

Launch 32 Conference

A MULTIPLICATION CONVERSATION

August 20, 2024

10 AM to 4 PM
County Line Church in Auburn, Indiana
7716 N County Line Road E | Auburn IN 46706

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 changed the event's name and location!

The Launch 32 Conference is 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 Daniel Yang will be our presenter this year (see bios below). Daniel is key thought leader in the multiplication conversation in the U.S. and beyond. Daniel is also leading on the cutting edge of a kingdom multiplication effort in Chicagoland. His voice will inspire, challenge, and provide resources as we seek to be future ready churches. Mark your calendars and plan to attend the 2024 version of the Launch 32 Conference!

When: Tuesday, August 20th, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Where: County Line Church in Auburn, Indiana will be hosting this event. County Line Church is located just north of Fort Wayne, Indiana. County Line's address is: 7716 N. County Line Road E., Auburn, IN 46706.

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

Recommended Accommodations: Holiday Inn Express & Suites Fort Wayne North | 10040 Diebold Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46825 | Rates: \$105.00 for two queens

Reservations: *You can reserve rooms by using this [link](#). You can also call the hotel and make reservations over the phone. Use this number (260) 498-8915) and tell them you are with the Launch 32 Conference/Healthy Growing Churches. **Reservations must be made by July 29th, 2024. After that date, the discount and code will no longer be valid.*

DANIEL YANG BIO

Daniel Yang has helped and influenced church networks and movements across North America as a conference speaker, convener, and mission strategy consultant. He has planted churches and trained church planters in global cities in North America including Detroit, Dallas, Toronto, and Chicago.



Yang now serves as the National Director of Churches of Welcome for World Relief. Prior to that he was the director of the Church Multiplication Institute at the Wheaton College Billy Graham Center. Daniel has been a pastor, church planter, engineer and technology consultant. He earned a B.S. in Computer Science from the University of Michigan, an M.Div. from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and is now pursuing a Ph.D. in Intercultural Studies at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. He is also the co-author of *Inalienable: How Marginalized Kingdom Voices Can Help Save the American Church* (InterVarsity, May 2022) and *Becoming a Future-Ready Church: 8 Shifts To Encourage and Empower the Next Generation of Leaders* (Zondervan, October 2024).

“I’m married to Linda and we have four sons named Justin, Conor, Joel, and John-Abraham and one daughter named Sara. I grew up in Detroit in a neighbourhood dominated by gangs, violence, and failing schools. I graduated from the University of Michigan and had an eight-year career in software before becoming a pastor. At the age of twenty-four, I began having doubts about God, church, and Christianity. This began a secret two-year journey of struggle which eventually led me to enroll in seminary to learn more about the Bible, theology, and philosophy.”

I currently serve as the Director of the [Send Institute](#) at the Billy Graham Center at Wheaton College where I lead and oversee all of its initiatives. Prior to directing the institute, I planted a church in Toronto where I also helped recruit, assess, and train church planters through the Send Network and the Release Initiative. I served on various church staffs including Northwood Church, led by Bob Roberts Jr., where I was mentored as a church planter and was involved in global and multi-faith engagement.

I earned an M.Div. from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, a B.S. in Computer Science from the University of Michigan, and am currently a Ph.D. Intercultural Studies student at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School.”

Launch 32 Conference

Training Schedule | Daniel Yang

Session #1 - Hear: The Past, Present, and Future Trends for Church Planting

The purpose of this session is to help leaders have a fresh lens and a fresh *why* to think about church planting. This session focuses on the major trends that are impacting church planting now and into the future. We will also examine the last few decades of church planting, and discuss cultural shifts both inside and outside the church influencing how emerging leaders understand the mission of God in North America, and particularly how to frame the need for church planting in a way that makes sense to a new generation.

Session #2 - Head: Multiplication Shifts from Swords to Plowshares

The purpose of this session is to help leaders think about strategic shifts that need to happen within their church and organization in order to create more lanes for developing missional leaders. This session focuses on reimagining leadership models and structures so that there are more entry points and pathways to develop missional leaders for the future. We will look at a few case studies of churches that are developing missional leaders from the inside and raising them up to send them out. We will discuss how multiplication happens at the margin of an organization.

Session #3 - Hand: Developing a 4-1-4-1 for a Church Planting Church

The purpose of this session is to help leaders develop a personal and practical plan for their church to develop an internal missional leaders pathway. For some, it may feel like a radical reorientation of their church programs away from developing volunteers and more so to disciple Jesus followers pursuing God's mission in their families, neighborhoods, and communities. Each participant will walk away with a 3-5 year vision for re-orienting their church culture around the eternal purpose and mission of God.

Session #4 - Heart: The Importance of Healthy Self-Leadership

The purpose of this session is to minister directly to church leaders, and to call them up by gently and humbly calling them out. It will be designed to challenge leaders to grow in their mental, emotional, and spiritual capacity, and to lead from the heart and not just the head and hands. There will be a prayer activity to facilitate hearing from God, and ministry to one another.