

Launch 32 Conference

A TWO-DAY MULTIPLICATION CONVERSATION

[Communication Packet]

What: For almost a decade now, pastors from Ohio, Michigan, and Indiana have gathered in late August in Lima, Ohio. The goal of this one-day event was to spark conversations about multiplication among our Movement in the Midwest, and it has certainly accelerated the multiplication thinking throughout the region.

With the addition of Illinois Ministries to the Midwest Multiplication Initiative, now a four-state partnership along with Healthy Growing Churches, we have asked some important questions about this annual event.

Do we still want to host an annual event for the region? Yes!

Is it time to make some changes to this event? Yes!

Is it time for a name change? Yes!

Therefore, we are changing the event's location and adjusting the format, and we are excited to introduce a new name for the event!

The Launch 32 Conference will be the new annual gathering for pastors and church leaders from Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, and Illinois! The purpose of this event each year will be to inspire, challenge, and provide resources for church leaders throughout the region to launch new multiplication ventures.

We are also thrilled to announce that Rob Wegner and Patrick O'Connell will be our presenters this year (see bios below). Rob and Patrick are key thought leaders in the multiplication conversation in the U.S. and beyond. They are both leading on the cutting edge of several kingdom multiplication efforts. We have no doubt their voices will inspire, challenge, and provide resources for us in August. Mark your calendars and plan to attend the inaugural Launch 32 Conference!

When: Monday, August 21st, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Tuesday, August 22nd, from 9 a.m. to Noon. We have purposefully left the evening of August 21st open in the schedule, and we hope attendees will use this time for networking and building relationships.

Where: County Line Church in Auburn, Indiana will be hosting this event. County Line Church is located just north of Fort Wayne, Indiana. This puts us more toward the center of our new regional partnership boundaries. County Line's address is: 7716 N. County Line Road E., Auburn, IN 46706.

Register: Registration is FREE so plan to bring your whole team! You can register today at this [link](#).

Recommended Accommodations:

Hampton Inn Ft. Wayne/Dupont Road

3520 East Dupont Road Fort Wayne, Indiana 46825

Rates: \$99.00 For two queens \$109.00 For king rooms

Reservations: *You can reserve either room options by using this [link](#).* You can also call the hotel and make reservations over the phone. Use this number (260.483.3999) and tell them you are with the Launch 32 Conference.

***Reservations must be made by July 21st, 2023. After that date, the discount and code will no longer be valid.*

2023 Speakers Bios:

Rob Wegner

Rob is a ragamuffin who lives to love Jesus, his wife, Michelle his daughters - Maddie, Whit, & Bell, and his extended spiritual family in his neighborhood. He's also one of the founding leaders and directors of the Kansas City Underground and serves as the north American Director of NewThing, a global tribe equipping catalytic leaders in every nation of the world who believe in working together to planting churches and advancing the Jesus Mission.



Rob is also the Director of Microchurch Next for Leadership Network. Prior to that Rob was a teaching pastor at Granger Community Church for 22 years in Northern Indiana, and then eight years Westside Family Church in Kansas City. His latest book is *The Starfish and the Spirit: Unleashing the Leadership Potential of Churches and Organizations* is his latest book, which he co-wrote with Lance Ford and Alan Hirsch.

Patrick O'Connell

Patrick O'Connell is the Global Director of NewThing. He is passionate about helping people start new things in the Kingdom worldwide. He also leads the global team at Community Christian Church in Chicago.



Patrick became the Global Director of NewThing in 2013. Since then, he has grown the scope and scale of the organization to serve thousands of people in 45 countries.

Patrick wants to leverage his knowledge, experiences, and understanding of church planting and the Kingdom to help leaders start contextual and Kingdom-focused churches. He believes collaboration between churches is vital for the shift to movement.

Patrick is the co-author of, *Together, Pursuing the Great Collaboration*. He has created tools and platforms to help leaders reproduce at all levels and collaborate, including the NewThing Movement System. He regularly speaks at conferences and leader gatherings and always takes advantage of an opportunity to join a podcast. Patrick is married to Nancy. He is a new grandfather to Ezra. He likes to run, read and hang out with friends.