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Society for
**CHURCH
CONSULTING
Summit 2009**

Battling Ministry Giants

In these difficult times, many pastors are suffering unprecedented challenges in their personal and ministry lives. The need for consultants to come alongside them is greater than ever.

We invite you to join your colleagues for this new one-day event hosted by the Society for Church Consulting.

What you'll learn

Choose from an array of workshops, case studies, and discussions led by SCC board members including Chuck Lawless, John Ewart, Will Mancini, Bob Whitesel, and Gary McIntosh. Topics include conflict management, church visioning, conducting community research, and many more practical areas of consulting.

Who should attend?

Our content will be geared primarily to consultants and influencers of church leaders, and secondarily to pastors themselves. Attendees will include:

Consultants	Bishops
Denominational leaders	Executive coaches
Elders	Lay leaders
Professors	Regional directors
Directors of missions	Pastors

The SCC consulting summit is finally here!

Attend this powerful day of networking and learning on Nov. 10, 2009.

For a full agenda & more information, visit www.churchconsultation.org



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The
**Great Commission
Research Network**
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November 10 - 12

**2 Conferences in 1
Convenient Location**

Pricing has been slashed! It's now more affordable to attend both conferences - both organizations have cut their fees up to 25%, and are honoring member discounts if you are a member of either group. Plus, attend both and get a free church leadership book of your choice!

Society for Church Consulting Summit - Nov. 10

Pricing breakdown:
\$79 - SCC or GCRN member
\$109 - Non-member
\$59 - spouse
\$39 - student

To register or join, go to www.churchconsultation.org or call Elaine Ashcraft toll-free at (866) 515-0520 x 118

Great Commission Research Network - Nov. 11-12

Pricing breakdown:
\$125 - GCRN or SCC member
\$145 - Non-member
\$69 - spouse
\$39 - student

\$30 - President's Banquet (Thur. dinner & program)
To register or join, go to
www.greatcommissionresearch.net or call
Diana Alfonso at (562) 903-4844

For exhibiting and sponsorship information, contact Ted Weaver at Ted@churchcentral.com or (866) 515-0520 x 131 (toll free). A limited number of booths are available, and include additional marketing services.

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Outreach in the Whirlwind:

How Churches Can Reach Out in Times of Calamity & Recession



**New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, LA
Nov. 11-12, 2009**

www.GreatCommissionResearch.net

With pre-conference event hosted by the Society for Church Consulting on Nov. 10

About the Great Commission Research Network

Founded by renowned missiologists George Hunter and Peter Wagner, GCRN (formally the American Society for Church Growth) is an affiliation of church leaders who share research, examine case studies, hear from cutting-edge leaders, and network with fellow church professionals who are committed to helping local churches expand the kingdom through disciple-making.

From GCRN President, Dr. Bob Whitesel



"This year's annual conference in the heart of New Orleans will focus on how churches can reach out to hurting people in the midst of calamity. Since all of North America is susceptible to human made or natural catastrophe, this will be a rare opportunity to learn from leaders of churches of all sizes who have reached out effectively during and after catastrophe."

About the Society for Church Consulting

The Society's purpose is to revitalize churches through a network of trained and certified consultants. Since 2002, SCC has trained more than 1,000 consultants from multiple countries, and currently has almost 300 members. The board of directors includes Gary McIntosh, Chuck Lawless, Bob Whitesel, Will Mancini, Aubrey Malphurs, John Ewart, and Bill Easum.

From SCC President, Tom Harper



"The Society for Church Consulting is excited to partner with GCRN for our first annual event. As pastors struggle with today's hard times, our goal is to equip consultants to stand with those pastors and strengthen their churches."

Conference Hotel:

Providence House
(Campus Hotel-Across the street)
3939 Gentilly Boulevard
New Orleans, LA 70126
Reservation Code:
GCRN1109
(504) 944-4455
(888) 886-7276
For driving instructions & additional information visit:
<http://www.provhouse.com>

Other Hotels: Super 8

(1.9 miles to Seminary)
6322 Chef Menteur Highway
New Orleans, LA 70126
Reservation Code: NOBTS
(504) 241-5650

Conference Locations:

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
Nelson L. Price Center
3939 Gentilly Boulevard
New Orleans, LA 70126
(800) 662-8701 ext. 8820
(504) 816-8820

Airport Information:

Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport (MSY)
17.37 miles to NOBTS

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GCRN CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

Nov. 11-12, 2009



Chuck Lawless

KEYNOTE – An Old Strategy Revisited: Prayer Ministry in Times of Crisis

Most churches talk more about prayer than they actually pray. Even in times of crisis, a renewed commitment to prayer is often short-lived. Basing his findings on a study through the Billy Graham School of Southern Seminary, Chuck reviews church-based prayer ministries that are effectively responding to a time of uncertainty and crisis. *Chuck Lawless, Ph.D., is dean of the Billy Graham School at Southern Seminary, and is the author of six books on the church, including Discipled Warriors, Serving in Your Church Prayer Ministry, and Membership Matters. Chuck has consulted with hundreds of churches and denominational entities.*

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Ed Stetzer

Transformational Churches: Who They Are and How They Do It

Based on research from 5000 churches that are experiencing change in individuals, congregations, and communities, Ed Stetzer will present practical insights that will help your church model biblical transformation. This research will give you a holistic view of what a healthy missional church is ... and can be!

Ed Stetzer, Ph.D., has planted and transitioned declining churches around the country. He has trained pastors and church planters on five continents, holds two masters degrees and two doctorates, and has written dozens of articles and books. Ed served for three years as a seminary professor at the Southern Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, and is currently President of LifeWay Research.



Tom Harper

Future Trends in Church Consulting

The Society for Church Consulting will be releasing a report in early 2010 analyzing the challenges, opportunities and trends facing church consulting. Tom Harper will preview the report's highlights, including the estimated size of the consulting market in the U.S., demographic statistics of consultants, pastor perceptions of consultants, and top trends to watch over the next 10 years.

Tom Harper is president of the Society for Church Consulting and publisher of ChurchCentral.com, a free church leadership Web portal. He is author of Career Crossover: Leaving the Marketplace for Ministry. He is also president of NetWorld Alliance, a trade publisher that operates trade magazines, Web portals, associations and events.



Bill Day

Church Growth After Disaster

Bill Day has conducted research on the impact of Hurricane Katrina on over 1,300 churches in the New Orleans area, observing whether these churches died, survived, or grew after the storm – and why. In addition to these insights, Bill will share lessons learned about church growth after the Great Chicago Fire of 1871 and the 1906 San Francisco earthquake.

On day 3 of the conference, Bill will lead a trip to actual churches in the devastated 9th Ward – some that died, others that thrive.

Bill Day, Ph.D., has 30 years of pastoring experience and is professor of evangelism and church health at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.



Stuart Hoke

Our Shelter from the Stormy Blast: Theology and Mission in the Wake of 9/11

Our special guest, Dr. Stuart Hoke, is a priest of the Episcopal Church who recently retired as Staff Chaplain at Trinity Church Wall Street in New York City. He also served as Missioner to St. Paul's Chapel at Ground Zero, where he personally ministered to the heroic emergency workers of 9/11. Stuart will share redeeming responses for churches caught in the midst of a stormy blast. *Stuart Hoke, Ph.D., is a frequent retreat and quiet day conductor throughout the Episcopal Church. He also is an Adjunct Professor at the General Theological Seminary in New York City where he teaches pastoral theology.*

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Gary McIntosh

Building Bridges of God During Calamity

A respected scholar on Donald McGavran and the Church Growth Movement, Gary McIntosh will look at the history of reaching out during calamity. He will offer examples of what historically has been effective for building bridges to the needy and what churches can do in the future to benefit humankind.

Gary L. McIntosh, Ph.D., has over 25 years of experience in the field of church growth consultation, coaching of church leaders, and workshop presentations. As president of the McIntosh Church Growth Network, Gary has analyzed over 1,000 churches in 83 denominations. He has written or co-authored 17 books.

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Dennis Watson

Recovery of a Megachurch after Katrina

Celebration Church is a megachurch that permanently lost 65% of its members because of hurricane Katrina. Dennis Watson will share how God has enabled the church not only recover but to grow larger than it was before Katrina with most of the new growth being conversion growth. *Dennis is the founding pastor of Celebration Church in New Orleans, which is a multi-cultural purpose-driven church that began in 1989. Celebration has grown to over 3,000 members, while starting seven*

other churches in New Orleans and South Louisiana, five churches in other U.S. cities, and over twenty-five churches around the world. Dennis speaks regularly at conferences and hosts a weekday radio program called "Celebrate The Victory" in New Orleans.



About Bob Whitesel, President of the Great Commission Research Network

Dr. Bob Whitesel is associate professor of graduate studies in ministry at Indiana Wesleyan University. An author and practicing consultant, Bob's most recent book, **Preparing for Change Reaction: How To Introduce Change In Your Church**, was co-winner of Resource of the Year in Leadership.

by Outreach magazine. He is currently completing a second doctorate in postmodern outreach and in 2007 received the Donald A. McGavran Award for Outstanding Leadership in Church Growth.