

Workshop Description Catalogue

Session 1 8:30 — 9:45 a.m.
Session 2 10:00—11:15 a.m.

Asylum Seeker Orientation – Session 2 only

Maximum registration: 30

Facilitators: Matt Nutter, Mattea Baillie, Gavin Woods

Learn about the Transition Events that Central Christian Church hosts to support Asylum Seekers coming through our community. Discover ways that you can tangibly support these efforts and wage peace in the midst of this current humanitarian crisis.

Cross Cultural Dynamics – Sessions 1 and Session 2

Maximum registration: 30

Facilitator: Dr. Jeff McGee

This workshop is designed to develop cultural competencies in two areas: (1) by understanding the obstacles to building cross-cultural collaboration and (2), how to build successful cross-cultural relationships. Participants will engage in interactive activities to deepen their understanding.

Ethnicity: Native America – Session 1 and Session 2

Maximum registration: 30

Facilitators: Daniel and Coreen Esplin

Long before most of our ancestors arrived in America, native peoples inhabited the land. Native American communities exist across the country, preserving their heritage and culture. This workshop will give a better understanding of native America and reveal the challenges of growing up as a native person in 2019.

Fair Trade – Session 1 and Session 2

Maximum registration: 30

Facilitators: Heidi Pettigrew

Explore the connection between fair trade products and justice issues. Discover how you can fight sex trafficking, support refugees, decrease gang violence, and empower people in vulnerable positions by making fair & ethical shopping decisions.

Immigration – Session 1 only

Maximum registration: 500

Facilitators: Adam Estle, Josh de la Ossa, Rudy Bustamante

Learn facts about U.S. Immigration from a variety of leaders and experts, including the Director of the National Forum on Immigration, a local immigration attorney, and a representative from Immigration & Custom Enforcement (ICE).



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Sex Trafficking – Session 1

Maximum registration: 130

Facilitator: StreetLightUSA

Human trafficking is a public issue that impacts individuals, families and communities around the world. One of the saddest realities is that traffickers routinely target at-risk populations who've already suffered violence and abuse. Streetlight USA offers hope to teen girls who've been involved in trafficking. Come learn more about their work and how you can support efforts of prevention, rescue and restoration.

Loving our Gay Neighbors in the Light of Scripture: Moving from Condemnation to Connection - Session 1

Facilitator: Brad Harper

Maximum registration: 192

We will briefly examine biblical responses to LGBTQ issues, and then look at some of the damaging and unbiblical responses to the LGBTQ community by Christians in light of Jesus' command to love our neighbors. We will also explore strategies for more productive engagement of the LGBTQ community.

Nations: Reaching the Unreached/Unengaged – Session 1 and Session 2

Maximum registration: 30

Facilitators: Jake Embleton and Jeanne Zahn

Living out the Great Commission and reaching the unreached does not mean we have to move to Africa! Learn how to live out the call of Jesus to share the gospel with unreached and unengaged people who've made the US their home.

Advice for Christian Parents of LGBTQ+ Kids: How to Love Well without Changing Who You Are– Session 2

Facilitator: Brad Harper

Maximum registration: 192

For parents who may have moral or biblical tensions with the self-understanding and/or life choices of their LGBTQ+ kids, what does it look like to stay in loving relationship without compromising who you are or what you believe?

Poverty Simulation – Must register for Sessions 1 & 2 together

Maximum registration: 100

Facilitator: Kaitlyn Spencer

This Poverty simulation is an interactive encounter that allows you to experience a taste of what someone living in poverty may experience. Examine what you believe about poverty and those living in it and allow this simulation to offer you new perspective.



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Praying for Injustice – Session 1 and Session 2

Maximum registration: 25

Facilitator: Brittany Walker

This immersive prayer time takes you through several prayer experiences and provides tools and guides that will enable you to pray for injustices facing our community and world.

Prison Ministry – Session 1 and Session 2

Maximum registration: 30

Facilitators: Kairos, Prison Fellowship, Ken Perduyn, Shawntel Roberts

Kairos Ministries and Prison Fellowship have served prisoners in local communities for many years. Jesus and Paul both experienced life as prisoners and experienced the injustices associated with incarceration. Learn about the local prison system in Arizona and how you can get involved from individuals serving and volunteering with prison ministries in our area.

Racism, Biases, Sides & Division: Welcome to Our Church – Session 2 only

Maximum registration: 500

Facilitators: Jeff Whye, Susie Gamez, Lisette Fraser

In this breakout session, we will tackle the deep seeded racism that exists in our culture and the sequelae of division that now makes up most of our churches. Primarily focusing on the black and white issue in American churches, we will examine the Word of God to understand how to chip away at the iceberg of disunity and return to God's design for His followers and His church.

Refugee Immersion Encounter – Must register for Sessions 1 & 2 together

Maximum registration: 30

Facilitator: Roxanne Small, Sommer Knight, Ahmed & Yuksel Hamo

In this immersive encounter you will engage with a couple whose life was displaced and whose journey to their new home in Mesa was more than difficult. The couple will provide traditional Syrian treats and share their story. Your experience will include learning about the wonderful food they have made, their journey from their homeland to being a refugee to finally being resettled in our area. You will experience a true persons of peace and see resiliency at its finest!

