

Financial and Real Estate Training for Church Leadership and staff



When:

Thursday, April 27, 2017, 1:30 PM – 5:00 PM

Where:

Community Covenant Church, Eagle River

Hosted by:

Alaska Conference, Start & Strengthen Churches, and National Covenant Properties

As we partner together in ministry, NCP is very excited to offer this training as another tool and resource for you and your team as you continue to make a difference in your local community in Alaska.

Topics that will be covered are:

- 1) What is the big deal with my church's Financial Statements and Reporting,
- 2) Aligning your Budget to your Ministry Plans,
- 3) Ministerial Compensation and Taxation,
- 4) Fraud Risk Assessment and Prevention,
- 5) Intro to Real Estate Services.

Please note: Attendees will receive their church's financial dash board and an assessment of their internal controls if they register at least 3 weeks prior to the event (need to provide the last 3 years of financial statements).

Attendees will learn:

- How *healthy and missional churches* manage their finances
- How to structure your budget to *make key ministry decisions*
- The latest *tax regulations for ministers*
- Best practices to *communicate the financial reports* to leadership and congregation
- How to use and interpret *financial dashboards*

Who should attend:

Church Pastors, Treasurers, Church Leadership and staff



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Stan's professional experience includes over 30 years in ministry operations, public accounting, government accounting, and missions. He provides strategic leadership of the firm's professional advisory and consulting services and serves as National Director of Church and Denominational Services.

We are pleased to partner with Capin Crouse for the financial training component of our seminar. Capin Crouse is a national, full-service CPA firm based in Chicago, Illinois that has served mission-focused not-for-profit organizations, churches, and denominations, and higher education institutions since 1972.

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Rob is a go-to resource for real estate and loan expertise, bringing more than 20 years of experience to his role as a vice president of real estate services for NCP. He helps coach churches through the ins and outs of finding the right building for their ministry. Prior to joining NCP, Rob was associate director of Technical and Legal Services for the ECC, and a regional director for Habitat for Humanity. Rob holds a Bachelor of Arts in Religion and Psychology from North Park University and graduated with a Juris Doctor from DePaul University-College of Law.

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Peter brings 30 years of banking experience to NCP as its executive vice president and CFO, primarily from his time with US Bank where he most recently served as regional president in northeastern Minnesota. His extensive background in commercial lending and in the financial services industry is valuable as he manages the financial aspects of NCP.

National Covenant Properties (NCP) has been serving member churches of the Evangelical Covenant Church since 1970 to provide loans for new church construction and church additions. Currently NCP has over \$285 million in loans to more than 300 Covenant projects. Funds for these loans are obtained from NCP's sale of investment certificates. www.nationalcovenantproperties.org

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Carlos is an independent Certified Public Accountant who works with nonprofit organizations and churches to bridge the gap between accounting and operations. Before becoming a CPA, Carlos gained operations and management experience in various industries including farming, food, and transportation. He has a Bachelor of Arts in Communication from the University of Northern Colorado, and a Bachelor of Arts in Accounting from the University of Alaska-Anchorage.

SPEAKERS for THURSDAY, APRIL 27

Beth Seversen, ECC, Director of Evangelism: <http://www.covchurch.org/blees/>



“I’m passionate about continuing Jesus’s mission of bringing people to new life in Christ, of transforming individuals and communities from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of light, of pushing back powers that bind and destroy, of restoring and healing all that is broken in the world, and of reconciling people to God and one another through Jesus’s death and resurrection.”

Seversen previously served as associate pastor at Elmbrook Church in Brookfield, Wisconsin, and at Hillcrest Evangelical Covenant Church in Prairie Village, Kansas. She and her husband, Mark, planted Meadowbrook Church in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin. She also served on the national evangelism team for InterVarsity Christian Fellowship. Most recently Beth was associate director of the Masters in Evangelism and Leadership and the Masters in Missional Church Movements program and adjunct faculty at Wheaton College and Graduate School. She earned a master of divinity from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, Illinois, and is pursuing a doctorate in intercultural studies with a minor in education. She is researching ECC churches who are effective in reaching and retaining unchurched and de-churched millennials. She has written journal articles, Bible study guides, and devotionals including contributing to *The Women’s Devotional Bible* (Zondervan).

Yvonne DeVaughn, Advocates for Victims of Abuse (AVA): <http://www.yvonnede Vaughn.com/>



Yvonne DeVaughn has been active in faith community for more than 40 years expressing her gifts and talents in a variety of areas including: Music—singing, composing, playing piano and organ; Teaching—as a Bible teacher and pulpit minister; Creative Arts – composing and publishing praise and worship songs as well as creating Afrocentric ceramic arts. Yvonne has composed many praise and worship songs that are sung throughout the country including: Rain on Me and Temporary Situation. She recorded her Quiet Times of Prayer and Praise CD.

Yvonne has led praise and worship seminars teaching praise and worship teams and diverse congregations how to worship in a Biblical manner. Her teaching ministry has allowed her to minister in diverse evangelical settings including prayer and women retreats, conferences, seminars, missionary trips to Africa, Colombia and Venezuela. She is currently the Director of the AVA (Advocacy for Victims of Abuse) ministry for the Evangelical Covenant Church (see [covchurch.org/abuse](http://www.covchurch.org/abuse)).

She shares her story about childhood sexual assault and how she has overcome this dark past. Through her transparency she gives hope to those struggling with similar traumatic experiences and provides encouragement for others to begin the journey of personal self-discovery and healing. Yvonne loves sharing the truths of God’s love and the Gospel of Jesus Christ in word and song to diverse groups. She believes that as individuals apply God’s truth to their lives they grow or begin the journey of personal self-discovery and healing. It is Yvonne’s heart’s desire to see individuals receive and experience God’s love so that they become change agents in their own communities. She truly believes that “...*the truth will set you free!*” (John 8:32)

Courtney Eppler, AFACT: <http://www.anchoragefact.org/>



Courtney was born and raised in Anchorage, Alaska. She received her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Oklahoma City University and her Masters of Arts in Justice and Mission from Denver Seminary.

She is the lead organizer for the local non-profit AFACT (Anchorage Faith and Action- Congregations Together) where she works with faith communities to empower their people to bring positive change to quality of life issues that affect them.

She has been married to her husband, Justin, for five years. They are members of First Covenant Church in Anchorage and enjoy skiing, hiking, and camping in Alaska's great outdoors.

Rev. Dr. Soong-Chan Rah, North Park Theological Seminary: <http://www.profrac.com/>



Rev. Dr. Soong-Chan Rah is Milton B. Engebretson Professor of Church Growth and Evangelism at North Park Theological Seminary in Chicago, IL and the author of *The Next Evangelicalism* (IVP Books, 2009); *Many Colors* (Moody, 2010); *Prophetic Lament* (IVP Books, 2015); co-author of *Forgive Us* (Zondervan, 2014); and *Return to Justice* (Brazos, 2016).

Rah is formerly the founding Senior Pastor of Cambridge Community Fellowship Church (CCFC), a multi-ethnic church living out the values of racial reconciliation and social justice in the urban context. He currently serves on the board of World Vision and Evangelicals 4 Justice. He has previously served on the board of Sojourners and the Christian Community Development Association.

Soong-Chan and his wife Sue and their two children, Annah and Elijah live in Chicago.