



RHM Prayer Newsletter: 2024 Church Planting and Evangelism Conference



We were so thankful to our gracious God for an outstanding, very practical conference on church planting and evangelism on Saturday, October 5th! We had folks attend from the Presbyteries of the Mid Atlantic and the Southeast, and some who are not in the OPC, but who said they appreciate our devotion and biblical wisdom in church planting and evangelism. We are thankful to all who served to make this conference a spiritual success and especially to Bethel OPC in

Leesburg for their generous hospitality in hosting this special event.



We were blessed to have Dr. Peter Lee, member of PMA Home Missions Committee and Professor of Old Testament at Reformed Theological Seminary, D.C., who guided us through Holy Scripture to see our faithful, covenantal God as the true church planter in Christ by His Holy Spirit. Our promise: ***“I will be your God and you will be my people.”*** The church is the Beloved and Holy Bride of Christ, the chosen race, the royal priesthood, a holy nation (1 Pet. 2:9-10). Rev. Chris Byrd, the Regional Home Evangelist for the Presbytery of New Jersey, encouraged and equipped us all to confident, bold evangelism in our daily

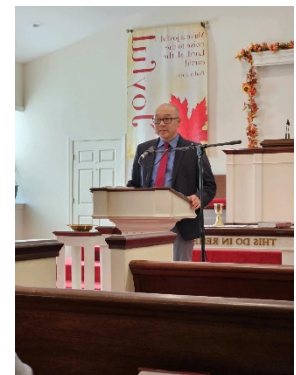


lives, looking to Christ and His power and grace for all of our results. Our Savior makes a promise to all who believe that we should grasp and embrace with “big, bold, believing prayers”:

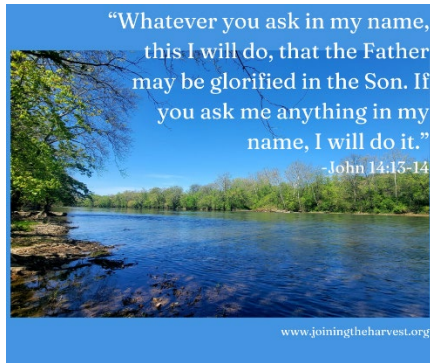
“Truly, truly I say to you, whoever believes in me the will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it” (John 14:12-14).



Rev. Byrd also inspired us with a very practical way of sharing the gospel using Ezekiel 36:25-27. Our God in Christ will cleanse us from our idolatry and unbelief,



give us a new heart, and put His Spirit within us, so that we will be a holy and humble people positionally and progressively by His grace and power! Both of our speakers exuded the love of Jesus Christ, and a submission to the Holy Spirit through His word.



Some of those who attended our conference responded with helpful feedback: *“The conference exceeded my expectations. The conference began with a biblical-theological demonstration by Dr. Peter Lee from the Old to the New Testaments that evangelism is an integral feature of the gospel itself, and ended with a very practical, understandable, down-to-earth demonstration by Rev. Chris Byrd of how to share the good news with neighbors and friends. It was outstanding!”* / *“Have you ever thought of God Himself as the original church planter? Peter Lee wove a rich biblical tapestry demonstrating this fact, and thus heartening us to further take up the task of church planting.”* / *“Dr. Lee and Rev. Byrd both gave very biblical and useful talks in the seminar to encourage us in church planting and evangelism, and it was in a very welcoming and cheerful atmosphere led by the deacons of the church and the regional home missionary...I wish more could have attended!”* / *“The seminar was both very biblical and very practical. I am motivated to reach out both to neighbors and to strangers and know how to begin.”* / If you were unable to attend, the conference was recorded for you!



We highly recommend watching this conference as individuals, families, and Sunday school and/or bible study times to stir you up and equip you for faithful and joyful evangelism.

Watch this very encouraging and important 2024 conference on church planting and evangelism:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nsmRATvqkPw>

Our prayers and hopes for each of these church planting and evangelism seminars: Exalt and gaze upon the Risen-Ascended-Enthroned **CHRIST** together; Grow in **COMPASSION** for the lost; **CONNECT** with one another for edification and church planting; **COMMIT** yourself afresh to the Great Commission; and **CULTIVATE** a culture of evangelism in your family and congregation.



Please pray that our faithful God will bring much fruit from this year’s conference and seminar: new life in Christ, new converts, new members, and renewed faith-many blessings!! We are already planning our next Church Planting and Evangelism Seminar for April 2026!

Our RHM and Home Missions Vision: *Prayerfully and passionately joining the harvest through a Christ-saturated, Spirit filled ministry of serving, declaring, orienting, and encouraging God’s people to faithfully do, as well as to generously support church planting and evangelism in the PMA of the OPC for the glory of God and the extension of Christ’s kingdom.*

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