Big Ministry Small Town Summit
Theme: Being Big Lights in Small Towns

Plenary Sessions These plenary sessions are designed to encourage the attendees as well as allow them to engage in mindful discussion and pray with one another.

Session 1 Seeing the City Through Jesus' Eyes - *Dr. Ira Antoine*
This interactive session will shift our perspective to view neighborhoods and communities as Jesus did, revolutionizing ministry and outreach. Using Scripture, we'll see how Christ's compassionate gaze reveals both deep needs and unique opportunities to share His love.

Session 2 All Generations Matter – *Dr. Al Curly, III*
There are multiple generations attending our churches, they all have value, and unique needs and perspectives on life. This session will challenge us to embrace and engage every generation especially Millennials and Gen Z according to their uniqueness.

Special Young Adult Session - In this semi-structured group interview session, young adults (ages 18-38) will provide essential insight into the values, needs, and life perspectives of Millennials and Gen Z. This information will be crucial for developing effective strategies to minister to and engage these future generations.

Breakout Sessions These breakout sessions are designed to equip the attendees as well as allow them to engage in focused dialogue around the topic. They will run concurrently.

1. **Sharing the Gospel & Defending Your Faith in the New Normal** — *Rev. Bobby Hicks, Jr., Texas Baptists*

   Things are not the same after a global pandemic. This includes small towns and communities. But one thing has not changed, the need to share the Gospel. In this session, the facilitator will challenge you to be intentional about sharing the Gospel, defend your faith, and offer practical ways to do so in a post-pandemic world.

2. **Creating a Culture of Discipleship —** *Dr. Lorenzo Bennett, Strangers Home BC, Zachery, LA*

   Move beyond Sunday services to intentionally make and multiply disciples. This session provides practical frameworks for shifting from programs to relationships, creating clear pathways that grow believers into disciple-makers.

3. **Faith and Finance —** *Sis. Janna Hurd, Thrivent Financial , Houston, TX*

   How we manage the resources God provides us is important to Him. In this session, we will share principles and practices of faithful stewardship that allows a person to be financially sound.

4. **Mental Health & Soul Care in Small Towns —** *Rev. Matthew Alfred, Golden Star BC (Eunice) & St. Joseph BC (Chataignier)*

   People are people whether in the heart of Metropolitan cities or the middle of less known places. However, common themes in soul care and pastoral counseling emerge in different places. This breakout will focus on the issues that arise most frequently in small-town Louisiana, as well as the most surprising things that aren't different in a small town.

5. **Being a House of Prayer —** *Rev. Michael Richard, Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, New Iberia, LA*

Jesus says, "My house shall be called a house of prayer" (Matthew 21:13), which implies that prayer is essential to the local church. The facilitator will share best practices to integrate prayer into your congregation's DNA, unleashing the Holy Spirit's power for spiritual renewal and evangelism.

Summit Schedule

Time	Activity
8:30 – 9:00am	Arrival & Registration
9:00 – 9:45am	Welcome & Introductions with Praise and Worship
9:45 – 10:45am	Plenary Session #1
10:45 –11:00am	Coffee Break
11:00 – 12:00pm	Breakout Session #1
12:00 – 1:00pm	Lunch
1:00 – 2:00pm	Breakout Session #2
2:00 – 2:15pm	Break
2:15 – 3:30pm	Plenary Session #2 with Closing Prayer