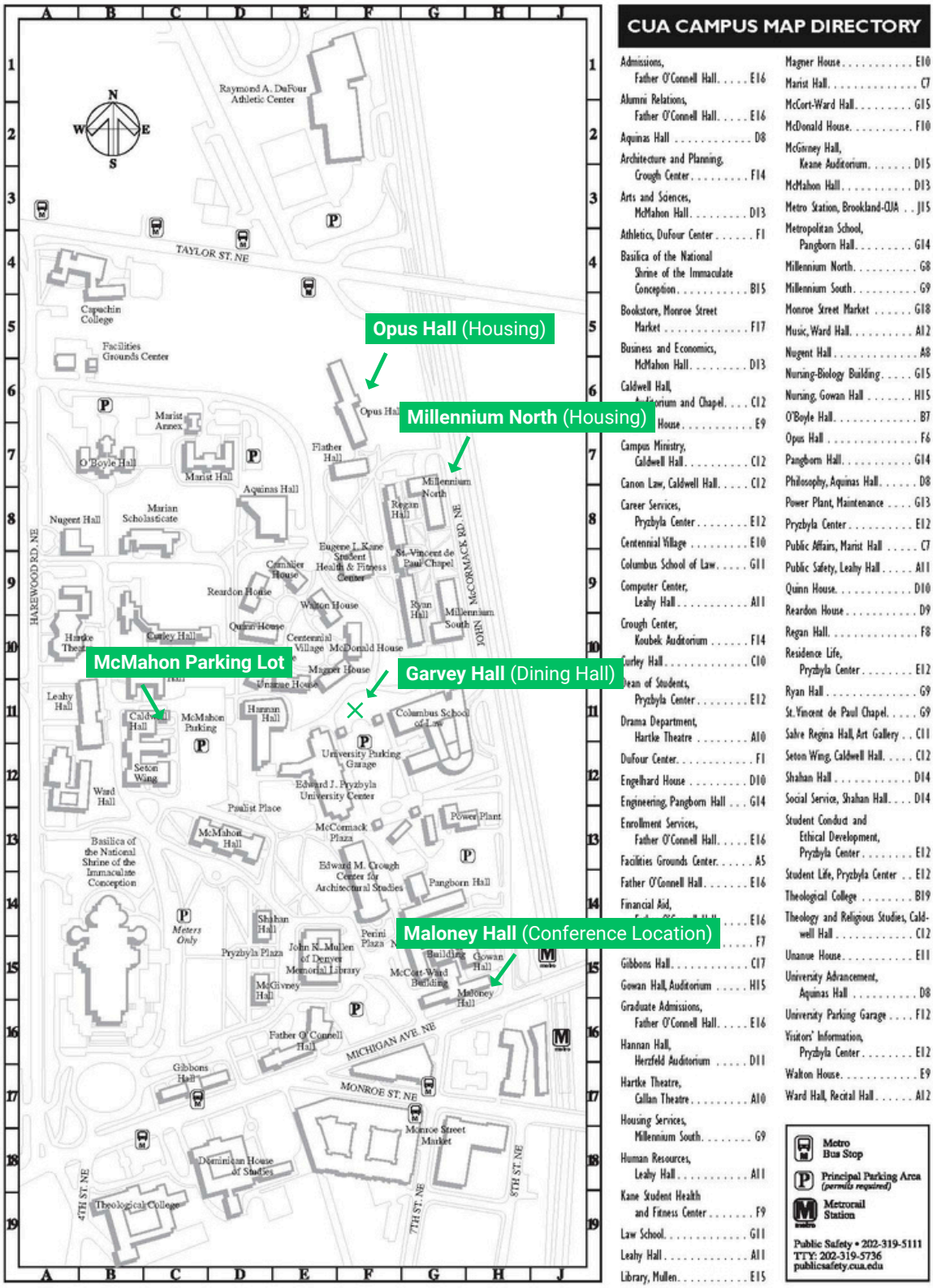
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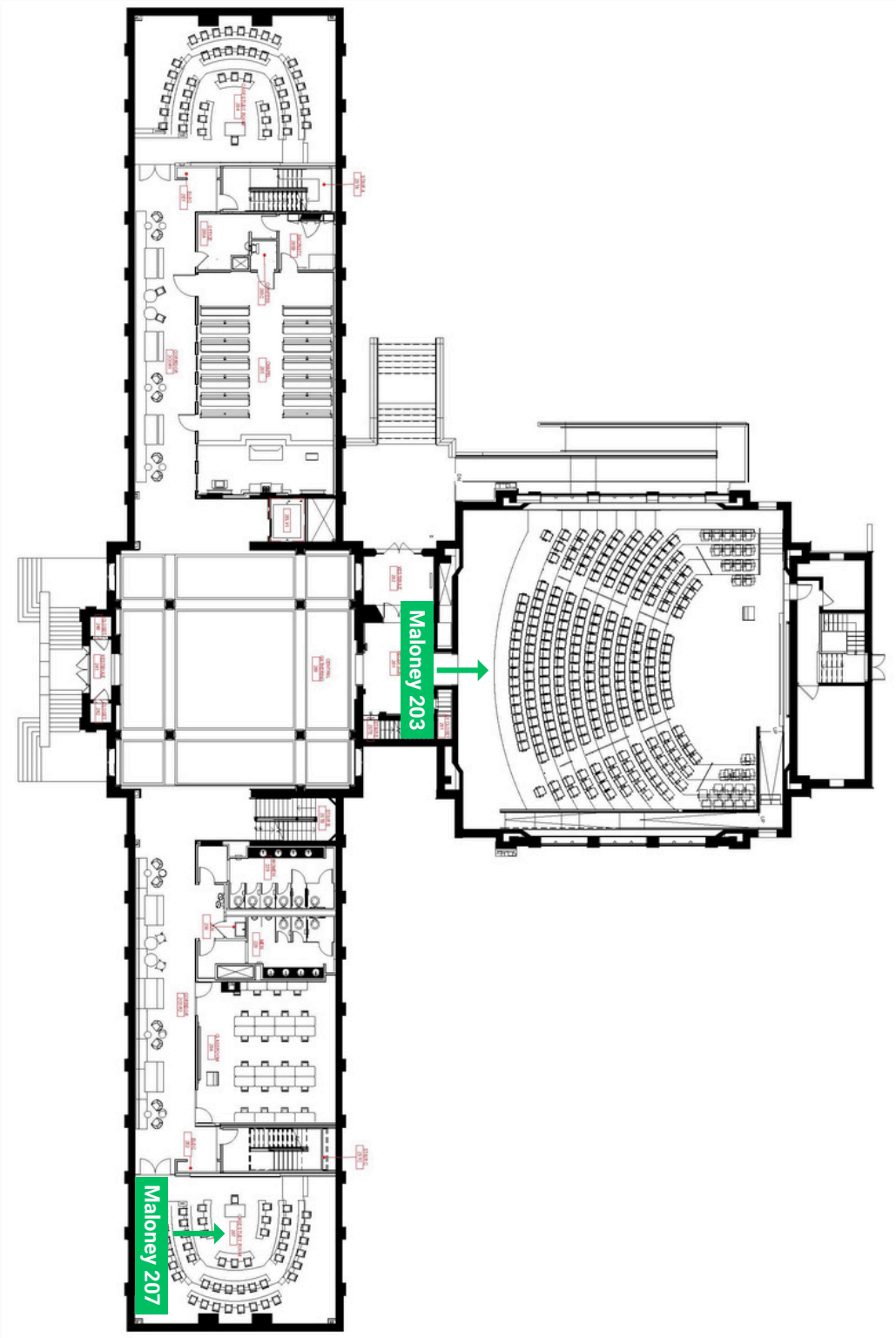
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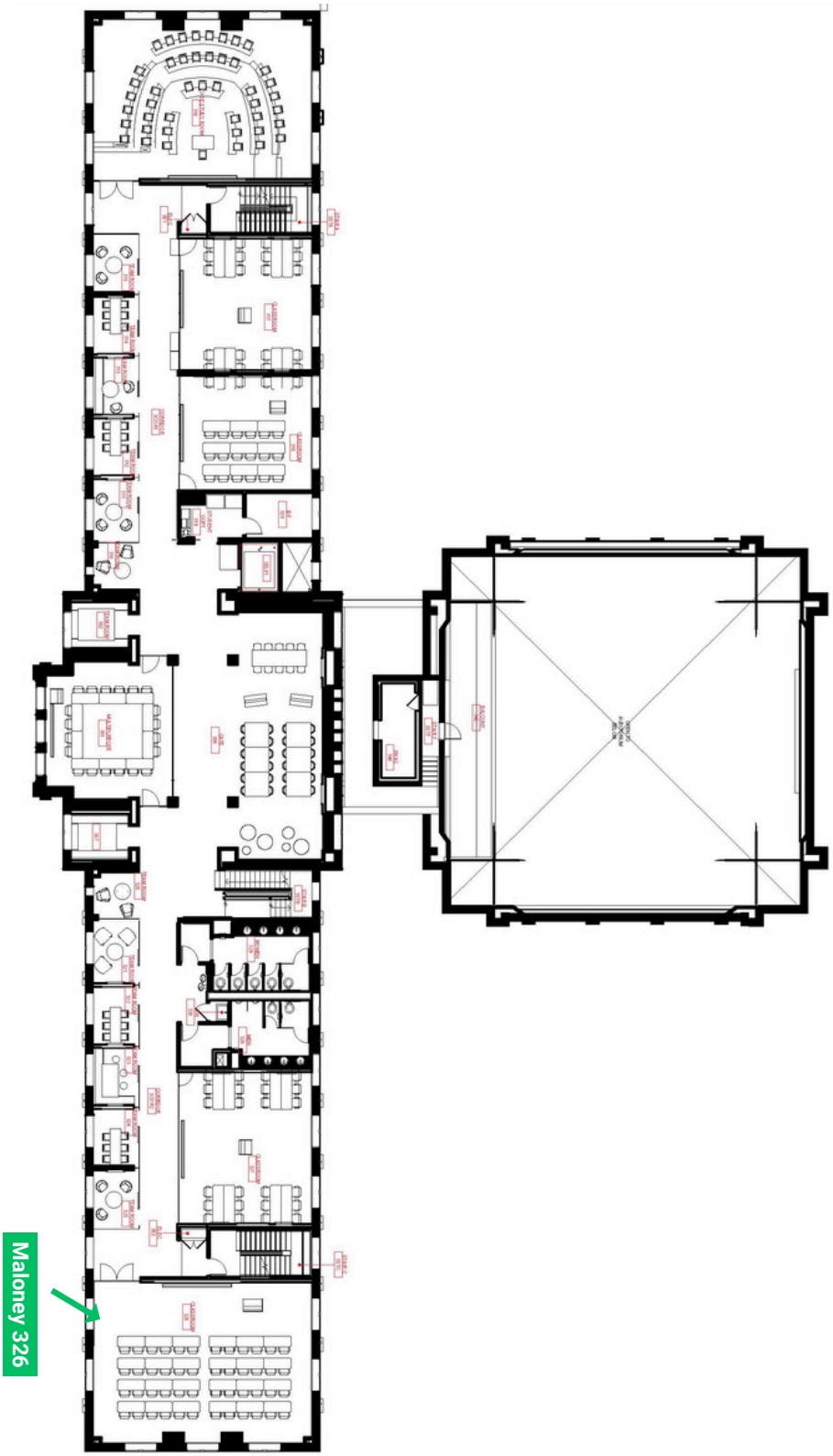
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Day 1 Agenda

Monday, June 9, 2025

7:30 to 9:00 A.M.	**Breakfast**	Garvey Hall
8:30 to 10:30 A.M.	**CCIH Members Only Meeting**	Maloney Hall 203
11:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.	**Visit to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception**	
12:00 to 1:00 P.M.	**Lunch**	Maloney Hall Pavilion
1:00 to 4:00 P.M.	**Pre-Conferences (2 Choices):** Building Inclusive Communities: Practical Strategies for Disability Inclusion in Christian-Based Organizations **OR** Leadership: Navigating Uncertainty and Leading for Sustainability	Maloney Classroom 207 Maloney Hall 326
4:30 to 5:30 P.M.	**Welcome Session**	Maloney Hall 203 and Maloney Hall Pavilion
5:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M.	**Reception**	Maloney Hall Pavilion

Pre-Conferences

Building Inclusive Communities: Practical Strategies for Disability Inclusion in Christian-Based Organizations with Kupenda for the Children
This interactive workshop equips Christian-based organizations with practical tools to create inclusive environments for families and individuals impacted by disabilities. Participants will explore various views and theologies of disability and how they affect inclusion within their organizations. The session will conclude with actionable next steps for implementing disability-inclusive policies.

Leadership: Navigating Uncertainty and Leading for Sustainability
Christian global health organizations face unprecedented challenges in a rapidly evolving landscape in 2025 and beyond. How will funding constraints prompt our organizations to pivot? How best to plan for leadership pipelines and succession, and tips for effective board management? Join Doug Fountain, Executive Director at CCIH and Dr. Tonny Tumwesigye, Executive Director, Uganda Protestant Medical Bureau to examine leadership strategies for navigating these pressures and ensuring a vibrant future for Christian global health.

Note: Housing check-in is available between 8:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. at the Pryzbyla Center Information Desk.

Day 2 Agenda At-a-Glance

Tuesday, June 10, 2025

7:00 to 8:00 A.M.	**Breakfast**	Garvey Hall
8:00 to 10:30 A.M.	**Worship and Devotion** **Opening Welcome** **Plenary 1** Navigating the Political Landscape for Faith-Based Organizations	Maloney Hall 203
10:30 to 11:00 A.M.	**Break** **Photo Booth**	 Maloney Hall
11:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.	**Breakout Sessions** Breakout Session 1A Breakout Session 1B Breakout Session 1C	 Maloney Hall 203 Maloney Hall 207 Maloney Hall 326
12:00 to 1:00 P.M.	**Lunch** Christian Health Asset Mapping Brown Bag	Maloney Hall Pavilion Maloney Hall 207
1:00 to 1:30 P.M.	**Break**	
1:30 to 2:30 PM	**Breakout Sessions** Breakout Session 2A Breakout Session 2B Breakout Session 2C	 Maloney Hall 203 Maloney Hall 207 Maloney Hall 326
2:30 to 3:00 P.M.	**Break**	
3:00 to 5:00 P.M.	**Worship and Devotion** **Plenary 2** Change Agent Award Presentation The Church as Change Agents for All **Join us for the Group Photo!**	Maloney Hall 203
5:00 to 6:00 P.M.	**Young Professionals Hangout**	Maloney Hall 207
5:15 to 6:15 P.M	**Business Development in 2025: Informal Sharing**	Maloney Hall 326
6:00 to 7:00 P.M.	**Dinner**	Garvey Hall
7:00 to 8:00 P.M.	**Speed Networking Social**	Outside Millennium Hall North

Please refer to the following page for detailed event information.

Day 2 Morning Devotion

"I am the light of the world," Jesus proclaimed. Not only is Jesus the light of the world, but our theme verses remind us that Jesus told his followers that they (and we) are "the light of the world."

As patterns of work and funding are disrupted or destroyed, we can easily become discouraged. We are tempted to wonder if the lights are dimmed or are being extinguished. For a candle, too much melted wax can drown the flame, or a gust of wind can extinguish it.

For an oil lamp, running out of oil or a darkened chimney can cause the light to falter or be dimmed. The loss of power quickly turns off an electric lamp or causes a flashlight to fail. However, the statement by Jesus persists through millennia in a myriad of contexts. We ARE the light of the world.

When I think of CCIH in relation to this passage, my mind goes to the long-term witness–the light on a hill–that CCIH has been. In 1987, a group of Christians gathered at the Global Health Council meeting for mutual support and learning from a shared identity as Christians in service. Christians working in international health knew that Christian agencies made a difference and had access to communities through churches and healthcare institutions that governments and other NGOs did not. And for these 38 years, the light has persisted and spread. We may need to find another source of oil or trim the wicks, but the world needs the light.

Reflection Questions:

1. What causes your individual or your agency's light to falter?
2. In the time in which we live, how can we ensure that our (individual or agency) lights are "put on a lampstand to give light to all the house?"

Ann Graber Hershberger
Executive Director
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Day 2 Event Information

Tuesday, June 10, 2025

8:00 to 10:30 A.M. Plenary 1

Worship and Devotion | Small Group Prayer Time

Welcome
Doug Fountain, CCIH Executive Director

Mapping Faith-Based Health Assets: Bridging Data Gaps to Strengthen Health Systems Globally
Carolyn O'Brien, MSPH, Program Manager, CCIH

Remarks from Global Health Security and Diplomacy/PEPFAR
Dr. Maureen Bartee, Senior Advisor for Health Systems and Health Security and the Lead of the Public Health Systems Unit in the Bureau of Global Health Security and Diplomacy at the U.S. Department of State

Panel Session: Navigating the Political Landscape for Faith-Based Organizations
Moderator: Patricia Kisare, Program Director for International Policy Advocacy, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Speakers: Mark P. Lagon, PhD, Chief Policy Officer, Friends of the Global Fight
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Breakout Sessions Group 1 | 11:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

Breakout 1A. Religious Actors as Change Agents | Main Auditorium
Moderator: Dr. Bob Carter, Medical Missionary, SIM
Speakers: Bios on page 30

- Priscilla Amuah, Senior Program Officer, Episcopal Relief & Development: *Sustained Impact: The Power of Communities as Change Agents*
- Farida Abdulbasit, Program Coordinator of Peaceful, Just, and Inclusive Communities, Faith to Action Network: *Faith Leaders as a Catalyst for Change*
- Richard Lundie, Sikunye of Common Good: *The Church's Role in Supporting Human Development in the First Thousand Days of Life*

Breakout 1B. Youth as Change Agents | Room 207
Moderator: Dr. Miriam Gesa Mutabazi, Head of Department Partnerships and Community Engagement, Uganda Christian University
Speakers: Bios on page 31

- Jennifer Hatzfeld, Regional Network Director, The Meros Center: *Youth Ignite*
- Mr. Jean Marie Vianney Gatete, Executive Secretary, Rwanda Interfaith Council on Health: *The Impact of Faith-Based Peer-to-Peer Support in Youth Mental Health Rehabilitation*
- Amery Delamarter, Program Officer, World Relief, presenting on behalf of Emily Chambers Sharpe: *A Holistic, Peer-led Approach to Positive Change for Adolescent Girls and Young Women*
- Shimy Mathew, Secretary, Nurses League of CMAI: *Empowering Young Women Through Formal Nursing Education*

Day 2 Event Information

Breakout 1C. FLAME (Faith Leader Advocacy for Malaria Elimination): Learning From an International Grassroots-Driven Advocacy Movement of Faith Leaders | Room 326
Moderator: Rebecca Vander Meulen, Executive Director, J.C. Flowers Foundation
Speakers: Bios on page 32

- Sister Agness Lungu, Health Director for the Zambia Conference of Catholic Bishops
- The Rt. Rev. Bertin Mwale Subi, Bishop of the Diocese of Katanga
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- Mr. Amu Mudenda, FLAME Secretariat Coordinator
- Dr. Tommy Susiku Namitondo, President, Northern Zambia Union Conference of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church

Breakout Sessions Group 2 | 1:30 to 2:30 P.M.

Breakout 2A. Poster Session | Main Auditorium
Moderator: Laura Berry, Vice President of Strategic Development, Blessings International
Posters: Bios on page 33

- Selamawit Tadesse, Technical Advisor, Catholic Relief Services
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Breakout 2B. Technology as Change Agents | Room 207
Moderator: Simon Ssentongo, Knowledge Management and Learning Advisor, ACHAP
Speakers: Bios on page 34

- Issa Osorio, Director of Programs for Latin America, presenting on behalf of Karen Pavon, Lutheran World Relief, Director, Central America: *EmpleandoMentes*
- Esther Rodriguez, Learning for Humanity Program Coordinator, Medicines for Humanity: *Learning for Humanity: A Transformative e-Learning Platform for Catholic Sisters and Frontline Health Workers*
- Melissa Edmiston, Vice President of Programs, Hope Rises International: *Empowering Health Systems with Portable PCR Technology: The Role of the Biomeme Franklin™ three9 in Diagnosing Neglected Diseases*
- Naomi Makau, Programs and M&E Manager, World Renew: *From Pens to Pixels*

Day 2 Event Information

Breakout 2C. Faith and Flourishing: Strengthening Mental Health for Resilient Communities | Room 326
Moderator: Weanne Estrada, Mental Health Specialist, ADRA
Speakers: Bios on page 35

- Stacy Saha, LAMB: *Faith Communities Working Together to Improve Mental, Emotional, and Spiritual Health (MESH) in Rural Bangladesh*
- Rachel Bernard, Haiti Country Director, The Dalton Foundation: *Trauma Response in Haiti*
- Mr. Jean Marie Vianney Gatete, Executive Secretary, Rwanda Interfaith Council on Health: *The Role of Religious Leaders in Promoting Mental Health and Creating Safe Environments*
- Dr. Kenneth Muko, Program Director, Medicines for Humanity: *Christian Women Religious (CWRs) Saving Lives in Conflict Settings: A Case Study of CWRs in West Cameroon*

Day 2 Afternoon Devotion

Revolution!

The world has always known revolutionaries. Some have ideas that transform systems and societies, others bring exquisite creativity, while revolutionary leadership sweeps in change. Revolutionaries can also cause deep harm and alarm with a terrifying, paralyzing reality.

But Jesus, too, was a revolutionary.

With mind-boggling teaching, acts of extraordinary love and healing, he showed the people of his day that his movement was the fulfillment of all that Israel had believed, longed, and hoped for. He and his followers were living and would be dying by the kingdom he announced and ushered in. This revolution, this introduction to real living that changed the color and energy of everything, that was so unexpected, so 'other' and at times so unwanted, was also what Israel's whole life and tradition had pointed to.

Jesus was calling the Israel of his day to BE Israel, now that he had come. How could God keep His world from going bad if the preservative of Jesus' day, His chosen salt, had lost its power to change and to preserve? God also called his people to be the light of the world. But what if the light bearers had become part of the darkness? Jesus talked and walked in this reality. He was and is the salt of the earth and the light of the world. He calls the Church to be part of his astounding revolution of forgiveness and grace, to be his agents of change at home, at school, and in the workplace. And perhaps especially as nurses deliver newborns, doctors treat people living with HIV, teams go out to communities carrying vaccines and mosquito nets.

In Christ, we are called to a revolutionary covenant life together with eternal opportunities in the present moment. Let's be deeply encouraged on the journey.

Reflection Questions:

1. Many of our organizations are at a moment of great change in our work, in how and by whom it is supported. How can we be positive "revolutionaries" who remain the salt and the light for the world?
2. How can we gently encourage those around us during these transformative times?

Lorry Mpindu
Global Health Program Manager, General Board of Global Ministries
United Methodist Church

Day 2 Event Information

3:30 to 5:00 P.M. Plenary 2

30x30 Health Systems Strengthening
Carolyn O'Brien, MSPH, Program Manager, CCIH

Presentation of the CCIH 2025 Change Agent Award
Dr. Priya John, General Secretary, Christian Medical Association of India

Panel Session: The Church as Change Agents for All
Speaker Bios on Page 36
Moderator: Yoram Siame, Director of Advocacy, Planning, and Development, Churches Health Association of Zambia
Speakers:

- Monsignor Robert J. Vitillo, Senior Advisor in the Research and Reflection Section at the Vatican's Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development
- Dr. Priya John, General Secretary, Christian Medical Association of India

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Wednesday, June 11, 2025

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7:00 to 9:00 A.M.	**Housing Check-Out**	Pryzbyla Center
9:00 to 11:00 A.M.	**Worship and Devotion** **Plenary 3** Change Agents in Changing Times	Maloney Hall 203
11:00 to 11:30 A.M.	**Break**	
11:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.	**Breakout Sessions** Breakout Session 3A Breakout Session 3B Breakout Session 3C	 Maloney Hall 203 Maloney Hall 207 Maloney Hall 326
12:30 to 1:30 P.M.	**Lunch** CCIH Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health (ASRH) Guide Discussion	Maloney Hall Pavilion
1:30 to 2:30 P.M.	**Breakout Sessions** Breakout Session 4A Breakout Session 4B Breakout Session 4C	 Maloney Hall 203 Maloney Hall 207 Maloney Hall 326
2:30 to 2:45 P.M.	**Break**	
2:45 to 4:00 P.M.	**Plenary 4** Action Planning for the Future of Faith-Based Global Health	Maloney Hall 203
5:00 to 7:00 P.M.	**Dinner for Overnight Attendees**	Garvey

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Day 3 Devotion

Salty Servants: A Journey of Joy and Justice

In Matthew 5:13, Jesus tells us, "You are the salt of the earth." Salt, in biblical times, was a precious commodity, used not only for flavor but also for preservation. As followers of Christ, we are called to be the salt of the earth, bringing flavor and preservation to the world around us.

Salt has several significant roles in the Bible. It was used in offerings to God, symbolizing purity and the covenant between God and His people (Leviticus 2:13). It also represents wisdom and grace in our speech, as Paul writes in Colossians 4:6, "Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone."

In the Navajo tradition, salt holds a place of honor and value. It symbolizes the beginning of a joyful and prosperous life. This tradition highlights the importance of salt in bringing joy and blessings to others.

As change agents, we are called to embody these qualities of salt. We are to preserve the truth of the Gospel, bring wisdom and grace to our interactions, and be a source of joy and blessing to those around us. In our work for health equity and justice, we must ensure that our actions and words reflect the love and compassion of Christ.

Let us strive to be the salt of the earth, bringing the flavor of God's love and the preservation of His truth to every corner of the world.

Reflection Questions:

1. Are we empowering communities to be agents of change?
2. Are we establishing resilient health systems accessible to all, including those with disabilities?
3. Are we being the salt and light for all?

Carol Bremer-Bennett
United States Director
World Renew

Day 3 Event Information

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

9:00 to 11:00 A.M. Plenary 3
Worship, Devotion, and Prayer

Quality: Family Planning, Adolescents, and Maternal Mental Health
Mona Bormet, MPH, CHES, CCIH Program Director

Change Agents in Changing Times
Speaker: Reverend Bill Haley, Executive Director, Coracle **(Bio on page 36)**

Breakout Sessions Group 3 | 11:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

Breakout 3A. Health Systems as Change Agents | Main Auditorium
Moderator: Dr. Daniel O'Neill, Managing Editor, Christian Journal for Global Health
Speakers: Bios on page 37

- Dr. Hannah Ndungu, Director of Emergency Management, ADRA Africa Regional Office: *Integrated Health Systems and Livelihoods in Refugee Settlement in Kyaka-Uganda*
- Yasmine Vaughan, Technical Advisor for Global Health and Missions, Helping Children Worldwide, and Molli Goetz, LMSW, Monitoring and Evaluation Officer, Healey International Relief Foundation: *The Power of Collaboration to Bring About Health System Change: Our Experience with Programs for Continuous Medical Education for Health System Resiliency*
- Dr. James Duah, Deputy Executive Director, Christian Health Association of Ghana: *Leading Quality Improvement for a National Scale Up*
- Patricia Kamara, Executive Director, Christian Health Association of Liberia: *Implementing Community Health Insurance in Liberia*

Breakout 3B. Listening First: Building Health Programs with Communities | Room 207
Moderator: Jim Oehrig, Global Advisor, Christian Partnerships, Hope Rises International
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- Dan Martin: *A Methodology to Measure Community Engagement*
- Dr. Priya John, Christian Medical Association of India: *Empower Communities to Aspire Change*
- Simon Ssentongo, Knowledge Management and Learning Advisor, ACHAP: *Resilient Vision: Strengthening Health Systems for Inclusive Eye Care in Africa*
- Dr. Samuel Mwenda, Outgoing General Secretary, Christian Health Association of Kenya: *Religious Leader Engagement in Strategic Advocacy for UHC reforms*

Day 3 Event Information

Breakout 3C. Engaging Communities in Disability and Fragile Settings | Room 326
Moderator: Nancy Tenbroek, Senior Program Consultant and Health Advisor, World Renew
Speakers: Bios on page 39

- Hamilton Kambalame, Rehabilitation Technical Advisor for Disability Program, Kingdom Workers: *Community-Led Disability Care: Building Sustainable Support Systems*
- Rebecca Heidorn, Program Officer, Kupenda for the Children: *Empowering Community Health Volunteers as Change Agents Who Transform Harmful Beliefs and Practices About Disability into Those That Improve the Lives of People with Disabilities*
- Erin Williams, MAS, MS, OTR/L, Director of Technical Support, Hope Walks: *Health Equity and Holistic, Faith-Based Healing for Clubfoot Disability*
- Brenda Souleymane, Country Director, World Renew in West Africa: *Showing Everyone Love*

Breakout Sessions Group 4 | 1:30 to 2:30 P.M.

Breakout 4A. Poster Session | Main Auditorium
Moderator: Dr. Don Tyson, Professor Emeritus of Nursing, Eastern Mennonite University
Posters: Bios on pages 40-41

- Mrs. Lango Williams Toe, Director of Health for the Liberia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church and Council Chair, Amelia Ross Memorial United Church, Director of Health, LAC/UMC, United Methodist Church LAC/UMC
- Dr. Charsey Cherry, MPH: Community Systems Strengthening Advisor, Global Health Action and Bwalya Mubanga, Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Advisor, Global Health Action: *Transforming Overwhelm into Empowerment: Community Organizations Leading Through Times of Change and Climate Challenges in Kenya*
- Dr. Kenneth Muko, Program Director for Africa, Medicines for Humanity: *Impact of the SISTERS Project Interventions on Health Care Quality and Community Outcomes in Haiti*
- Dr. Dodanim Lans Vásquez Campos, Chairman of the Global Anabaptist Health Network: *Enhancing Dignity through Quality Care: A Transformative Model in Guatemala*
- Dr. Sunitha Varghese, Research Coordinator, Distance Education Unit, Christian Medical College (CMC) Vellore: *Harnessing Technology to implement a Nationwide Mentoring model for Community Health Officers in India*
- Heather Jones, Programmes Officer, International Health Partners: *Streamlining Product Donations and Distribution to Enhance NGO Health Programme Delivery*

Day 3 Event Information

Breakout 4B. Leveraging Supply Chains, Social Enterprise, and Partnerships for Better Health | Room 207
Moderator: Dr. Kris Prenger, Midwest Mobilization and Member Care Coordinator, Interserve USA
Speakers: Bios on page 42

- Ronald Kasule, Business Development Specialist, Uganda Protestant Medical Bureau: *Implementing High-Impact Social Enterprise Initiatives as a Sustainable Resource Mobilisation Strategy: A UPMB Experience*
- Dr. Perry Jansen, African Mission Healthcare: *Forward Together – Toward More Impactful Cross-Cultural Partnerships in Healthcare Mission*
- Haliq Adam, Program Manager, Catholic Relief Services: *Strengthening Health Commodity Supply Chain Management System in Rural Ghana*

Breakout 4C. Religious Actors as Change Agents | Room 326
Moderator: Dr. Karen Hardee, President, Hardee Associates LLC
Speakers: Bios on page 43

- Eeva Sallinen Simard, Technical Advisor for Integral Mission, World Relief: *Measuring the Impact of Faith Leaders in Community Resilience*
- Peter Munene, CEO, Faith to Action Network: *Religious Actors Driving Positive and Restorative Masculinity in Faith Communities*
- Evans Mwananyambe, Monitoring and Evaluation Officer, Access to Health Zambia: *Community Health Workers As Change Agents*
- Dr. Tonny Tumwesigye, Executive Director, Uganda Protestant Medical Bureau: *Leveraging Young Adolescent and Youth Peer Supporters to Expand Access to Sexual and Reproductive Health Information at Faith-Based Private Not-for-Profit Facilities in Uganda*

2:45 to 4:00 P.M. Plenary 4

Panel Session: Action Planning for the Future of Faith-Based Global Health

Moderator: Doug Fountain, Executive Director, CCIH
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- Vuyelwa Sidile-Chitimbire, Executive Director, Zimbabwe Association of Church-Related Hospitals (ZACH)
- Dr. Dennis Cherian, Managing Director of Technical Services and Global Practice Head, Health, Corus International

Closing

Doug Fountain, Executive Director, CCIH

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Speakers and Moderators

Plenary Session 1. Remarks from Global Health Security and Diplomacy/PEPFAR



Dr. Maureen Bartee
Dr. Maureen Bartee is Senior Advisor for Health Systems and Health Security at the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Global Health Security and Diplomacy. With over 25 years of experience, she has led responses to major health threats including Ebola, COVID-19, and Mpox. Formerly with CDC and the National Security Council, she helped launch the Global Health Security Agenda. Dr. Bartee holds a DrPH from the University of Georgia and an MPH from UC Berkeley.

Plenary Session 1. Navigating the Political Landscape for Faith-Based Organizations



Moderator: Patricia Kisare | LinkedIn
Patricia Kisare is Program Director for International Policy Advocacy at the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, leading strategies on global health, gender justice, peacebuilding, and more. She previously served as International Policy Advisor for the Episcopal Church and ELCA, and with Mennonite Central Committee U.S. She was also a Research Assistant at the U.N. Tribunal for Rwanda. Patricia serves on the boards of Heifer International, Friends of Shirati, and Jubilee USA. She holds a Master of International Affairs from Pennsylvania State University.



Mark P. Lagon, PhD | LinkedIn
Mark Lagon is Chief Policy Officer at Friends of the Global Fight Against AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria. A global health and human rights expert, he was U.S. Ambassador-at-Large to Combat Trafficking, President of Freedom House, and CEO of Polaris. He has held roles at Georgetown University, the Council on Foreign Relations, and the Trinity Forum. An Episcopalian and senior fellow, he holds a PhD from Georgetown University and an A.B. from Harvard.



Mark Chataway | LinkedIn
Mark Chataway is Managing Partner for Global Health at Finn Partners, leading projects in Europe, the Middle East, and Africa. He has advised the Gates Foundation, Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, and others on vaccines, HIV, and health policy. A former journalist, he held senior roles at WPP and Publicis and co-founded Hyderus. A Quaker, he works in multiple languages and is active in addressing health misinformation and development aid initiatives. He has been collaborating with CCIH for more than ten years.

Breakout Session 1

1a. Religious Actors as Change Agents

Moderator: Robert A. Carter, MD, MPH | LinkedIn
Dr. Bob Carter is a medical missionary with over 40 years of experience in Africa. He earned his M.D. from Indiana University and an MPH from the University of North Carolina. In Zambia, he founded a PEPFAR-funded HIV clinic and chaired the AIDS Advisory Committee for CHAZ. Since 2007, he has worked in Kenya at Kijabe Hospital, teaching family medicine and initiating oncology and palliative care services. He also teaches Community Health and Development at Moffat Bible College.

Priscilla Amuah | LinkedIn
Priscilla Amuah is Senior Program Officer for Health and Resilience at Episcopal Relief & Development. With over 15 years of experience in public health and early childhood development, she leads efforts to integrate early childhood development and health programming to improve the health of women and children. She manages global partnerships that support community-based health initiatives. Priscilla holds a Master of Public Health from the University of Ghana.

Farida Abdulbasit | LinkedIn
Farida Abdulbasit is Program Coordinator for Peace, Just, and Inclusive Communities at Faith to Action Network. She is a development professional with expertise in peacebuilding, gender justice, and inclusive governance. Formerly with Oxfam Kenya, she has led civic engagement and accountability initiatives. Farida holds a degree in Communication and Media Technology from Maseno University and specializes in program design, M&E, and strategic planning. She is a passionate advocate for women's rights and youth leadership across Africa.

Richard Lundie | LinkedIn
Richard Lundie has over 20 years of experience in the non-profit sector in Cape Town, South Africa. With a background in psychology and theology, he has also held senior leadership roles in a local church. His work focuses on developing sustainable, scalable solutions to break intergenerational poverty. Currently, he is dedicated to harnessing the strengths of churches to help give children a strong start in life through early development and community-based support.

Breakout Session 1

1b. Youth as Change Agents

Moderator: Miriam Gesa Mutabazi | LinkedIn
Miriam Gesa Mutabazi leads Partnerships and Community Engagement at Uganda Christian University and was formerly the Dean of the Faculty of Public Health. An OB-GYN with expertise in health systems management, she has over 30 years of experience in maternal, child, and adolescent health. She has held leadership roles with UNFPA-Uganda and Save the Mothers and served as a research consultant for the World Bank.

Jennifer Hatzfeld | LinkedIn
Jennifer Hatzfeld is Regional Network Director for the Meros Center, a global research and training community for Christian health ministries. She retired from the U.S. Air Force in 2022 after 27 years of service, including roles as a clinical nurse, researcher, and nursing operations leader. She earned her PhD in Nursing from Johns Hopkins University in 2009, focusing on trauma and chronic disease prevention. She also served as Executive Director of the TriService Nursing Research Program.

Jean Marie Vianney Gatete | LinkedIn
Jean Marie Vianney Gatete has been Executive Secretary of the Rwanda Interfaith Council on Health (RICH) since 2018. A food scientist and economist, he brings extensive experience in project management, grant negotiation, and data analysis. He has worked with the government, NGOs, and research institutions. He holds degrees in Economic Science and Food Science and Technology and has completed specialized training with UN agencies. He is also a co-founder and board member of Acts of Gratitude.

Amery Delamarter | LinkedIn
Amery Delamarter is a Program Officer at World Relief, overseeing project portfolios in Malawi and Rwanda. Certified in Project DPro by PM4NGOs and holding an M.A. in Public Administration and a B.A. in International Relations, Amery has managed multi-country projects from inception to completion, ensuring alignment with organizational goals and donor expectations. Previously, she led multifaceted humanitarian and development programs in Guatemala and Peru. Her commitment to serving vulnerable populations is deeply rooted in her Christian faith, guiding her work to advance World Relief's mission of boldly engaging the world's greatest crises in partnership with the church.

Shimy Mathew
Shimy Mathew serves as the Section Secretary of the Nurses League at the Christian Medical Association of India (CMAI). In this leadership role, she oversees professional development initiatives, coordinates national nursing events, and advocates for the integration of faith and compassionate care within the nursing profession. Her contributions include speaking at significant ceremonies, such as the 2023 Lamp Lighting Ceremony at CMC Vellore, where she emphasized the importance of courage, confidence, and compassion in nursing practice.

Breakout Session 1

1c. FLAME (Faith Leader Advocacy for Malaria Elimination): Learning from an International Grassroots-Driven Advocacy Movement of Faith Leaders

Moderator: Rebecca J. Vander Meulen | LinkedIn
Rebecca Vander Meulen is Executive Director of the J.C. Flowers Foundation, leading malaria programs in five African countries. She spent 15 years with the Anglican Diocese of Niassa in Mozambique. With degrees from Emory and Calvin University, she emphasizes sustainability and faith-based collaboration. Early involvement with CCIH helped shape her global health career.

Sister Agness Lungu | LinkedIn
Sister Agness Lungu, a Franciscan Missionary Sister of Assisi, serves as National Health Coordinator for the Zambia Conference of Catholic Bishops. She oversees Catholic health programs and represents faith voices in national policy. She contributes to the FLAME coalition, an ethics committee, and the Global Fund's Country Coordinating Mechanism, supporting Zambia's response to HIV, TB, and malaria.

Rt. Reverend Mwale Subi
Rt. Reverend Mwale Subi leads the Diocese of Katanga in the Anglican Province of the Congo. With backgrounds in theology and community development, he has guided programs through Nets for Life and the Interfaith Coalition for Malaria. He also chaired the Lubumbashi Essential Medicine Supply Chain board, advancing faith-based health work in the DRC.

Bishop Dinis Matsolo
Bishop Dinis Matsolo is Executive Director of PIRCOM and a Methodist Bishop in Mozambique. He promotes health through communication, advises the Ministry of Health on malaria, and supports interfaith collaboration. Formerly General Secretary of the Christian Council of Mozambique, he now chairs the National Commission for Justice, Peace, and Reconciliation. He holds degrees in leadership and development.

Amu Mudenda | LinkedIn
Amu Mudenda is Regional Coordinator for the FLAME Secretariat, leading faith-led malaria advocacy across southern Africa. He formerly led Zambia's National Malaria Elimination Programme and consulted for PATH and ALMA. Amu promotes equity in malaria response and supports FLAME secretariats in several countries. He holds a degree in Adult Education and trained at Harvard in malaria leadership.

Dr. Tommy Susiku Namitondo
Dr. Tommy Namitondo is President of the Northern Zambia Union Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. A pastor, lecturer, and publishing director, he leads faith-based health work and serves on boards including Hope Channel Zambia. A FLAME coalition member, he promotes holistic health, community development, and equitable healthcare access through ministry, education, and advocacy.

Breakout Session 2

2a. Poster Session

Moderator: Laura G. Berry, MBA | LinkedIn
Laura G. Berry is Vice President of Strategic Development at Blessings International, a nonprofit pharmaceutical distributor serving over 140 countries annually. She also serves on the boards of Technical Exchange for Christian Healthcare and the Amani Medical Foundation.

Selamawit Tadesse | LinkedIn
Selamawit Tadesse, PhD, is the Technical Advisor for Early Childhood Development at Catholic Relief Services (CRS). She focuses on capacity building, training, advocacy, and resource development, including the Framework for Quality ECDE.

Ruth Gemi | LinkedIn
Ruth Gemi is a public health practitioner with over nine years of experience in clinical and environmental health in both humanitarian and development settings. She is a Program Management Advisor at the Africa Christian Health Associations Platform, assisting Christian Health Associations.

Rosa Camargo Bravo
Rosa Camargo Bravo is an External Advisor for Strategic Processes with over 30 years of experience in relief and development across Latin America. From 2018 to 2024, she was the regional director for Tearfund, leading humanitarian efforts, church mobilization, and resilience programming in 12 countries.

Sarah Beth Spraggins | LinkedIn
Sarah Beth Spraggins is a writer, strategic communicator, and Development Associate at LifeNet International. She has an MFA from Columbia University and a BA from Wheaton College.

Molli Goetz | LinkedIn
Molli Goetz, LMSW, is the Monitoring and Evaluation Officer at the Healey International Relief Foundation. She focuses on health systems strengthening, MCH, mental health, and gender justice. She holds a Master of Social Work with a certificate in International Humanitarian Assistance from Boston College and a BA in History and Global Health Policy from Harvard.

Dr. Jennifer Hatzfeld
Dr. Jennifer Hatzfeld, PhD, RN, is Regional Network Director at the Meros Center, where she strengthens partnerships and grows research and training in Christian health ministries across Africa and Latin America.

M. Ramesh Babu | LinkedIn
M. Ramesh Babu is the Executive Director of EFICOR, a national relief and development organization in India. With 28 years of experience, he specializes in climate change, food security, health, and disaster risk reduction.

Breakout Session 2

2b. Technology as a Change Agent

Moderator: Simon Ssentongo | LinkedIn
Simon Ssentongo is a biostatistician and Knowledge Management and Learning Advisor at the Africa Christian Health Associations Platform (ACHAP). With over 10 years of experience, he has led initiatives in HIV, maternal health, hypertension, eye health, and vaccine confidence. He coordinates the Africa Clear Sight Partnership Program in six countries and has published research in the *Christian Journal for Global Health*. Simon champions data-driven strategies, health equity, and sustainable development through community empowerment and resilient health systems.

Issa Osorio | LinkedIn
Issa Osorio is an International Development Professional with Corus International with over 15 years of experience managing multi-country programs in Latin America, Afghanistan, South Sudan, and Syria. She specializes in donor-funded projects, focusing on implementation, financial oversight, MEL, and risk management. Issa leads strategic learning and data analysis to improve program impact and accountability in fragile settings.

Esther Rodriguez Miranda | LinkedIn
Esther Rodríguez Miranda is Program Coordinator for Learning for Humanity, Medicines for Humanity's online education program. With over a decade in academia, she has taught literature, philosophy, and humanities as a university professor. She holds a doctorate in Caribbean Literature and has studied in the U.S., France, and Puerto Rico. Her research centers on the insular Caribbean's history and culture, and she is a published author and volunteer translator in Haiti.

Melissa Edmiston | LinkedIn
Melissa Edmiston is Vice President of Programs at Hope Rises International, leading global efforts to eliminate neglected tropical diseases and support holistic care. With over a decade of experience—including roles at CDC and Samaritan's Purse—she specializes in program strategy, epidemiology, and data-driven decision-making. Her work emphasizes integrated NTD care, disease mapping, and faith-based models. Melissa holds a master's degree in Public Health and Applied Analytics and is a strong advocate for cross-sector and community-based collaboration.

Naomi Makau | LinkedIn
Naomi Makau is the Programs and M&E Manager at World Renew and has over 15 years of experience in disaster response and development. She designs M&E frameworks and strategies to improve organizational performance. She is trained in project management, demography, leadership, and community engagement. Her work bridges technical expertise with transformative impact, helping organizations diagnose challenges and implement targeted interventions for lasting development outcomes and improved organizational health.

Breakout Session 2

2c. Faith and Flourishing: Strengthening Mental Health for Resilient Communities

Moderator: Weanne Estrada | LinkedIn
Weanne Estrada is a Mental Health Specialist with the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA). She holds a BS in Nursing from the Adventist University of the Philippines and an MPH in Global Health from Loma Linda University. She is a PhD candidate at the City University of New York. Her dissertation focuses on how political discourse shapes policies and perceptions of refugees and migrants. Weanne has led community engagement and research projects in the U.S., Malawi, Switzerland, Greece, Vietnam, and the Philippines.

Stacy Saha
Stacy Saha began working at LAMB in Bangladesh in 1983 as a nurse-midwife and later led the Management Information Systems and Research (MIS-R) Department after earning a degree in epidemiology. Now semi-retired, she continues to volunteer with MIS-R, focusing on evaluating program impact for vulnerable groups, including adolescents, young children, and women with female genital fistula. With decades of experience in integrated rural health and development, Stacy remains committed to improving outcomes for underserved populations.

Rachel Bernard | LinkedIn
Rachel Bernard is the Haiti Country Director for The Dalton Foundation. She has over a decade of experience in Haiti, including roles as an Orphanage Director and a Housing Project Manager. Since 2022, she has focused on expanding mental health training for healthcare workers. Guided by the Haitian proverb “Men anpil, chay pa lou” (Many hands lighten the load), Rachel values collaboration for lasting impact. She is now based in Port Robinson, Ontario.

Jean Marie Vianney Gatete | LinkedIn
Jean Marie Vianney Gatete has been Executive Secretary of the Rwanda Interfaith Council on Health (RICH) since 2018. A food scientist and economist, he brings extensive experience in project management, grant negotiation, and data analysis. He has worked with the government, NGOs, and research institutions. He holds degrees in Economic Science and Food Science and Technology and has completed specialized training with UN agencies. He is also a co-founder and board member of Acts of Gratitude.

Dr. Kenneth Muko | LinkedIn
Dr. Kenneth Muko is Program Director for Africa at Medicines for Humanity, overseeing health programs and partnerships in five countries. A pharmacist by training, he brings clinical and community experience to projects in maternal and child health, HIV/AIDS, and WASH. He previously served as a Program Manager in Cameroon and the DRC. Driven by a passion for community health, he holds a Doctorate in Public Health and Master’s degrees in both Pharmacy and Public Health.

Plenary Session 2. The Church as Change Agents for All



Moderator: Yoram Siame | LinkedIn
Yoram Siame, MPH, MSc, serves as Director of Advocacy Planning and Development at the Churches Health Association of Zambia (CHAZ). Before joining CHAZ, Yoram co-founded Youth Alive Zambia, where he managed HIV and AIDS programs. He works with religious leaders, training them to advocate for family planning in their communities and to their governments. Yoram has done TED Talks on "Undoing Our Violent Inclinations."



Dr. Priya John | LinkedIn
Dr. Priya John, MBBS, MD, DNB, has served as General Secretary of the Christian Medical Association of India (CMAI) since 2019. Before that, she worked in CMAI's Community Health Department and Palliative Medicine in New Delhi. Priya earned her MBBS from Christian Medical College, Vellore, and completed postgraduate studies in Community Health and Preventive Medicine at St. John's National Academy of Health Sciences in Bangalore. She brings extensive experience in faith-based health leadership and community care.



Monsignor Robert Vitillo | LinkedIn
Monsignor Robert Vitillo is Senior Advisor at the Vatican's Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development. A Catholic priest from the Diocese of Paterson, New Jersey, he is a trained social worker with expertise in migration, child protection, HIV/AIDS, and global health. He has led programs with Catholic Charities, Caritas Internationalis, and the International Catholic Migration Commission and represented the Holy See at the U.N. Fluent in four languages, his work spans local to global humanitarian and development efforts.

Plenary Session 3. Change Agents in Changing Times



Rev. Bill Haley | LinkedIn
Rev. Bill Haley is the founder and Executive Director of Coracle, a ministry dedicated to spiritual formation for Kingdom action. An Anglican priest and spiritual director, he has been deeply shaped by international experiences, especially in places of great need. He has spent many years ministering in urban settings, particularly in Washington, D.C. Through Coracle, he helps people live out their faith by being the presence of God in the world.

Breakout Session 3

3a. Health Systems as Change Agents

Moderator: Dr. Dan O'Neill | LinkedIn
Dr. Dan O'Neill is Founder and Managing Editor of the *Christian Journal for Global Health* and Assistant Clinical Professor of Family Medicine at the University of Connecticut. He studied tropical medicine and public health in Puerto Rico and earned a master's in Theological Studies from Bethel Seminary. Dan has contributed to health and development projects in Latin America, Africa, Asia, and the Middle East. He co-authored *All Creation Groans* and co-facilitated the World Bank's Evidence Working Group.

Hannah Ndungu | LinkedIn
Hannah Ndungu is a humanitarian practitioner with over 20 years of experience in development and emergency programming, including 15 years in Rwanda, Somalia, and DR Congo, and work across 27 African countries. She specializes in community engagement, safe programming, and multi-country operations. Trained as a pastoral counselor, she supports ADRA staff in safety and security. A skilled trainer, Hannah empowers women and youth in churches with disaster risk reduction and community engagement skills to build local resilience.

Yasmine Vaughan | LinkedIn
Yasmine Vaughan is the Technical Advisor for Global Health and Missions at Helping Children Worldwide (HCW). She holds an MPH in Global Health Program Design, Monitoring, and Evaluation from the Milken Institute School of Public Health. With over four years at HCW, she frequently hosts the *Optimistic Voices* podcast, discussing global health and ethical short-term missions. Yasmine is dedicated to connecting resources, organizations, and individuals to improve healthcare access for vulnerable communities around the world.

Dr. James Duah | LinkedIn
Dr. James Duah, MBChB, MPH, EMBA, is the Deputy Executive Director of the Christian Health Association of Ghana (CHAG). He leads administration, policy, and health service delivery across CHAG's network of 343 facilities. Dr. Duah has spearheaded initiatives to reduce maternal mortality and enhance mental health integration. His academic credentials include medicine, public health, and business administration degrees. He is a Ford Foundation International Fellow and a prominent voice in Ghana's health policy landscape.

Patricia Kamara
Patricia Kamara is Executive Director of the Christian Health Association of Liberia (CHAL). A professional nurse with over 20 years of experience, she has worked in government, private, and international health sectors. She holds an MPH from Cuttington University and a BSc in Nursing from the Lutheran Training Institute. Before leading CHAL, she served as Assistant Minister for Research and Technical Services. Patricia brings deep expertise in health systems strengthening and a lifelong commitment to improving care in Liberia.

Breakout Session 3

3b. Listening First: Building Health Programs with Communities

Moderator: Jim Oehrig | LinkedIn
Jim Oehrig, MA, is Global Advisor for Christian Partnerships at Hope Rises International (formerly American Leprosy Missions). He supports regional teams in building strong church and partner relationships that reflect God's love and human dignity. With expertise in integral mission, community health, and capacity building, Jim has worked in over 50 countries across Latin America, Africa, and South Asia. He holds degrees from Houghton College and the University of Connecticut, with further studies in development at Swansea University.

Dan Martin
Dan Martin is a longtime CCIH member with over 22 years of experience in public health, including work in STIs, immunization, health informatics, and global health security. He also has private-sector IT experience. His involvement in the Ebola response in Sierra Leone formed the basis of his DrPH dissertation, which he is presenting today. Dan holds an MSPH from Loma Linda University and a DrPH from Georgia State University.

Dr. Priya John | LinkedIn
Dr. Priya John, MBBS, MD, DNB, has served as General Secretary of the Christian Medical Association of India (CMAI) since 2019. Prior to that, she worked in CMAI's Community Health Department and Palliative Medicine in New Delhi. She earned her MBBS from Christian Medical College, Vellore, and completed postgraduate studies in Community Health and Preventive Medicine at St. John's National Academy of Health Sciences in Bangalore. She brings extensive experience in faith-based health leadership and community care.

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Dr. Samuel Mwenda
Dr. Samuel Mwenda is a medical doctor and health systems management specialist with over 24 years of leadership in the faith-based health sector in Kenya, working as General Secretary and CEO of the Christian Health Association of Kenya and chairing the Kenya Faith-Based Health Services Consortium. He is also a member of the board of the Africa Christian Health Associations Platform (ACHAP). He was the recipient of the Christian International Health Champion Award by CCIH in 2016. He has dedicated his career to building partnerships for faith-based health systems strengthening in Africa.

Breakout Session 3

3c. Engaging Communities in Disability and Fragile Settings

Moderator: Nancy TenBroek
Nancy TenBroek, MA, is Senior Program Consultant and Health Advisor for World Renew, based in Dhaka. She supports programs in Bangladesh, India, and eight other countries across Latin America, Asia, and Africa. She specializes in behavior change communication and M&E, promotes participatory tools, and mentors staff for sustainable community health. Nancy developed two CCIH-funded health manuals now widely used by World Renew. She holds a BSc in Occupational Therapy and an MA in International Development, Health Promotion from the University of London.

Hamilton Kambalame | LinkedIn
Hamilton Kambalame, PT (Hons), is the Malawi Rehabilitation and Regional Disability Lead for Kingdom Workers. A certified physiotherapist, he trains volunteers in basic rehabilitation to serve children with disabilities in rural Malawi and integrates disability-adapted worship. With over five years of experience in community-based rehabilitation, Hamilton is committed to expanding access to medical care, rehabilitation services, and inclusive worship for children with disabilities.

Rebecca Heidorn | LinkedIn
Rebecca Heidorn is Program Officer at Kupenda for the Children, where she manages donor and beneficiary databases, oversees interns, and produces communications content. She supports data collection and represents the organization at global conferences and technical working groups. Rebecca also travels to Kenya to collaborate with the field team. She is currently pursuing an MPH at Liberty University and holds a BA in Political Science from Gordon College.

Erin Williams | LinkedIn
Erin Williams is Director of Technical Support at Hope Walks, leading strategy, quality improvement, and Latin America programming. She has worked in pediatric and adult rehab as an occupational therapist and global health professional, including with Mercy Ships, CURE International, and MiracleFeet. Erin holds a MAS in Global Health from Johns Hopkins, an MS in Occupational Therapy from the University of Alabama at Birmingham, and a BA in Family Studies from Samford University.

Brenda Souleymane
Brenda Souleymane has 16 years of experience in holistic development in West Africa, focusing on consulting, capacity building, planning, proposal writing, management, and reporting for food security, health, and disaster response projects. She is a Country Director for World Renew and has a Master's in International Development Administration from Andrews University.

Breakout Session 4

4a. Poster Session

Moderator: Dr. Don Tyson | LinkedIn
Dr. Don Tyson is Professor Emeritus of Nursing at Eastern Mennonite University. He recently retired after 25 years as Professor of Nursing at EMU. He previously held clinical and administrative roles in hospitals across Indiana, Virginia, and New Jersey. At EMU, he taught leadership, pain management, quality improvement, and ethics across nursing programs. His research explored the experiences of African nursing students in the U.S. and leadership practices in international contexts. He holds a PhD from George Mason University.

Lango Williams Toe | LinkedIn
Lango Williams Toe is an active member of Amelia Ross Memorial United Methodist Church. Mrs. Toe earned her BSN from Stella Maris Polytechnic and is pursuing a Master's in Public Health. A dedicated nurse, she serves as the Director of Health for the Liberia Annual Conference UMC and has contributed her expertise to MSF, Jhpiego, and the Ministry of Health (MOH).

Dr. Charsey Cherry | LinkedIn
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Dr. Kenneth Muko | LinkedIn
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4a. Poster Session

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Heather Jones | LinkedIn
Heather Jones is a Program Officer at International Health Partners, supporting disaster response and long-term health programs that deliver medical aid to over 30 countries. She holds a Master's in Global Health and Development and has a background in medical science and medical publishing. Heather is also active in student ministry through her church and charitable work. Her diverse experience fuels her passion for advancing global health and humanitarian efforts.

Breakout Session 4

4b. Health Systems as Change Agents

Moderator: Dr. Kris Prenger
Dr. Kris Prenger is a family physician dedicated to community health and development. She served cross-culturally for nearly 30 years—five years on the Navajo Reservation in New Mexico and 24 years at a rural mission hospital in South Asia. While overseas, she led the country team for Interserve, a missions organization founded to serve South Asian women. Now based in Ohio, she serves as Midwest Mobilization and Member Care Coordinator for Interserve.

Ronald Kasule | LinkedIn
Ronald Kasule is an international development and business development specialist with expertise in project planning, grant writing, donor engagement, and resource mobilization. At Uganda Protestant Medical Bureau (UPMB), he leads fundraising, manages donor relationships, and supports resource diversification. Ronald also strengthens the capacity of local NGOs and community-based organizations. He actively identifies new funding sources and promotes transparency and accountability in grant implementation to enhance UPMB's impact and sustainability.

Dr. Perry Jansen | LinkedIn
Dr. Perry Jansen is an American family physician who served 16 years with SIM in Malawi and founded Partners in Hope, one of the region's largest HIV treatment providers. He is passionate about strengthening health systems and mentoring mission hospital leaders. For the past six years, he has served as Vice President for Strategic Health Partnerships with African Mission Healthcare (AMH), a U.S. and Kenya-based nonprofit dedicated to improving health systems through support for mission hospitals.

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Haliq Adam is a Public Health Specialist at Catholic Relief Services with over 14 years of experience in nutrition and maternal and child health. He holds master's degrees in Project Management and Public Health and is pursuing a PhD in Health Systems Management. Haliq currently manages the $5-million HOPE-MCH project, funded by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, which promotes holistic approaches to maternal and child health and nutrition through faith-based community engagement.

Breakout Session 4

4c. Religious Actors as Change Agents

Moderator: Dr. Karen Hardee | LinkedIn
Dr. Karen Hardee is President of Hardee Associates LLC and a social demographer specializing in reproductive health, gender, and the links between population, development, and climate change. She has conducted global policy and program research and has consulted with CCIH, co-authoring the article *Faith-Based Advocacy for Family Planning Works*. Her past roles include work with the Population Council, USAID, FHI360, and others. She has worked globally, especially in Asia, Africa, and the Caribbean, and holds a Ph.D. from Cornell University.

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Dr. Tonny Tumwesigye is Executive Director of the Uganda Protestant Medical Bureau (UPMB), the national umbrella body for Protestant and Seventh-day Adventist health institutions in Uganda. A physician with public health training from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, he previously served for 10 years as CEO and Medical Superintendent at Kisiizi Hospital. There, he led the expansion of Uganda's largest self-sustaining Community Health Insurance Scheme, advancing access to affordable care in rural southwestern Uganda.

Plenary 4: Action Planning for the Future of Faith-Based Global Health



Moderator: Doug Fountain | LinkedIn
Doug Fountain, MPA, is Executive Director of CCIH and a global health leader with over 35 years of experience in both faith-based and secular sectors. He has held leadership roles at Medical Teams International and Uganda Christian University and led projects across Africa, South Asia, and Latin America. He co-founded the Christian Health Asset Mapping Consortium and the *Christian Journal for Global Health*. Doug holds an MPA from UNC–Chapel Hill and a B.S. from the University of Oregon.



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