

AN APPROPRIATE THEME



One of Baltimore's famed residents, Edgar Allan Poe penned "The Raven" with its haunting retort from the poem's antagonist: "Nevermore." In the city where the poet succumbed to substance abuse, and where Baltimoreans are working to write a new stanza for "Charm City," we'll come together to reclaim the word *Nevermore*.

Nevermore will we be caught without a crisis response plan.

Nevermore will we have a narrowly focused funding strategy.

Nevermore will we neglect building collaborative relationships.

Nevermore will we assume that nothing the government offers will benefit us.

Nevermore will we be silent about crime in our cities and injustices in society.

Nevermore...

Moreover, the people you serve every day are striving for new life, even as their old lives call after them. So with Baltimore's Inner Harbor as the backdrop, we'll explore new ways to help them break

the bonds of addiction, regain health, restore relationships, escape homelessness, earn living wages, and launch into a new life. We want

to hear them say these uplifting words: "Because of the power of the gospel, I can spread my wings and soar, *nevermore* to return to my old ways."

And as we look at the future with new data and insights, let's commit to *nevermore* rest on past successes, but instead, push forward with more intentionality, fresh vision, stronger partnerships, creative innovations, and a renewed commitment to transform lives.



NEVER MORE

Citygate Network Annual Conference and Exposition
June 2-5, 2021 • Hilton Baltimore Inner Harbor • Maryland



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YOUR INVITATION

Dear Members and Friends,

Citygate Network people love to come together for inspiration, education, and fun. That’s why our Annual Conference and Exposition is always a fabulous four-day festival for the soul. God is honored and gospel-focused ministry issues are explored in an upbeat atmosphere.



COVID-19 took that away from us in May 2020. Even so, we successfully pushed ahead with a smaller, beginning-of-September event for a bunch of our members who were “Zoomed out” after months on duty and desperately in need of in-person connections with peers. It went extremely well.

But now we’re back on track to hold our usual, highly acclaimed big gathering in 2021. It will be on the East Coast, in Baltimore, with its picturesque and playful Inner Harbor. Peruse these pages and check out all that’s in store.

This is our “Early-Bird” brochure that will help you and your team plan. With the Early-Bird, you get the best rates for you and your team. (NOTE: We’re setting aside our normal cancelation policy so anyone who is nervous about what might be happening in June of 2021 can still register without risk.)

Our world has had most of a year to perfect the art of video conferencing, virtual meetings, online learning, and distance education. We’ve gotten a whole lot better—well, at least some of us have—at facilitating such confabs, but the agreement is almost universal: There’s nothing like the real thing. Togetherness. Live Q&A with experts. Informal fellowship with peers. Inspiration through testimonies and song. Prayer with ministry partners. Total presence. God willing, that’s where we’re heading.

Let’s get back together in Baltimore!

John Ashmen
President



NEVER MORE

GREAT SPEAKERS AND WORSHIP

We'll welcome to our platform some incredible speakers and musicians whose encouraging words—spoken and sung—will highlight the event.



JOSH LINDSTROM is a gifted teacher with a track record of faithful, engaging church leadership. For 20 years, he has served as lead pastor of multi-site churches in Colorado and North Carolina. His heart for ministry is the bold proclamation of God's Word—emphasizing the truth of Scripture and its practical application. A Canadian with roots in Estonia, Josh is still involved in international ministry, but home is now in the Rockies with his wife and three boys and five growing church campuses.



LINA ABUJAMRA trained as a pediatric emergency room doctor but chose to pursue her passion to empower people with biblical truth, founding Living with Power Ministries. As a popular Bible teacher, blogger, speaker, and author, she reaches listeners through weekly podcasts, daily devotionals, and a Moody Radio program. Born in Beirut, Lebanon, Lina now calls Chicago home but is engaged in several projects to bring hope and healing to Syrian refugees in the Middle East.



RUSS TAFF was the fourth of five sons born to a Pentecostal preacher. He survived an abusive childhood to launch a trailblazing career as a Christian contemporary recording artist, singing with the Imperials and the Gaither Vocal Band before establishing a successful solo career. A 2018 documentary revealed Russ' lifelong struggle with alcoholism, shifting his ministry to include a testimony of recovery from shame and addiction. He and his wife, Tori, have two daughters and live in Tennessee.



CRAWFORD LORITTS serves as senior pastor of Fellowship Bible Church in Roswell, Georgia. A popular speaker at venues around the world—including churches, colleges, conferences, Super Bowls, and the Pentagon—Crawford has authored nine books and earned multiple degrees. He hosts two national radio programs, "Living a Legacy" and "Legacy Moments," and sits on several boards, including Cru. Crawford and his wife, Karen, raised four children, and now enjoy 11 grandchildren.

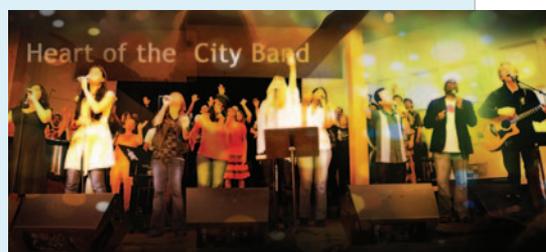


JO SAXTON is an author, podcast host, leadership coach, and speaker—featured in the 2019 Global Leadership Summit. Born in London to parents who immigrated from Nigeria, Jo has a bold, tenacious, effervescent approach to sharing her wisdom on identity, influence, and living an authentic life. She is characterized by honesty and approachability, giving audiences practical next steps forward. Jo and her husband, Chris, live with their two daughters in the Minneapolis area.



CHARLES MAASZ comes to us from Glasgow, Scotland, where he recently took the reins as CEO of the Glasgow City Mission—the oldest in the world. In 1997, the Lord restored Charles from a life of drug dependency, mental health issues, and bad choices. He spent the ensuing years following hard after God. Charles and his wife, Adelle, have almost finished raising the last of their three children and have begun reaping the rewards of grandparenting.

HEART OF THE CITY BAND is a music group that is as varied in its genre as it is professional in its sound. Each one of the diverse members has an amazing testimony—many include escaping addiction and darkness through a revolutionary relationship with Jesus. If you have a favorite style of music, you'll likely hear it and be able to worship to it during our four days together. Heart of the City was founded and is led by Dan and Sandy Adler of Minneapolis.



A FULL SLATE OF SEMINARS

Our 65 seminars will be presented in the following tracks. Exact topics, with descriptions and presenters, will soon be available on our website.

Client & Culture

Tracking with Global Trends, Legal Issues, and other Critical Ministry Topics

Strategic Thinking

Inspiring Intentionality and Vision for Ministry Leaders at All Levels

Operations & Administration I & II

Galvanizing Ministries with Best Practices in HR, Finances, Facilities, and Technology

Transformational Programming I & II

Inspiring Life-Changing Programs Toward Next-Level Outcomes

Counseling

Merging Clinical Approaches with Ministerial Heart

Resource Development I & II

Rousing Transformational Giving with Cutting-Edge Strategies

Social Enterprise & Retail

Catalyzing Entrepreneurial Spirit for Ministry Outcomes and Resource Growth

Public Image & Branding

Energizing Deeper Community Connections and Collaborative Partnerships

Government Relations

Influencing Policy and Amplifying the Voice of Ministry Leaders in the Corridors of Power

Hot Topics

Addressing the Burning Questions and Provocative Subjects of Today and Tomorrow

HISTORICALLY RICH *Baltimore*

Located near the northernmost part of the expansive Chesapeake Bay, Baltimore was established in the early 1700s as a well-protected commodities port and shipbuilding site. Situated between the capital of the colonies (Philadelphia) and eventual capital of the country (Washington), “Charm City”—as it’s often called, factored greatly in the establishment, growth, and development of the country. At Fort McHenry, Baltimore held strong during the War of 1812 and was the inspiration for Francis Scott Key’s poem, “The Star-Spangled Banner.” The city ultimately became a major East Coast seaport and was the terminus for many of the nation’s railroads.

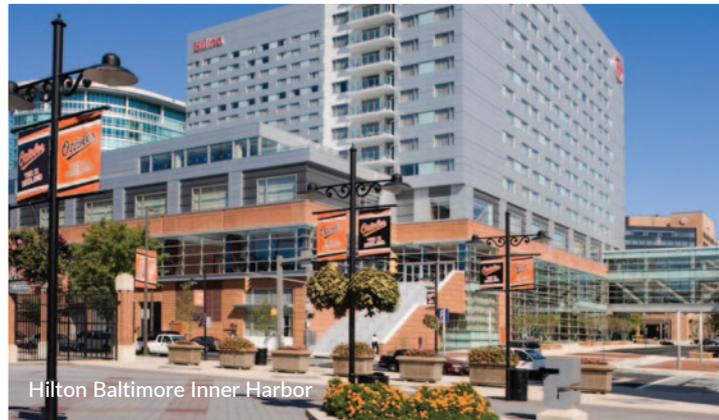
Baltimore deals with the same urban issues that have plagued so many North American cities over the past 70 years, but it’s fighting hard to make a comeback. The revitalized Inner Harbor—where we’ll be—is a vibrant sightseeing hub. It’s rimmed with restaurants and museums, plus the National Aquarium, where you can see 20,000 sea animals in their habitats. The U.S.S. Constellation, the only surviving ship from the Civil War, is moored there. The Orioles’ Camden Yards—immediately next door to our hotel (and they will be at home that week)—was the model for many rebirthed downtown baseball stadiums. There is so much to see and do.



Because of how expensive hotels generally are in the Northeast, Citygate Network (and other ministries) rarely hold events there; but we got a great deal and took advantage of it, knowing it allows members in the area to possibly bring a few more participants and members outside the area to explore the historic and culturally rich Mid-Atlantic states.

Here are some other tourist areas that are relatively close (\pm two hours or under). If you haven't spent a lot of time in this region of the country, consider coming early or extending your stay.

- Washington, D.C.
- Annapolis and the U.S. Naval Academy
- Mount Vernon, Virginia
- Bull Run and Civil War battlefields
- Lancaster County, Pennsylvania
- Philadelphia
- The Delmarva Peninsula and Chincoteague
- Harper's Ferry, West Virginia
- Cape May, New Jersey
- Atlantic beaches



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Washington, D.C.



Annapolis



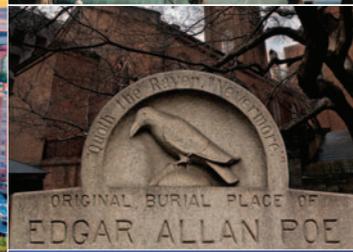
Mount Vernon



U.S.S. Constellation



Bull Run



Harper's Ferry



Atlantic

FOUR VERY FULL DAYS *With Early and Late Options*

This initial schedule will give you a pretty good idea of what to expect and will help you plan your comings and goings. Keep in mind that this far out the program is subject to change, with things being added all the time.



Tuesday, June 1

11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Washington Field Trip 🇺🇸 \$

Fly in to the U.S. capital city and see our favorite sites—including Museum of the Bible—and meet some government officials. We'll take you via motorcoach to Baltimore.

5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
(Continued the next day)

Leading Ladies Retreat 🇺🇸 \$

Our women CEOs from across the continent are meeting ahead of time (starting with dinner) for fellowship, reflection, projection, and support.

6:00 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.

Donor Dinner 🇺🇸 ✉

Informal fellowship, great food, and special announcements for those whose 2020 contributions kept Citygate Network moving forward.

Wednesday, June 2

8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Leading Ladies Retreat 🇺🇸 \$

The event continues and later concludes with a tour and lunch at an incredible nearby ministry called Samaritan Women.

1:45 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Citygate Network 101

An introduction to the organization and its member services for anyone new or anyone wanting a refresher course.

3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Street Rally

Take part in a unique opening event, right outside on the street.

4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

Track Seminars Group 1

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday Evening General Session/Dinner 🇺🇸
with Josh Lindstrom and Heart of the City Band

8:15 p.m. – 9:15 p.m.

District Dessert Reception 🇺🇸

Thursday, June 3

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Public Reading of Scripture

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Thursday Morning General Session 🇺🇸
with Lina AbuJamra and Heart of the City Band

11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Track Seminars Group 2

12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Profession Groups Networking

3:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Track Seminars Group 3

4:15 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.

Exhibit Hall Grand Opening/Dinner 🇺🇸

7:00 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.

Thursday Evening General Session
with Russ Taff and Heart of the City Band

8:45 p.m. – 9:45 p.m.

Exhibit Hall Dessert 🇺🇸

🍷 Food and/or beverage included ✉ By invitation only 💰 Extra cost involved (see registration)

Times, descriptions, and personnel shown throughout this brochure closely parallel the actual program but are for general planning purposes only. The final program may differ slightly in multiple areas. Photos throughout courtesy of Hilton Baltimore Inner Harbor and iStock.

Friday, June 4

- 7:00 a.m. – 7:30 a.m. **Public Reading of Scripture**
- 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. **Exhibit Hall Breakfast** 🍷
- 9:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. **Friday Morning General Session**
with Crawford Loritts and Heart of the City Band
- 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. **Track Seminars Group 4**
- 12:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. **Exhibit Hall Lunch** 🍷
- 2:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. **Government Relations Event**
- 4:00 p.m. – Whenever **Play Ball!**
The hometown Baltimore Orioles host the Cleveland Indians. Sit in the Citygate Network section with a discounted ticket, available online at a later date.

Saturday, June 5

- 7:00 a.m. – 7:30 a.m. **Public Reading of Scripture**
- 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. **Exhibit Hall Breakfast** 🍷
- 9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. **Track Seminars Group 5**
- 10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. **Saturday Morning General Session**
with Jo Saxton and Heart of the City Band
- 12:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **Helping Up Mission Tour** 🍷 💰
Visit our closest member organization and tour their two facilities (one being very new). Helping Up Mission has been publicly recognized for excellence by city, state, and federal officials. It's a must-see mission. This Q&A guided tour of the facilities is a great way to officially end your Baltimore experience.

THE “EARLY-BIRD” RATE

Our best price for the 2021 Annual Conference and Exposition is via the “Early-Bird” special. For our 2021 Baltimore conference, the Early-Bird rate will run from November 17 to December 17, 2020, and is only available online. Our normal cancellation policy states that there is a \$75 cancellation fee once someone is registered (although registrations are always transferable to another previously unregistered guest from a member organization); but for the Baltimore event, all cancellation fees will be set aside through February 28, 2021.



www.citygatenetwork.org/2021conf



REGISTRATION

Please print one name per form. Photocopy as needed.

You can use this form to register at any time, but you can only get the Early-Bird rate if you register online between November 17 and December 17, 2020. Go to www.citygatenetwork.org/2021conf.

Name First Name (for badge)

Mission/Organization

Address

City State/Province ZIP/Postal Code

Phone Email

I am: attending my first conference an Emerging Leader (20s and 30s) a vegetarian gluten free

Check the ONE Professional Network that comes closest to describing your primary involvement with life-transformation ministry.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Management | <input type="checkbox"/> Addiction Specialization | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Coordination | <input type="checkbox"/> Entrepreneurship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Program Management | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Ministry | <input type="checkbox"/> Food Services | |

FULL-TIME PROGRAM FEES

Early-bird rate: \$499

Early Bird Rate is online only and runs from November 17-December 17 for \$499



Faxed or completed online	Dec. 18-Mar. 15	Mar. 16-May 10	After May 10	Your fees
1st Person	\$529	\$559	\$589	\$
2nd Person (from same mission/organization)	\$519	\$549	\$579	\$
3rd Person (from same mission/organization)	\$509	\$539	\$569	\$
4th Person (and more)	\$499	\$529	\$559	\$

PART-TIME PROGRAM FEES

<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday, June 2 Includes opening session, seminar, general session with dinner, and district desserts.	\$129	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday, June 3 Includes two general sessions, two seminars, professional networking, and exhibit hall dinner and dessert.	\$209	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday, June 4 Includes exhibit hall breakfast and lunch, general session, seminar, and government event.	\$179	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday, June 5 Includes exhibit hall breakfast, seminar, and general session.	\$89	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Spouse Sampler See details (right).	\$319	\$

OPTIONAL PROGRAM FEES

<input type="checkbox"/> Washington Field Trip Includes lunch at Central Union Mission, dinner, and transportation to Baltimore. Tuesday, June 1, 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.	\$79	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Leading Ladies Retreat Includes dinner, Samaritan Women tour, and lunch. Tuesday, June 1, 5:30 p.m. – Wednesday, June 2, 1:00 p.m.	\$129	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Helping Up Mission Tour Includes lunch and transportation. Saturday, June 5, 12:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	\$32	\$

Total \$

+ Those not affiliated with a Citygate Network member organization, add 40% \$

Amount Enclosed \$

Check Enclosed (Make check payable to Citygate Network; enclose total amount; manual registrations with checks must be received by the stated deadlines to qualify for discounts.)

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June 2-5, 2021

Hilton Baltimore Inner Harbor
401 West Pratt Street
Baltimore, MD 21201

Register online at
www.citygatenetwork.org/2021conf

Online registration not available for non-members.

QUESTIONS? Call us at (719) 266-8300.

Mail to: Citygate Network
2153 Chuckwagon Road, Suite 100
Colorado Springs, CO 80919
Fax to: (719) 266-8600

Conference Registration Details

The rates shown apply to individual and associate members and their spouses, **plus any other board and staff members of member missions**. All registration fees are always transferable to a previously unregistered guest from a member mission. Any registration changes or additions after May 18 must be made on-site at the Hilton Baltimore Inner Harbor. Registrations canceled before February 28 will not be assessed a cancellation fee. Registrations canceled between March 1 and April 30 will be assessed a \$75 cancellation fee per person. If canceled after April 30, they will be assessed a \$150 cancellation fee per person. Only in cases of family emergencies might the cancellation fee be waived. All refund requests must be in writing and received by Citygate Network no later than Friday, June 18, 2021.

Spouse Sampler

Citygate Network is again offering a spouse rate this year that includes: (1) general sessions and associated meals; (2) district desserts; and (3) Exhibit Hall pass and meals. It is only for spouses who are NOT working full-time at a member mission. Seminars, including those with meals, and other sessions are NOT included.

Hotel Reservations Details

To book your room at the Hilton Baltimore Inner Harbor (\$135/night single/double), visit www.citygatenetwork.org/2021hotel. State and local taxes apply.

IMPORTANT

1. Hotel reservations will also be refundable through February 28, 2021. Beginning March 1 hotel reservations require a non-refundable first night charge.

2. Conference attendees not staying at the Hilton Baltimore Inner Harbor, and those who made their reservations through an online discounter/consolidator, **may be assessed an \$80 or more conference facility usage fee**, payable upon check-in at the Citygate Network Registration/Information Desk.