

CONnext+ SUMMIT

A Progressive Vision for Children and Family Ministry

Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo, MN

October 11-14, 2015

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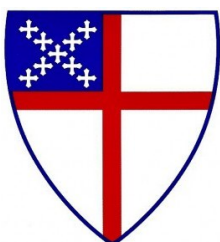


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EVENT KEYNOTER & FACILITATOR:



DAVE CSINOS is founder and president of Faith Forward, an ecumenical organization that brings together children's and youth ministry leaders for collaboration, inspiration, and resourcing toward innovative theology and practice. He is author of ***Children's Ministry in the Way of Jesus*** (with Ivy Beckwith), ***Children's Ministry that Fits***, and editor of ***Faith Forward*** (with Melvin Bray). He is currently a doctoral candidate at Emmanuel College of Victoria University in the University of Toronto, where his research focuses on children, theology, and intercultural contexts. Dave has served in ministry with youth and children for most of his life, from volunteering

at the local parish he grew up in to serving as a children's pastor in southwestern Ontario. He frequently speaks throughout North America and beyond, helping leaders to re-imagine spiritual formation, children, youth, culture, and faith. He lives with his wife in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Learn more about Dave at davecsinos.com.

WHAT IS CONNEXT?

The ConNext Summit is designed for Faith Formation and Youth Ministry leaders to share best practices, think more deeply about how we do this work in the 21st Century, network across denominations and hear from other inspiring leaders from around the state and country. The ConNext Summit is designed for leaders who have been engaged in this work for some time but new leaders will find a place to connect and grow as well!

CONFIRMED WORKSHOPS:

<i>"Forming Faith at Home: Ideas for Churches & Families"</i> Ivy Beckwith	<i>"Inclusive Worship for Children & Families"</i> Donna Draeger	<i>"Balance, Boundaries, and the Body of Christ: Caring for Self and Others"</i> Karen Gieske	<i>"Connecting Faith, Values, and Finances through Children, Youth, and Family Ministry"</i> Andrew Gray
<i>"Life, Loss and Grief in Children, Youth, and Family Ministry"</i> Lyle Griner	<i>"Mental Health in Children, Youth & Family Ministry: A Theological Approach"</i> Hollie Holt-Woehl	<i>"Creating Intergenerational Events"</i> Liz Perraud	<i>"Wiggling Bodies Form Faith"</i> Anne Miner-Pearson
<i>"Radical Welcome: Breaking Down Barriers for the Special Needs Community"</i> Leslie Neugent	<i>"Food Justice & Food Empowerment"</i> Jennifer Schultz	<i>"And What About the Parents?"</i> Marilyn Sharpe	<i>"Ministry To, With and For Volunteers"</i> Pam Vig
<i>"Seamless Faith"</i> Cindy Yanchury	<i>"Six Marks of Progressive Christian Music"</i> Bryan Sirchio	TBA	TBA

MUSIC:

An exciting musician with an impressive progressive Christian theology, **Bryan Sirchio** is an ordained UCC minister who's traveled extensively for the past 22 years spreading his Gospel message on *cutting edge social justice issues*. He'll help to lead us in worship throughout the Summit... be prepared for wonder!



REGISTRATION & COST INFORMATION:

Register online at conta.cc/1TRHdQu. Register by September 1, 2015 for a discounted rate. Final registration deadline is October 1, 2015. Note: Cost varies by denomination due to judicatory offset.

Questions about registration? Contact Zac Norenberg at the Minnesota Conference UCC at zacn@uccmn.org or call (612) 871-0359.

Other Questions? Contact Lizabeth Bougie at the Resource Center for Churches at info@rcc-mn.org.