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You help CONNECT churches and their leaders. No one should minister alone. We connect pastors and ministry leaders with one another through meetings and cohorts. Mutual encouragement and learning result. Your participation and your giving make these connections a reality.

You help SUPPORT churches and their leaders. When we host events and equip pastors and ministry volunteers, that's you. It's HCN responding to your needs with Kingdom solutions. In 2024, we'll even help enable more pastoral sabbaticals. It wouldn't happen without your participation.

Thankfully, 34 HCN churches partner financially. Unsurprisingly, those churches are also the ones who most often participate in HCN relationships and events. We would love to have 100% partnership in prayer, giving, and cooperation. Can you imagine the greater difference that would make?

Will you join me in encouraging and praying for our churches who do not give and do not participate? As independent churches, we are at our best when we cooperate together in Kingdom efforts.

YOU are HCN. Thank you for your Kingdom partnership!

In Christ, Aaron

As we enter a season of thanks and celebration of our Lord Jesus, we have so much to be thankful for as the Heartland Church Network.

YOU are one of the primary reasons we give thanks beyond our Lord, our salvation, and our calling to serve his Kingdom.

HCN is an ever-expanding, increasingly diverse group of 69 cooperating Baptist churches in Nebraska, Iowa, and South Dakota. YOU make that a reality.

When you partner with HCN through your prayers, participation, and financial support:

You help START new churches. People need a saving relationship with Jesus. We'll start 2024 with 7 church planters receiving financial support. We welcome more planters every year. Your prayers, encouragement, and giving make a great difference.

65TH ANNUAL MEETING

EACH ONE START ONE



Question: What do you get when you combine On the Border Mexican food, great fellowship, and almost 80 HCN messengers? Answer: The Heartland Church Network's 65th Annual Meeting.

The meeting, which was on November 2, 2023, started off with members of the Southview Baptist worship team leading us in one of three worship sets. They were awesome. I know I was lifting my voice up in praise to the LORD.

There were a pair of business sessions during the evening, where we approved last year's minutes and the Financial Report as well as welcomed six new churches to HCN.

- Redemption Hill Bible Church - Hickman
- Imago Dei Church - Omaha
- First Baptist Church - Tekamah
- Iglesia Cristiana Discipulos - Omaha
- Country Bible Church - Bennet
- Restore Español — Yankton, SD

The Ministry Reports, nominations, and Budget were approved.

Aaron Householder presented the *Each One Start One* theme interpretation and then we received partnership reports from:

- Christian Challenge - Zane Sherrer, *UNL Challenge*
- Send Network - Dr. Ryan Johnston, *Send Network (NAMB)*
- Church Forward - Dr. John Shields, *Church Forward (KNCSB)*

Finally, there were three *Each One Start One* testimonies. These were presented by: Pastor Ben Lennander, *Sower Church, Lincoln*; Pastor Sam Larson, *Redemption Hill Bible Church, Hickman*; Crystal Beland, *Renewed Hope, LaVista* with Pastor Ty Woznek, *Heartland Church, Norfolk*.

Our gracious hosts were the fine folks at Renewed Hope in La Vista and they did a great job at making the whole evening go off without a hitch!

Dave Graves, HCN Project Manager

2023 PIVOT

What a joy to gather a full house for PIVOT 2023! Sunday evening, August 27th, sisters and brothers, from across our association, gathered to fill the HCN building with fellowship, encouragement, and learning.

Pastor Keith Strasburger of Parkview Baptist Church, Lexington brought two powerful keynote addresses on Relational Discipleship. For genuine discipleship to take place, one needs a biblical foundation, an intentional leader, a relational environment, a reproducible process, and alignment. Genuine and honest, engaging and humorous, Keith challenged and encouraged all who were present.

The 10 Breakout Session topics included: Do's & Don'ts for Church Websites & Social Media by Pastor Kevin Ferstl, *Church Forward, Topeka*; How Can I Ask Better Questions? by Pastor David Chatwell, *Southview, Lincoln*; Dr. Bret Welstead, *New Covenant, Lincoln*, on Growing Disciples through Worship Ministry; Jose Pabon, *Heartland Community, Sioux City* on Engagement with Others—A Leadership Style.

Plan now to join us for PIVOT 2024 in its new season. Bring your whole ministry team, on Saturday, February 17, 2024, to the HCN building in Omaha, Nebraska.

ANNOUNCING: KIDMIN! HCN'S CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEER CONFERENCE!



We are thrilled to announce KidMin! A Conference for Children's Ministry Leaders. Join us at the HCN building in Omaha, on **Saturday, August 10, 2024, 9:30AM - 1:30PM** for fellowship, learning, and encouragement.

Who? Your church is filled with faithful volunteers who serve in children's ministry week in, and week out for years or even decades. Through their commitment to children, these amazing ministry leaders make an eternal difference.

Why? When was the last time your volunteers had the opportunity to learn with children's ministry leaders from other churches? We'll be encouraged together in the great work of leading girls and boys to Jesus and discipling them as they grow up.

How? We're envisioning a fun, interactive training event with a keynote that will apply to all children's ministry volunteers and breakouts allowing each person to customize their experience. We'll fellowship over lunch too.



When? We believe children's ministry is so vitally important, we've moved our general leadership conference, PIVOT, to February to make space for our KidMin Conference in August. That way you can use HCN's KidMin! Conference as a kick-off for your fall Children's Ministry calendar.

Please add KidMin! to your church calendar and personal calendars now—Saturday, August 10. We want a great start because we've got a great purpose, winning and growing girls and boys in Jesus. :-)

(Want to join the planning team or just learn more now? Contact Aaron, 402-770-7291.)



SAVE THE DATE!

**Saturday,
August 10, 2024
9:30AM - 1:30PM**

HAVE YOU WANTED TO BE BETTER
EQUIPPED TO SERVE THE CHURCH
THROUGH BIBLICAL EDUCATION?

START NOW

The Heartland Church Network offers accredited Bible college classes in partnership with Spurgeon College and Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Earn a diploma in Christian Studies or a certificate in:

- Biblical Studies
- Pastoral Ministry
- Christian Studies

This Spring 2024, join us for **U-HT 450 The Church**, a survey of the development of the Baptist identity and polity, with special reference to the essence, purpose, and governance of the New Testament church. Attention is given to the history and structure of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Register Now:

<https://share.hsforms.com/1zExo3DhSQZCiDcjgUWLtpw3lggp>

Deadline January 8, 2024.

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JANUARY 18TH – MAY 2ND, 2024

THURSDAYS | 6:00PM - 9:00PM

HCN, OMAHA, NE

Available on Zoom

Course fee | \$25.00

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LOOKING AHEAD

Annual Pastors & Staff Christmas Fellowship January 6, 2024



The Annual Christmas Fellowship will be held on January 6, 2024, at the Millard Social Hall. This event serves as a time of encouragement and fellowship amongst HCN's ministry leaders and staff. Please reserve your seat by December 28, 2023.

heartlandchurchnetwork.org/christmas-fellowship

Actionable Learning and Genuine Relationships are the goals of our Pastor's Meetings. You will not want to miss the dynamic Pastor Andy Addis of the Crosspoint Network of Churches. He'll be presenting on the topic of Rhythms to help protect your life. Join us at 11:30AM, Thursday, February 1st in Fremont. Lunch and a copy of Andy's book will be provided for free

ANDY ADDIS

EVANGELISM DIRECTOR

CHURCH FORWARD



PASTORS MEETING
FEBRUARY 1, 2024

**NEW PIVOT
NEW LEADERSHIP
NEW CONFERENCE
FEB 17 2024**

Plan now to join us for PIVOT 2024 in its new season. Bring your whole ministry team on Saturday, February 17, 2024, from 3:30 - 8:30PM at the HCN building, in Omaha.

The 2024 Minister & Spouse Retreat has a NEW LOCATION: the beautiful Marriott Courtyard in the historic and happening Lincoln Haymarket. Come enjoy this time of refreshing featuring Dr. George and Diane Pearson as our speakers.

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Minister *and* Spouse Retreat

May 3-4, 2024

Courtyard Marriott in the
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