



# Finding Strength *in* Weakness

## SCHEDULE

5 - 6 Registration/Light Boxed Meal (multiple spaces available to eat)

6 - 6:40 Welcome and Keynote Speaker: Rev. Dr. Marc Neleson: Being a non-anxious leader in anxious times

- Marc is a glad father of three, husband, teacher, writer, lifelong learner, and a pastor to pastors. He is the pastor of Georgetown CRC and the Regional Pastor for Classis Georgetown. He's a listening ear, compassionate presence, occasionally comic, and as he calls it, "a midwife of the soul."

6:40 - 6:45 Break

6:45 - 8:15 Interactive Workshops

### Witness

The New Way of Evangelism (Amy Schenkel, Resonate Global Mission)

Being a witness for Christ isn't always easy. This workshop will introduce the 5 components of sharing the gospel, which are provided in the new curriculum, Witness. You'll get an overview as well as work through a session together.

### Bridging Barriers

Loving Our Cross-Cultural Neighbors (Laura Cronin and Sal Nassar, West Michigan Friendship Center)

The West Michigan Friendship Center is a space for new immigrant and refugee neighbors. Laura and Sal will help us overcome barriers that prevent us from developing relationships with our neighbors from different cultures.

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Mental Health First Aid (Catherine Lanting)

The be nice. Action Plan - 4 Simple Steps To Recognize Depression and Prevent Suicide in Your Congregation. This workshop will be led by the Mental Health Foundation and will cover an overview of mental health prevention, practice inviting yourself into conversations, and available resources.

### Housing Simulation

Creating Awareness (Nelson Koon, Degage Ministries)

The purpose of the housing simulation is to familiarize you with issues people with low incomes experience when seeking housing. Participants will get a very small picture of the Grand Rapids homeless experience and learn about the causes and frustrations associated with homelessness.

## TIME and LOCATION

Providence CRC  
7730 Eastern SE, Grand Rapids 49508

## COST

\$25 per person for a group of 1-9 attendees  
\$20 per person for a group of 10 or more attendees

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\*masks required; full refunds if postponed due to COVID

Each time he said, "My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness."  
So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses so that the power of Christ can work through me.

*2 Corinthians 12:9*