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CONFERENCE

May. 1-3, 2026

Ephrata Church of the Brethren
Ephrata, Pennsylvania

The Church of the Brethren L.E.A.D. Conference is a gathering space where congregational leaders, pastors, board members, deacons, Sunday School teachers, and others come together to Listen, Equip, Adapt, and Disciple as we learn side by side.

Rooted in our call to follow Jesus into our neighborhoods, this conference invites leaders to listen deeply to God, one another, and their communities; to be equipped with practical tools and fresh ideas; to adapt faithfully in a changing world; and to disciple others with courage and hope.

Join us for meaningful conversations, hands-on learning, and take-away resources you can put to work right away in your own ministry context as we grow into innovative, adaptable, and fearless disciples of Jesus.

Register NOW!

www.brethren.org/dlf/lead-conference

OPENING PREACHER

Michaela Alphonse is a member and pastor of Miami First Church of the Brethren in Miami, Florida. Throughout her life, she has worked with children and youth in the public school system. Michaela is currently serving as a member of Mission and Ministry Board, as the lead for the Atlantic Southeast District Program Team, and as a member of PACT Miami. She loves to sing, dance, read, and go exploring. Michaela is married to Ilexene Alphonse. They have one daughter.



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Tod Bolsinger, MDiv, PhD, the co-owner and principal of Sloan Leadership, Inc, an executive coaching and consulting firm that works with church, non-profit, and marketplace leaders in leading change. He is also the Executive Director of the De Pree Center Church Leadership Institute, a Senior Fellow of the De Pree Center for Leadership, and Associate Professor of Leadership Formation at Fuller Theological Seminary, was the founder of the Fuller Leadership Platform, an innovative approach to online formation and leadership development, and served as a Vice President of Fuller Seminary for six years. Prior to his educational career, he served as a pastor for 27 years. Tod is the author of five books, including the Outreach Magazine Resource of the Year in pastoral leadership, *Canoeing the Mountains: Christian Leadership in Uncharted Territory*, the Christian Book Award Finalist, *Tempered Resilience: How Leaders are Formed in the Crucible of Change*, and *The Practicing Change Series*.



BREAKOUT SESSION PRESENTERS



Audrey



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Jeff



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Early registration through March 31 is \$99 per person/\$79 per person for 5 or more from the same congregation and \$49 for virtual attendees. After March 31st, registration increases \$140 in person and \$75 for virtual attendees.

Note: Virtual attendees will be able to attend the sermons, keynotes addresses, and breakout sessions that occur in the sanctuary, but will not be able to attend breakout sessions held in other rooms.

CEUs are available - \$10 fee required.



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