



Love INC
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2015 NATIONAL GATHERING



TRANSFORMING

FROM INSIDE OUT

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"And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into His image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, Who is the Spirit." 2 Corinthians 3:18

September 23-25, 2015

Gurnee, Illinois

[Register for the Gathering](#)

The mission of Love INC is to mobilize local churches to transform lives and communities In the Name of Christ



Transformation from the inside out is such a key part of the Gospel message, and it's a key element of each Love INC affiliate's ministry. Few things in life are as rewarding as seeing people's lives transformed as they come into relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church! Coming to faith in Jesus Christ is synonymous with starting a journey of personal growth, as He transforms us more and more into His image.

So how does a Christian grow? What does the transformation process look like? According to Henry Cloud and John Townsend in their book, *How People Grow*, there are four key elements to transformation:

Looking In: Exchanging Worldly Attitudes for Godly Ones

Understanding: Gaining Insight and Direction

Discipline: The Structures God Gives to Grow Us Up in Love

Reaching Out: Connecting with the Body of Christ in Healthy Relationships

Too often people try to live out their faith alone, cut off from the Church and the healing, protective, and growth-fostering functions it provides. By contrast, Love In the Name of Christ invites them into life-changing relationships with the local church. Come join us this September as we explore together what the growth process looks like, and the life-giving transformation opportunities that God wants us to build into every facet of the Love INC ministry! From the first call to the clearinghouse to the contact with local church members for services to the participation in classes and small groups – God wants to use us in amazing ways to draw those who are hurting and struggling into His wonderful process of growth and transformation.

We pray for transformation, as we come together to be inspired, to learn, to network with other affiliates, to be stretched and confronted, and to be encouraged to be used by Christ in each of our affiliates' ministries. Plenary speakers and workshop leaders are already in place and making preparations for a Spirit-filled Gathering, and we invite you and your affiliate to join us! On Thursday, we will be introducing "Role Day," a new structure providing a flexible schedule and collaborative learning to address the specialized needs of:

- Executive Directors
- Board Members
- Clearinghouse/Gap Ministry staff and volunteers
- Resale Store staff
- Transformational Ministry staff and volunteers
- Developing Affiliate staff and volunteers

So please invite your affiliate to join us, as we explore transformation from the inside out.

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Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Brian Tweedie'.

Brian Tweedie
Board President

Gathering Schedule

Wednesday, September 23

Thursday, September 24

Friday, September 25

	8:00AM - 8:30AM Registration & coffee at Village Church of Gurnee	8:00AM - 8:30AM Coffee at Village Church of Gurnee
	8:30AM - 8:50AM Welcome / Announcements Praise & Worship	8:30AM - 8:50AM Announcements Praise & Worship
	8:50AM - 9:30AM Plenary Session #2 - Understanding	8:50AM - 9:30AM Plenary Session #4 - Reaching Out w/ Special Guest Brian Fikkert
	9:30AM - 9:45AM Break	9:30AM - 9:45AM Q&A with Brian Fikkert
	9:45AM - 11:30AM Role Day Breakouts	9:45AM - 10:15AM Break
		10:15AM - 11:30AM Workshop Session #1
	11:30AM - 12:30PM Lunch	11:30AM - 12:30PM Lunch
	12:35PM - 1:15PM Plenary Session #3 - Discipline	12:35PM - 1:15PM Plenary Session #5 - Looking In
		1:15PM - 1:30PM Travel Time
	1:30PM - 5:00PM Role Day Breakouts	1:30PM - 2:45PM Workshop Session #2
		2:45PM - 3:15PM Break
3:30PM - 6:00PM Registration at Holiday Inn		3:15PM - 4:30PM Workshop Session #3
6:00PM - 7:00PM Reception: Meet and Greet at Holiday Inn (heavy appetizers)	5:00PM Shuttles back to Holiday Inn Free evening - dinner on your own	4:30PM - 6:00PM Free Time Shuttles back to Holiday Inn
7:00PM - 8:30PM Opening & Plenary Session #1 - Transformation		6:00PM - 8:30PM At Holiday Inn: Dinner, Program, and Closing
8:30PM - 10:00PM Fellowship Time		8:30PM - 10:00PM Fellowship Time - Holiday Inn Reception Area

Saturday, September 26 - Depart from hotel, travel home

Schedule subject to change

Special Guests



Brian Fikkert

On Friday morning, we will welcome Dr. Brian Fikkert to the Love INC National Gathering to lead our morning Plenary Session, "Reaching Out: Connecting the Body of Christ in Healthy Relationships."

Dr. Brian Fikkert is a Professor of Economics and Community Development and the founder and President of the Chalmers Center for Economic Development at Covenant College. He is also co-author of the best-selling book, *When Helping Hurts: How to Alleviate Poverty Without Hurting the Poor... and Yourself*. Dr. Fikkert earned a Ph.D. in economics from Yale University, specializing in international economics and economic development.



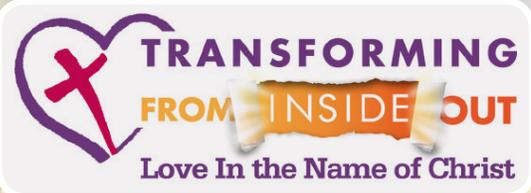
He has been a consultant to the World Bank and is the author of numerous articles in both academic and popular journals. Prior to coming to Covenant College, he was a professor at the University of Maryland—College Park and a research fellow at the Center for Institutional Reform and the Informal Sector.

Alan Doswald



On Friday evening, our Program Speaker will be Alan Doswald. Alan is the longest serving Executive Director of a Love INC Affiliate, serving at ESA/Love INC in Fresno, CA for 33 years. An influential local and national leader of Love INC, Alan has served as a regional director and national trainer. No person besides Virgil Gulker, founder of Love INC, knows more history about the Love INC movement than Alan. In fact, Alan is the one who coined the name "In the Name of Christ" to stand for Inc. (INC) which formerly stood for "incorporated." Alan's wit is matched by his passion, faith and belief in the body of Christ as ambassadors of the gospel.

Plenary Sessions



This year's plenary sessions will focus on how we are transformed from the "inside out." The intentionality and progression of transformation will be explored based on the book, *How People Grow*, by Henry Cloud and John Townsend.

Transformation: Inside Out for the Glory of God

Brian Tweedie, Love INC National Board President

Understanding: Gaining Insight and Direction

Mark McCloskey, Love INC National Board Vice President

Discipline: The Structures God Gives to Grow Us up in Love

Lora Petitt, Director of Operating Affiliates

Reaching Out: Connecting with the Body of Christ in Healthy Relationships

Brian Fikkert, Co-Author, *When Helping Hurts* and Founder of Chalmers Center

Looking In: Exchanging Worldly Attitudes for Godly Ones

Pastor Ambrose Nyangao, Love INC Kenya National Board Vice Chair

Role Day

In his book, *The Connecting Church 2.0*, Randy Frazee says, "Truthfully, there have been times I felt alone in my quest, but God has assured me time and time again that there are others dreaming the same dream. As he did with Elijah, so God has reminded me that there are others who embrace the vision. I am not alone."

We are offering something new at this year's Gathering! For most of Thursday, participants will follow special tracks according to their role or area of ministry at their affiliate. The intent of Role Day is to provide training and support through the building of relationships with others in similar roles. The desire is for participants to leave the Gathering with a network of colleagues with whom they can both offer and receive support, encouragement, and prayer.

Role Day groups will include: New & Developing Affiliates, Board Members, Executive Directors, Clearinghouse/Gap Ministry, Transformational Ministry, and Existing Resale Store.

Workshops

Affiliate Health

NICE TO MEET YOU MIKI AND AKPI, HOPEFULLY ~ Kirk Vander Molen

The MIKI and AKPI help affiliates ask, "Are we Love INC and are we doing it well?" These self-assessment tools help affiliates assess and grow in their pursuit of the Love INC mission, model and operations. This workshop will help affiliate leaders utilize these tools, covering the following topics: purpose, preparation, assessment, processing, application and reporting.

NATIONAL BOARD Q&A

Church & Community Relationships

MEGA CHURCH OR MEGA HEADACHE? HOW TO PARTNER WITH THE LARGE CHURCHES IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD IN A WIN/WIN WAY ~ Lisa Mathews

Love INC can be an invaluable tool in the missional toolbox of the "mega" church who understands its unique call to reach people who are living with the consequences of oppression, injustice, and hunger. In this workshop we will explore ways to engage with large church partners in a win/win manner. Love INC can support churches providing expertise, guidance and a healthy productive way to impact poverty one relationship at a time. We will also explore pitfalls that can trip you up in this ministry partnership and learn strategies to make sure you don't get lost in the inner-workings of a large organization.

CHURCH RELATIONSHIPS: IT'S A TEAM EFFORT ~ Brian Frodermann

All too often the task of building church relationships falls on the shoulders of one or two staff members. Since relationships by nature require time to develop, this can become a daunting task. This workshop will explore ways to mobilize a larger group of volunteers (including Board Members and Church Ministry Coordinators) to build strong relationships with local churches. Practical ideas that can be implemented in any size affiliate with any number of partner churches will be shared.

CHURCH RELATIONSHIPS - A 4-STEP PROCESS OF WORKING WITH CHURCHES ~ Virgil Gulker

Could approaching churches with answers and initiatives unintentionally hinder their engagement and overlook better ideas? Come explore a four step process that will challenge you to consider a "with" church approach, instead of a "to" or "for" church approach.

LIVING OUT REDEMPTIVE COMPASSION ~ Lois Tupy

To excite and engage people in your ministry you must cast a clear vision. But, casting vision without a call to action only confuses and discourages people. Redemptive Compassion, help that frees, will make a difference in the lives of those you serve, but it can be difficult to implement without education on the topic. This class helps you understand the educational resources available through Redemptive Compassion and will prepare you to engage and educate the different audiences of your affiliate.

Church & Community Relationships (cont.)

ROUND 1 – PITCH YOUR PITCH ~ Daniel Walker

You have 'x' amount of time to present Love INC. What do you say? Come hear actual Love INC presentations, given by members of affiliates. Hear a 10 min presentation, a 5 min presentation, and a 60 second presentation. Plus, be equipped with materials and concepts on how to develop your art of pitching.

ROUND 2 – PLAN YOUR PITCH ~ Daniel Walker

Pitching the perfect pitch only comes after hours and weeks of intentionally preparing your pitch. In this hands-on workshop, we will share some basic building blocks to planning your pitch. Then we will take a step-by-step approach to developing the groundwork for your personal Love INC presentation. Join us to plan your personal pitch. Note: Prior participation in "Round 1" is recommended.

WORKING TOGETHER TO CHANGE OUR COMMUNITY ~ Alan Doswald

Love INC is part of the Body of Christ in your city, which includes churches and ministries. We will discuss how to build relationships in our city and help bring unity in order to help transform our communities. Practical, real-life examples of how relationships were built and churches worked together in the Fresno area will be shared. Psalm 133 calls it blessed when we dwell together in unity and says that is where God commands His blessing.

Ministry Approaches

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE – THE STRENGTH OF THE CIRCLE ~ Maureen Hansen

"Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love." Ephesians 4:2. Learn about the principles of restorative justice and experience the value of the circle process. Discover how implementing restorative justice practices help restore relationships and repair harm.

WHY IS CHANGE SO HARD? A LOOK AT THE IMPACT OF CHILDHOOD TRAUMA, PARTS 1 & 2 ~ Elizabeth Benefiel

What is the connection between brokenness and poverty? Using recent research in brain development and "The Adverse Childhood Experience Study," this workshop explains in layman's terms how trauma in childhood impacts the developing brain, leading to significant, predictable behavior and health problems. The goal of this workshop is increased understanding of the roots of poverty and the importance of our relational approach. Note: This is a two-part workshop.

DIGGING DEEPER INTO MOTIVATIONAL INTERVIEWING ~ Maureen Hansen

This workshop will take you beyond the principles of Motivational Interviewing, into fundamental practices: what stage of change are our clients in? How to tip the scales of ambivalence? What skills can we develop to draw out "change talk?" This is a highly interactive workshop to "real play" what you learn about Motivational Interviewing.

MOVING BEYOND RELIEF TO TRANSFORMATION ~ Brian Fikkert

Focusing on "next steps," Brian will discuss benevolence, financial literacy and job preparedness.

Prayer

TRANSFORM YOUR MINISTRY – AND YOUR LIFE – THROUGH PURPOSEFUL PRAYER ~ Esther Vander Laan & Kim Sandelin

How do we transform our prayer life from the doldrums to purposefully experiencing the presence of God? Do we wait in expectation to hear God's voice or do we do all the talking? How do we pray through tough times in ministry, and release the power of God to accomplish the purpose of God? Come participate in this interactive workshop to learn, to explore, and yes...to pray together!

Ministry Development

RESALE STORES: ASPECTS OF MINISTRY FIT AND INTEGRATION ~ Kirk Vander Molen

Do you have or are you considering a resale store? This workshop will explore the benefits and challenges of a resale store relating to public relations, other ministry components and the Love INC mission. Note: This workshop is a requirement for the two-part "Resale Store Development Process Parts 1 & 2" workshop.

RESALE STORE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS PARTS 1 & 2 ~ Craig Eshelman & Tammy Leutz

This two-part workshop will lead participants through a resale store development process led by experienced resale store directors. Development process topics include: ministry capacity/readiness; assessing the need; market research; location selection; facility needs; store identity; product donations, management and display; funding/finances; staffing; volunteers; interaction with gap ministries and others. Note: The "Resale Stores: Aspects of Ministry Fit and Integration" workshop is a pre-requirement for this workshop.

TRANSFORMATIONAL MINISTRY - FIRST STEPS ~ Lora Petitt

This workshop will walk through the Transformational Ministry Development Process, which guides an affiliate, step by step, as it prepares to launch Transformational Ministry. Discussion will include common stumbling blocks and advantages of going through the Development Process, as experienced by various affiliates.

****TRANS. MINISTRY - NEXT STEPS, PUTTING ALL THE PIECES IN PLACE! ~ Lora Petitt***

After learning about the critical components of preparing to launch a Transformational Ministry class in the "Transformational Ministry - First Steps" workshop, this workshop will consist of in-depth training on the specific areas of Transformational Ministry. Topics include: recruitment of volunteer teachers, identifying a facility, participation agreement for clients, prayer mobilization, and celebration/graduation. Participants will begin to work on a personalized Ministry Implementation Plan to take back home to their affiliate to guide the formation of Transformational Ministry.

*Must take "First Steps" workshop

Newly Opened & Developing Affiliates

The following workshops are designed for affiliates that have been open for eight months or less; and for Gathering attendees from developing (unopened) affiliates.

IT'S ALL ABOUT VOLUNTEERS! ~ Nancy VanDyken/DNA Team

Volunteers from partner churches do the ministry of Love INC. Learn how to prepare for volunteers, recruit, encourage, sustain, manage, train, and develop volunteers for your new affiliate. A comprehensive booklet for your ongoing reference, plus forms and templates that you can use, will be given to participants. (Workshop for unopened and newly opened affiliates only.)

PLANNING FOR GAP MINISTRY ~ Nancy VanDyken/DNA Team

What is "Gap Ministry," as defined by Love INC? What are its key elements? What needs to be in place to start a Gap Ministry? How do you know when you should start one? How do you plan, and how do you bring a Gap Ministry into being? These questions will be explored in this workshop. Plus, you'll receive a guidebook and checklists for planning to begin a Gap Ministry. (Workshop for unopened and newly opened affiliates only.)

PRESENTING LOVE INC TO CHURCH LEADERS: A NEW TOOL ~ Nancy VanDyken/DNA Team

How can you confidently present and share the exciting vision of Love INC to church leadership - especially to potential partner churches who are hearing about Love INC for the first time? How can you showcase the benefits of Love INC in a way that will persuade church leaders to join you? This workshop describes how to use a new tool, and gives participants practice in using it in a guided setting. (Workshop for unopened and newly opened affiliates only.)

Question & Answer

Who Should Attend the 2015 National Gathering?

- Board Members
- Executive Directors
- Staff
- Volunteers
- Anyone involved in developing a new Love INC affiliate



Where will we gather?

Village Church of Gurnee
1319 N. Hunt Club Road
Gurnee, Illinois 60031

Website: <http://www.vcgurnee.org>

What are the registration costs?

Register by June 30, 2015 to receive the **Early Bird rate of \$230 per person!** Regular registration cost is \$255/person. This includes meals as noted on the agenda, general sessions, workshops, and materials. This cost DOES NOT include hotel, airfare, **or ground transportation to/from an airport and the hotel.** Each attendee is responsible for making their own hotel and transportation arrangements to Gurnee. Please note that while we do not provide transportation to/from the airport, there will be free shuttles each morning and afternoon to/from the hotel and Village Church of Gurnee.

What is the deadline for registering?

Register early (by June 30th) to receive the discounted rate (\$25 savings). Final registration deadline is September 9, 2015. You will receive confirmation as soon as you complete your online registration.

What is the cancellation policy?

Refund/cancellation date for all registrants is September 15, 2015. However, if you are unable to attend the Gathering and have already registered, you may substitute someone in your place. We strongly encourage as many people as possible from each affiliate to attend.

Are there any scholarships available?

There are a limited number of scholarships available, for those affiliates who are struggling financially, to attend the Gathering. Scholarship applications can be requested by contacting Lora Petitt, Director of Operating Affiliates, at lora.petitt@loveinc.org. Deadline to apply is July 10, 2015. Grantees will be notified following the July Love In the Name of Christ National Board Meeting.

Question & Answer (continued)

Where do we stay?

Love INC has selected the Holiday Inn Gurnee Convention Center as the official hotel.

Holiday Inn Gurnee Convention Center

6161 West Grand Avenue

Gurnee, IL 60031

Local Phone: 847-336-6300

Holiday Inn Reservations Phone: 1-800-HOLIDAY

(give them group code LIN)

\$99.24/night for single occupancy
(tax included) - INCLUDES BREAKFAST

\$99.24/night for double occupancy
(tax included) - INCLUDES BREAKFAST

[To book a room online click here](#)

This is the only hotel which will be included on the morning/afternoon transportation route to/from Village Church. In addition, the opening and closing sessions will be at the hotel's conference center. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Holiday Inn under the name "LOVE INC NATIONAL" with the discount code of "LIN" for Wednesday through Friday nights, September 23-25, 2015.

Gathering attendees are responsible for booking and paying for their own hotel rooms. To book a room, contact the hotel and specify that you are with Love INC 2015 National Gathering to get the rates listed above. **Please note that you must book your room by August 24, 2015.**

After that date any remaining rooms we have reserved will be released.

What Transportation is being provided?

Free shuttles will be available each morning and afternoon to/from the Holiday Inn and Village Church of Gurnee. **Transportation is not provided to/from any airports.** You are responsible for your own transportation if you are flying. The hotel suggests American taxi which can be reached at (847)255-9614 after collecting your luggage.

[Click here to register for the 2015 Gathering!](#)

Your attendance at the 2015 Gathering constitutes permission to publish photographs or video taken at the event that may include you.