

# 2017 HOW-TO CONVENTION

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 2017

Holladay Park  
Church of God

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*GREAT IS YOUR FAITHFULNESS  
"FAITH WORKS"*

*We show the authenticity of our faith in Jesus  
Christ through His call to use our gifts.*



## SCHEDULE

7:30 am

Doors Open

8:00 am

Registration  
Continental Breakfast

8:30 am

General Session  
*with Dr. Lou Foltz*

9:40-10:50 am

Session 1

11am-12:10 pm

Session 2

12:15-1:15 pm

Lunch

1:20-2:30 pm

Session 3

2:40-3:15 pm

Wrap Up

*with Dr. Lou Foltz*

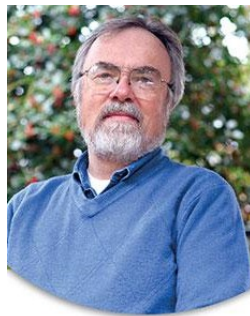
**GUEST SPEAKER: DR. LOU FOLTZ**

**GUEST MISSIONARIES: BOBBY & JENNY (DUNBAR) MIHSILL**

### General Session:

Keynote address: *"An Inconvenient Faith"...*

Topic: *"Great Faith Comes From Great Faithfulness: Participation not Consumption"*



**Dr. Lou Foltz**, Emeritus Professor of Educational Psychology, has shared his gifts with Warner Pacific for 38 years. Dr. Foltz is frequently invited to present for national events, including the National Lilly Conference on College and University Teaching, Church of God Conferences, brain physiology and learning lectures, and internationally through annually teaching at Kazakh-American Free University in Ust'-Kamenogorsk, Kazakhstan. He has in past years lectured at Kyiv State Pedagogical Institute. Dr. Foltz is an avid traveler having spent his summers travelling to 57 countries, so far, and visiting with people from an even greater number of cultures.



**Bobby and Jenny Mihsill** arrived in Côte d'Ivoire in January 2015 after a year of language school in France. The Mihsills teach a variety of theological courses at IBAO, West Africa Bible Institute, and assist the national church in training leaders for the Children of Promise program. Bobby and Jenny led the launch of the Children of Promise program in Côte d'Ivoire in the summer of 2016. Another one of their ministry responsibilities is to help coordinate and host missions teams in Côte d'Ivoire. Jenny was born in Seymour, Indiana, but was raised in Woodburn, Oregon, after her parents (Pastor Sam and Mary Dunbar) relocated to serve in ministry at Hoodview Church of God. Bobby was born and raised in Meghalaya, India, where his immediate and extended family has been part of the Church of God for many years. They completed their seminary degrees and were married in 2010. Their son, Moore, was born in 2013.

*Registration is only \$25 per individual if postmarked by Jan. 19, 2017. Groups of 10 or more can register from the same church for \$150 if postmarked by Jan. 19, 2017 (more info on back). Choose your conferences from pages 2-3; then turn to page 4 to register and to get directions to Holladay Park Church of God in Portland, Oregon.*



## SESSION 1

(Choose ONE conference from Session 1 and enter it on the registration form.)

**1. How our brain works: "The Landscape of Curiosity "**

—Dr. Lou Foltz, Emeritus Professor of Educational Psychology/WPC

Safety, Predictability, Confidence, Curiosity. God made the human brain to guide our functioning in His world and to help us recognize His majesty. We will learn some of the surprising priorities of our thinking and how to appreciate them as we instill curiosity in our learners.

**2. Pastoral Financial Strategies on How to Plan for the Future and Increase Your Disposable Income NOW.**

—Rev. Jim O'Bold (Director of Financial Planning and Development, Servant Solutions

Ryan Harter, CARE Financial Planner, Servant Solutions/ Church of God Ministries)

Pastors are unique in regards to taxation, compensation, and benefits. Find out how you can position your church, family, and future well with sound financial strategies uniquely designed for pastors. You will also find out more about Church of God Ministries' \$1mm Lilly Grant C.A.R.E. (Clergy Advocacy Resource Effort) Initiative, and how you may qualify for direct financial assistance and financial education. This is a "can't miss" class if you are a pastor.

**3. Mission Impossible?****How-to Practice Faithful Presence and Hospitality in Your Community**

—Deborah Loyd, Scholar Practitioner of Spiritual Formation & Vocation/Warner Pacific College

As culture rapidly changes, many Christians struggle to know how to impact their friends, neighbors and communities. How are Christians supposed to think about a mission that seems impossible? What are the practices that will help us create meaningful relationships with the people amongst whom we live? How can Christians act their way into a successful living witness? It is not as complicated as you may think. This workshop will challenge your thinking about mission and equip you with practical action that you will be able to use immediately.

**4. How Everyone Can Do Something!****A Practical Exploration**

—Ken Loyd, Pastor, Professor, Retired Exec. Director of The Underground (Homeless Youth Ministry Center)

Our workshop will take a look at some things folks are doing to make a loving impact in our local area. Mild to wild...we've got some ideas for you! Age, gender, extrovert or introvert, new Christian or been around for a while, here are some things you could jump into or create from scratch. Join us! And, if you like, bring dreams and ideas to share!

**5. How to turn leading a church event from a chore to a joyful ministry**

—Bob Field, Mt. Scott COG Layperson

Learn effective leadership skills that will assure that all who serve will have a pleasant, meaningful, experience; AND will look forward to doing it again.

**6. How to discover "The Joys of Scripture Discoveries" -- an introduction to the Lectionary.**

—Gale Hency, Active Layperson, although a retired pastor, Mt. Scott COG

In our session we will look at what the Lectionary is; how it's guidelines lead to the best scripture study available (Guidelines by Dr. John Johnson); and a practice session. Bring your favorite Bible translation or your iPhone Bible App (YouVersion would be great).

**7. How can the church help with those affected by death, divorce and other types of grief?**

—Kelly & Dave Whipps, Holladay Park COG laypersons

We will discuss the effects of loss from the death of a loved one, from divorce, from loss of job, from childlessness, etc.

## SESSION 2

(Choose ONE conference from Session 2 and enter it on the registration form.)

**8. How to stop worrying about numbers.**

—Matt Ingalls, Lead Pastor, River Street COG, Newberg, OR

Pastors and leaders are constantly confronting the issue of congregational growth. What if we were never called to be congregation-growers? What if all the energy we spend on growth strategy might actually be impeding the Gospel. Come for a time of thinking about the Bible, growth, and faithfulness.

**9. How to Live and Love after a Life Changing Diagnosis**

—Cindy & Steve Pollard, Mt. Scott COG Laypersons

Inspired by the book 'Being Mortal' by Atul Gawande and 'Love Does' by Bob Goff, we are learning to navigate the challenges of living with Parkinson's Disease. We hope we can encourage others to embrace life regardless of the circumstances and find the freedom to discuss some of the topics that are vital yet often silenced.

**10. How-to put Faith in Action: Examining Our Perceptions When We Serve**

—Jenny & Bobby Mihsill

In this workshop, we will discuss the challenge of going beyond our church's or organization's perception of the needs of those we serve. The Mihsills will share how they face this tension in the context of the Church of God in West Africa and, together, we will have dialogue about the challenges of putting faith into action when serving those living in poverty both near us and abroad. Repeated in Session 3.



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**12. How to find your next pastor**

—David New, *Interim Pastor First Church of God, Springfield, OR*

What churches need to do to find their next pastor.

**13. Learn the How-to of The Power of the Inbox: Tips and Tricks for Successful Marketing**

—Albert Kaufman, *Constant Contact*

This workshop will provide a six step process for organizing ministry teams that multiply.

**14. How to make your Vision stick.**

—Mike Mugford, Jeff Marble, David Shrou, and Sandra Salisbury

How church leaders can make sure the vision God has given them can stick into the hearts and lives of those in their church.

**SESSION 3**

(Choose ONE conference from Session 3 and enter it on the registration form.)

**15. How to affirm and support God's call on women in ministry**

—Jenny Elliot, *Associate Pastor, Friendly Street Church of God, Eugene, OR*

God calls both men and women to ministry. Receive helpful resources as you come & hear from a women in ministry panel. We will discuss ways men and women can affirm and support each other's unique calls.

**16. How-to, from the church’s perspective, respond regarding black lives matter.**

—Charles Hunter, *Lead Pastor, Neighborhood Community Church of God, Portland, OR*

Honest thoughts on black lives matter, the church and real reconciliation. Discussions to include conversation regarding PDX Don’t Shoot Portland and Community Policing powerful communication tool that will help you in everyday life.

**17. How to do some new ideas for hands on crafts for preschoolers**

—Buffy Rivas, *Preschool Sunday School Teacher (for the last 20 years) and aunt of a 3 year old!*

Learn fun crafts for preschoolers you can do every day. Bring and dress in clothes that can get messy, paint will be involved and you get to take your art home with you.

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**19. How-to make the Gospel approachable for Young Nonbelievers**

—Matt Ingalls, *Lead Pastor, River Street COG, Newberg*

I'm (Matt) tired of watching my friends lose their faith. I'm even more tired of the many Christian efforts that have pushed these friends away from the good news about Jesus. Join me for a frank conversation about how the book of Acts might help us re-engage young people who've never had or have lost faith.

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**21. How to Tell a Story**

—David Shrou (*Recently Retired District Pastor, Association of Churches of God OR/SW WA*)

Storytelling can improve your sermons, Sunday School class, and teaching to children or grandchildren. Come and discover this powerful communication tool that will help you in everyday life.



# DRIVING DIRECTIONS

Holladay Park Church of God  
2120 NE Tillamook Street—Portland, Oregon 97212  
<http://www.holladayparkchog.org>

### From the East:

From I-84 West, take exit 2 toward 43rd Ave. Turn left onto NE Halsey St. Turn right onto NE Cesar E Chavez Blvd. Take the 2nd left onto NE Broadway. Turn right onto NE 24th Ave. Take the 3rd left onto NE Tillamook St. Church will be on the left.

### From the South:

From I-5 North toward Portland, (I-84/Seattle) take Broadway-Weidler exit 302A toward Moda Center. Keep right to take the Weidler St. ramp. Merge onto NE Weidler. Turn left onto NE 21st Ave. Turn right onto NE Tillamook. Church will be on the right.

### From Downtown Portland:

From the Morrison Bridge, take a slight left to stay on SE Morrison Bridge. Take the 1st left onto SE Grand Ave. Turn right onto NE Weidler St. Turn left onto NE 21st Ave. Turn right onto NE Tillamook St. Church will be on the right.

### From the North:

From I-5 South, take a slight right onto U.S. 30 E (signs for I-84 E/The Dalles). Continue onto I-84 E. Take exit 1 for 33rd Ave. Turn left onto NE 33rd Ave. Take the 1st left onto NE Broadway. Turn right onto NE 24th Ave. Take the 3rd left onto NE Tillamook St. Church will be on the left.

*Holladay Park has 2 parking lots available: NE 21st as well as on NE Tillamook*

## REGISTRATION: How-To Convention 2017

Holladay Park Church of God

January 28, 2017

We appreciate your pre-registrations for food and room preparations.

PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO REGISTER BY JANUARY 19.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Church \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**INDIVIDUAL RATE:** \$25 if postmarked by January 19

\$40 if postmarked after January 19

**GROUP RATE:** \$150 per church group (up to 10) postmarked by January 19\*

\$200 per church group (up to 10) if postmarked *after* January 19\*

**NUMBER ATTENDING:** \_\_\_\_\_

INDIVIDUAL RATE:

\$25 if postmarked before/by January 19th; \$40 if postmarked after January 19. Please include your workshop choices.

GROUP RATE:

\$150 per church group (up to 10) if postmarked before/by January 19. If postmarked after January 19, \$200 per church group (up to 10). Please add \$5.00 for any additional persons over 10. We need to have total # attending including their names and conference choices, as well, for head-of-time set-up.

Registration fee includes lunch.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO CREDIT CARD/DEBIT CARD OPTIONS THIS CONVENTION!!!!

### SEND REGISTRATION and MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

Association of the Churches of God

P.O. Box 18000

Salem, OR 97305

### CONFERENCE CHOICES:

Choose one conference from each session and indicate the conference number below.

Session 1 (1-7): \_\_\_\_\_ Session 2 (8-14): \_\_\_\_\_ Session 3 (15-21): \_\_\_\_\_