

Session Topics:

Opening – *Unveiling the "New Ministry Model – Table Format",* Swinford
1:20 pm – January 18

This year BPTIM introduces the "Table Discussion Model." A Presenter gives a 10-15 minute overview of a ministry model or topic, then turns it over to the Tables. Tables treat the model as viable and use their creative and adaptive skills to identify 2-3 next steps that would strengthen it if they were implementing it now. The Table's work is not to pull the model apart.

Session 1 – New Ministry Models – Table Discussion – *TIM Ready Response Model,* Morgan
2:00 pm – January 18

TIM Ready Response practitioners have training as first responders for congregations in crisis, serving 1-2 months. Their goal is to stabilize the congregation, ensure care for injured staff or members, ensure healthy internal and external communication, and work with leaders toward a short term (6-12 month) next steps plan for recovery.

Session 2 – The TIM Toolbox P1 - *Unleashing the Power of AI*, Swinford
3:00 pm – January 18

What if the hours spent on research and first drafts could come back to the work that actually needs you? This session shows AI applied in real time to the questions and documents that show up in transitional interim work. It demonstrates how the tool serves the user when the ask is clear, and why that control returns those hours to you.

Session 3 – New Ministry Models – Table Discussion – *MRI Model* - Reinke

9:00 am – January 19

What if a congregation could take a deep look inside themselves and gain a clearer path forward in just three months? The MRI model puts a pastor on site for 11 weeks to run a condensed process that includes congregation-wide Listening Groups, the NCD church health survey, an every-member spiritual gifts survey with small-group follow-up, personal mission statements from every member, and the formation of a church health team linked to an NCD coach. The church receives an on-site pastor for three months, then professional guidance for the next 12 months.

Session 4 – The TIM Toolbox P2 - *Setting Up Your AI Platform*, Swinford

10:00 am – January 19

Imagine if the hours AI already takes could be returned to the work that needs you. This session walks through the practical steps for setting up an AI platform for transitional interim work. It covers account and project instructions, how threads and files work, setting parameters so results stay usable, and the habits that keep the tool reliable from one call to the next.

Session 5 – New Ministry Models – Table Discussion – *Non-Residential Transitional Interim Minister* – Mease

11:00 am – January 19

Picture one trained TIM covering more than one congregation without living on site full time. A Non-Residential TIM makes that possible by changing how the work is done under the existing contract, not what is done. It allows retired TIMs to spend fewer nights away from home and offers more of an adaptive alternative to the consultative approach. The goal is to meet the congregation's pastoral care needs while providing remote leadership and training through the transition.

Session 6 – Table Discussion – *Imaginative Gridlock and the Spirit of Adventure* – Steinbeck

1:00 pm – January 19

Stuck systems stay stuck until the questions themselves change. In his book A Failure of Nerve: Leadership in the Age of the Quick Fix, Edwin Friedman gives his first chapter the title, "Imaginative Gridlock and the Spirit of Adventure." After a brief overview of Friedman's chapter and some current examples of "stuck-ness" and possible "re-framed questions," Table talk will be encouraged, and together we will discover where that adventure takes us!

Session 7 – *Moving from Transactional Giving and Volunteering to Gospel-Centered Ministry Ownership!*, Kunkel

2:00 pm – January 19

Stewardship is about partnership! Partnering together as God's chosen people in a specific place to work together, manage resources and care for the people God gathers us with and sends us to. Every baptized member participates in God's mission through shared ministries. It's not about recruiting volunteers; it's inviting family members to steward the ministries God has entrusted to us. Every dollar represents a ministry opportunity, not just an expense. When people see how their participation directly advances God's kingdom through shared ministries, stewardship becomes exciting and a life-long journey.

Session 8 – LuTMA Update– *The Future of LuTMA and its Impact for You*, Baker

9:00 am – January 20

A brief explanation of who and what LuTMA is now and what it has been, followed by a look into the future of the organization. We want to continue to be a great Education and Training platform for preparing Transitional Intentional Ministers in an ever-changing environment of Pastoral Ministry. A Generous Q & A time will allow input and ideas in how LuTMA may better serve and support our Ministers in the field and increase our value to our members. We look forward to your feedback throughout this presentation.

Session 9 - Presentation - *TIM Pastor fulfills the Missionary Model* - LeBlanc

10:00 am – January 20

Clearly TIM pastors do not fit the standard called-pastor pattern. That mismatch creates real tension inside the LCMS. Some support transitional interim ministry. Others do not. TIM pastors do not check all the biblical or historical boxes for the called pastor of Word and Sacrament ministry. The presenter treats that struggle as genuine and shows where the interim role does check the boxes. Its design matches the missionary model that has long served the church by stepping in for a set time to help congregations through beginnings, growth, difficulty, or planting.

Panel Discussion - *Phase 2 And Congregational Connections* – Various Panelists

11:00 am – January 20

This year's panel is on Phase 2 and how the TIM Pastor connects with the congregation. Information gathering through cottage meetings, home visits, and task force ministry is part of that work. The panel allows the group to hear how other Practitioners manage this work in their own unique and creative ways.