

# TEAM DAY 2021

## Seminar/Workshop Descriptions

(Please note that there are a few sessions that we have not received descriptions for at this printing)

### Plenary Session

**Main Plenary Session (9:00 AM): Dr. David Bowser**

### Keynote Sessions with Dr. Leonard Sweet

**Session 1: Leonard Sweet, This is My Story, This is My Song: Reading the Bible as Story and Song**

*Every revival and reformation in history has been built around a re-reading of the Bible in the language of the culture. It is the first thing every missionary does: learn the vernacular of the mission field to which they are being sent. We will be re-telling some Bible stories when read not from the default setting of words and verses, but the currency of the culture, which is story and song.*

**Session 2: Leonard Sweet, How High is Your Church's CQ?**

*We now know that one's EQ (Emotional Quotient–Emotional Intelligence) is even more important for life success than one's IQ (Intelligence Quotient). But what about one's CQ (Contextual Quotient). How to increase your church's Contextual Intelligence will be the focus of this lecture.*

**Session 3: Leonard Sweet, "A Charge To Keep I Have:" Keeping Charged for a Lifetime of Ministry**

*How do we keep charged up in a world that is changing as fast as day turns to night? This seminar will explore how to keep your ministry and your church on the edge: whether it be the leading edge, the cutting edge, the bleeding edge, or the ledge edge. There are five practical apps you can use to better "serve this present age, our calling to fulfill."*

**Session 4: Leonard Sweet, Red Skies, White Elephants, Black Swans, & Gray Rhinos: A Minyan of Trends, Terrains, and Trajectories for the Future Church**

*These are times of seismic upheaval, tsunamic change, volcanic activities, and catastrophic thinking. In fact, 21-C may be the most dangerous century in human history. Red "WARNING" signs lurk around every corner. It is more important than ever that we see what's on the horizon. Jesus didn't just teach us how to read a room. He taught us how to read a planet.*

### Keynote Sessions with Dr. Rand Michael

**Session 1: Rand Michael - Spirituality 360: Why Spiritual Work by Nature is Slow Work**

Understanding how God has created us as whole beings and that our spirituality is not separate from our bodies can provide a more liberating approach to ministry. Spiritual development and examples from the life of Jesus Himself are examined in light of interpersonal neuroscience. Application to various aspects of ministry is considered.

**Session 2: Rand Michael - Jesus, Ministry, and E-Motion(s)**

Emotion and cognition are integral to one another. Whether clergy or laity, all who minister—including Jesus Himself—experience a variety of thoughts and feelings. Consideration of the nature of emotions—including those of Jesus—can help us embrace our full affective range as we live and serve in His Name.

**Session 4: Rand Michael - *Science-and-Faithing: A Wholistic Approach to All of Creation***

Rightly understood, science and faith are complements and partners, not antithetical competitors. When we “read deeply” the universe, life, and the Bible, we discover these sing together a harmonious anthem of praise.

**NMI Sessions**

**Session 1: Dr. Jerry Porter - *Ministry in Creative Access Areas***

**Session 2: Rachel Hubbard and Jeremy Post - “NMI 101”**

**Session 3: *Preparing Crisis Care Kits***

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**NYI - Youth Leader Track**

**NYI Youth Leader Track #1 - Eric Valenstein, Helping Students Engage their Communities**

*Student pastors & leaders, in this session, Pastor Eric will talk about the foundations and implementation of connecting students with their communities and environments around them, and how we can be the church outside of the building.*

**NYI Youth Leader Track #2 - Shane Valenstein, Rallying the Support of your Church Board in Youth Ministry**

*In youth ministry, it is vitally important to have the support of your church board to help equip and enable you and your students in your/their growth. Pastor Shane will talk about how to elicit the assistance of your church leadership.*

**NYI Youth Leader Track #3 - Mike Curley, Leading your Students through a Spiritual Giftings Series**

*Spiritual giftings are not just for adults! In this session, Pastor Mike will lead the discussion on what it looks like to lead your students through a spiritual giftings test, how to tally and record the results, and how to implement those results into your youth & church ministries for success!*

**NYI - Youth Track**

**NYI Youth Track #1 - Josh Massey, Launching a Vibrant Devotional Time**

*What does it look like to have a devotional, or “quiet” time with the Lord? Why can it be challenging to establish regularity? What does a successful devotional life look like? Find out all this, and more!*

**NYI Youth Track #2 - Allen Dunlap, Launching a Bible Study at Your School**

*Have you ever wanted to start a Bible study at your school? What does it look like? How do you plan and launch such a ministry? What resources can you use? Come and check it out!*

**NYI Youth Track #3 - Jared Tucker & Natalie Miller, Embodying the Beatitudes in 2021**

*In Matthew chapter 5, Jesus began one of His most famous messages, the Sermon on the Mount, with the Beatitudes, where He flipped the script on societal thinking patterns of the day. What does it look like for Christians to employ those in our daily lives today, in 2021?*

**NYI Youth Track #4 - Nicole Kessler, Practical Outreach to Introverts**

*HEY!! YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE AN EXTROVERT TO CONNECT TO PEOPLE WITH THE LOVE OF JESUS!! In this session, Pastor Nicole will speak to us about how to effectively connect with introverts, or people that can tend to prefer being away from loud, noisy, obnoxious crowds.*

**Children's Ministry**

**Session 1:** Robin Curtis and others

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**Session 4:** Robin Curtis and others

**Latinx Ministry**

**Session 1:** *"La Depresion en el Ministerio Pastoral,"* Dr. Osmany Espinoza

**Session 2:** Dr. Jerry Porter

**Session 3:** Dr. Jerry Porter

**Session 4:** Dr. Jerry Porter

**Haitian Ministry**

**Session 1:** Willeme Thomas, *"The Importance and Convenience of Media In Our Churches Today"*

**Session 2:** Willeme Thomas, *"Youth Challenge: Connecting Young People to Christ and His Church"*

**Session 3:** Willeme Thomas, *"Role of Women in Ministry: A Nazarene Approach"*

**Session 4:** Willeme Thomas, *"Immigrant Churches and the Local/State Resources for the Undocumented"*

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**Dr. David W. Bowser** presently serves as the district superintendent for the Mid-Atlantic District Church of the Nazarene **since his election in 2016**. Previous to his serving as district superintendent, he served as Lead Pastor of Flint, MI Church of the Nazarene for 21 years and Manchester, CT Church of the Nazarene for 6 years. Dr. Bowser has also served in the capacity of Youth in Mission Program Coordinator for the denomination, as well as having served on various community boards and committees.

**Dr. Leonard Sweet** is a scholar of US American culture; a semiotician who “sees things the rest of us do not see, and dreams possibilities that are beyond most of our imagining;” and a preacher and best-selling author who communicates the gospel with a signature bridging of the worlds of faith, academe, and popular culture. In 2006 and 2007, Len was voted by his peers “One of the 50 Most Influential Christians in America” by Church Report Magazine, and in 2010, he was selected by the top non-English Christian website as one of the “Top 10 Influential Christians of 2010.” His popular podcast, “Napkin Scribbles,” is widely quoted, and he wrote for [sermons.com](http://sermons.com) for eight years. Now, he currently hosts his own preaching website, PreachTheStory.com. For nine years, he and his wife wrote the entire content for the weekly preaching resource Homiletics. In 2005 Len introduced the first open-source preaching resource on the Web, [wikiletics.com](http://wikiletics.com). Len’s microblogs on twitter and facebook rank as two of the most influential social media sites in the world.

**Dr. Rand Michael**, a licensed marriage and family therapist, is an ordained clergy person and a registered evangelist in the Church of the Nazarene. His particular interest is science-and-spirituality, especially reading and speaking on spirituality and interpersonal neurobiology. For 26 years he was director of the couple, marriage, and family therapy master’s degree program of the Graduate School of Counseling, George Fox University. He has served as a seminary professor of pastoral care and counseling and as pastor in California, Colorado, and Kansas. Rand and his teams of Christian mental health professionals have provided service in over two dozen countries worldwide. A husband, father, and grandfather, he enjoys biking, photography, journaling, and hiking. He is available for speaking, teaching, counseling, training, and consulting. [randolph.michael214@gmail.com](mailto:randolph.michael214@gmail.com) / 503.515,6873

**Dr. Jerry D. Porter** was chosen for this highest elected office in the denomination at the 24th General Assembly at San Antonio, Texas, in June 1997, while serving as the district superintendent for the Washington (DC) District of the Church of the Nazarene. He was born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, the son of Dr. and Mrs. William Porter. He married Toni Dubs from York, Pennsylvania. He was ordained an elder in the Church of the Nazarene on the Houston District by General Superintendent Charles Strickland in 1974 while pastoring the Angleton, Texas, Church of the Nazarene, on the Houston District. Following a 2½-year pastoral tenure, Jerry and Toni were appointed missionaries to the Dominican Republic to help launch the work of the Church of the Nazarene. The assignment included church planting and directing the theological education by extension program. Following rapid and explosive growth of the church in the Dominican Republic, the Porters were assigned to San Jose, Costa Rica, where he served as rector of the Nazarene Seminary of the Americas. During the next seven years, the seminary grew to an enrollment of over 100 students on campus with nearly 3,000 in extension centers throughout Latin America. Dr. Porter has written various publications in Nazarene journals and is known primarily as a missionary evangelist.