



## *Pre-Convention Workshop Guides Churches and Individuals in Reaching LGBT+ People*

**W**hat if you knew you could reach out to the LGBT+ community—both inside your church as well as outside your four walls—with all the compassion of Christ, yet never sacrifice your theological position? It's not as tough as you might think, especially if you attend FEC's pre-convention workshop, "Posture Shift," led by nationally acclaimed speaker Bill Henson. Founder of Lead Them Home (LTH), an organization which provides training and consulting resources for church leaders, in addition to offering direct care to LGBT+ individuals and their families, Bill speaks in a clear language that helps evangelicals love all people well.

According to Bill, effective missionaries don't exclude people, aren't uncomfortable with people, and fear no one. Instead, they live out the gospel,

laying down their lives the way Christ laid down his life for us. In this training session, Bill helps evangelicals look at LGBT+ people the way missionaries would see them. "It's entirely possible to keep our position and honor God, but adjust our posture so we can love others as Jesus loves us," says Bill. And that's important, because an entire generation of young people is at stake. In fact, more than 80% of the people who reach out to LTH are between the ages of 13 to 26, and they're rejecting the church in droves!

Want to attend the workshop, but not staying for convention? No problem. Just visit [fecministries.org/leadthemhome](http://fecministries.org/leadthemhome) to reserve your spot at this highly informative and potentially life-changing session! **And to learn more about Bill's ministry, visit [leadthemhome.org](http://leadthemhome.org).**

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## You Tithe on Your Income, But What About on Your Estate?

*CSF offers tips and tools for lifelong charitable giving*

Most people in FEC are familiar with the concept of tithing, giving 10% of their income to God's work. But have you ever considered an estate tithe? David Teat, Christian Service Foundation president, explains. "For most people, the greatest value of their estates comes from their homes or other long-term appreciated assets. Giving a tithe on this value is a great way to thank God for this blessing." Dave offers all kinds of strategies for making this kind of gift through CSF, everything from charitable remainder trusts and charitable lead trusts to donor-advised funds. Dave can even advise you on why your IRA is the best asset to give. If you'd like to learn more about these kinds of gifts—or anything else related to wills and trusts, including a free Wills Guide—

Dave is more than willing to present a seminar at your church, or answer your questions directly. **Give him a call at (260) 423-3649, or visit the CSF website at [christianservicefoundation.org](http://christianservicefoundation.org).**



## Want to Engage Your Neighbors in Meaningful, Spiritual Conversation, But Don't Know Where to Start?

*Come to convention, where speaker Jeff Klein will tell all!*



Ever wish you could open up a meaningful dialogue with your neighbor about Christ, but have no idea how to start? You're not alone. According to Jeff Klein, featured

speaker at FEC's upcoming convention, most Christians struggle with how to interact with non-Christians, and for good reason. We live in a culture that is increasingly hostile to the faith. And yet, as Jeff explains, Jesus operated quite naturally among non-believers, and we can, too. By applying nine spiritual arts as outlined by the ministry Q Place, you can create authentic relationships with friends and neighbors, relationships that naturally incorporate faith conversations. Want to learn more? Make sure you're registered for convention, where Jeff will share about Q Place, a ministry that aims to help Christians create small groups to help their neighbors question, discover, and grow in their relationship with God. Can't make it to convention? **Check out the Q Place website at [qplace.com](http://qplace.com).**

### *News from the Front*

## Authentic Faith Makes a Difference in Minnesota

Slow going. That's how FEC pastors describe ministry in Minnesota, where Lutheran and Catholic backgrounds prevail. "So many people have this idea that certain things are expected of them in church, and that can hold them back," says Scott Wildenberg, pastor at True North Church in Cannon Falls. "Our goal is to show them that church people aren't perfect. They tend to connect with that in a big way." Shon McIntyre, pastor at The Real Tree Church in Farmington, agrees. "People want to see that you're authentic," says Shon. "We're beginning to see how the Word is changing people's lives. We always pray for spiritual growth, which then turns into numerical growth." Please be in prayer for continued outreach in Minnesota, as well as for a new building project at The Real Tree Church. **To learn more, visit their websites at [truenorthcf.org](http://truenorthcf.org) and [therealtreechurch.org](http://therealtreechurch.org).**

