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"Conversational Evangelism" Gives Laity a Voice to Share Their Faith

"As the young man approached Professor Jack Jackson, I could sense the earnest need to ask the question driving him forward," Jane Boatwright Wood, President of The Foundation for Evangelism, shared of an encounter at Good Shepherd Methodist Church in Seoul, Korea. "He began by relating a situation so many of us will find relatable, '*I am asking my friends to say yes to Jesus, but they have not said yes. How am I failing?*'"

On a Saturday afternoon in March, 500 passionate Christians gathered at Good Shepherd Methodist Church (Seoul, Korea) to participate in an afternoon of learning called "Conversational Testimony." This event was the culmination of the partnership between professor and author, Rev. Dr. Jack Jackson, Senior Pastor Rev. Dr. Dawe "David" Kim, and the Foundation for Evangelism.

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Foundation Team at Nazarene General Assembly

The Foundation for Evangelism team was a sponsor at the Church of the Nazarene General Assembly in Indianapolis, Ind. from June 9-12. The team had the chance to visit with attendees at the exhibit hall, and also sponsored a Nazarene Theological Seminary (NTS) Alumni breakfast. Dr. Stephen Gunter, an NTS graduate and retired clergy member who now serves as the Foundation's director of the E. Stanley Jones Professor of Evangelism Program, shared that the General Assembly has the feel of a camp meeting or family reunion, and that for many attendees it is a chance to connect and celebrate. Rev. Dr. Heather Lear wrote about the experience and the hunger for connection and resources for small to medium-sized churches she encountered through the many conversations.

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Teaching People About Jesus - on TikTok?

When many people think of a "mission field," they think of remote or challenging physical places. Yet a group of churches that received a [2022 Equipping the Local Church Grant](#) made the challenging online spaces of TikTok and YouTube their mission field.

Pastor Michael Madden with the Sangamon River District Digital Discipleship Plan is one of the familiar faces behind a series of videos that seeks to provide accurate, understandable, and easily accessible information about the Gospel on the internet and social media, specifically TikTok and YouTube. Unlike many content creators on these social media channels, which can be divisive or hostile to certain groups of people, the "Teach Me About Jesus" series bridges the context between the Old Testament scriptures and the life and ministry of Jesus Christ, to spread a message of hope, love, grace, and peace to those who desperately need it.

[Read the Full Story](#)

[Watch on Tiktok](#)



Celebrating Exceptional Ministries of Evangelism

The Harry Denman Evangelism Awards

This year's Harry Denman Evangelism Award Recipients are an example of exceptional evangelism expressed in word, sign, and deed, that help others begin a life-transforming relationship with Jesus Christ. The stories of these recipients are moving and inspiring!

Joan Boothe - North Alabama UMC

Rev. Ted Amey - North Alabama UMC

Elijah John McCoy Washington - North Georgia UMC

Nancy Yates - North Georgia UMC

Rev. Brett DeHart - North Georgia UMC

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