

Call for Sectionals for 2024 Spring Pastors' Conference

Introduction: Thanks to a vote taken at our Fall Pastors' Conference in Rapid City in October, we have an extra day to be together. Recognizing that our Pastors' Conferences afford us the opportunity to forge and foster brotherhood, my desire is to capitalize on the extra time we have voted ourselves. One way we will do this is by learning from each other. There are several pastors in the beloved SD District who have done significant and helpful work in various areas through post-M.Div. studies and degrees. We are setting aside a portion of our conference this year to offer the opportunity for these brothers to share what they have learned with the rest of us. Thus, a call for sectionals.

Qualifications: We are especially asking those who have either completed or are a significant way toward completion of degrees such as D.Min., STM, PhD, etc. You should have a topic that is applicable to pastoral ministry and a willingness to share what you have learned.

Format: Depending on the number of sectionals we end up with, we will schedule one or more break-out sessions to run for one hour each with a brief break between them. One hour session should include the following:

1. Introduction to your topic – why did you decide to learn about it?
2. Major findings – anything that especially surprised you?
3. Application to ministry – what can your audience take back to their ministry and use?
4. Q & A

Abstract: If you are willing to be one of the sectional speakers, please provide me with a brief biography of yourself and a clear idea of what participants will learn about if they attend your presentation.

Biography: Name, advanced degree and name of institution that awarded it/them, where you serve and number of years, and family info

Abstract: Name of your presentation, why it is important to you, what you plan to share with participants, and what participants will be able to use in their own ministries

Resources Available: (Please specify what you need)

Projection and screen

Pre-print your handouts for you

Podium

Microphone

If you have other needs, please specify

Honorarium: \$100

Additional Time: In visiting with some potential presenters, there was concern that the one-hour time might be too constraining. I have two potential solutions. First, you might do two separate sessions. Second, you might set aside some time for those interested in learning more during the Tuesday afternoon free time.

Questions/Comments/Suggestions: This is a starting place. If you have specific questions, needs, etc., please do not hesitate to reach out to me. My ultimate goal is that this be a relationship building time of fellowship in which we learn from each other. I welcome any suggestions that will help us reach this goal.

Conclusion: Thank you for the work that you have done in ministry and in going above and beyond to grow in a specific area of ministry through further education. Thank you for sharing what you have learned with us. I hope you will agree to lead a sectional.