

Welcome & Thank You

Welcome!



Thank you for attending Arizona's very first "Benevolence & Beyond Summit." We are very pleased to be holding it here at Desert Springs Community Church in Goodyear.

The Agenda we have put together contains lifetimes of experience in serving hurting people in our communities. All of our speakers, including our keynote speaker Dr. Gaynor Yancey of Baylor University's School of Social Work, have been specifically selected to help us understand how relationship-based service transforms the lives of both those who are trapped in poverty and those who serve.

Most of us would have our basic needs met even if we were to lose all of our physical assets. Why is that? It is because of our own relationships. Our message today is that walking in relationship with those we serve is transformational for all of us.

At the end of our day today, we hope you will have received all that you came for, and more. New ideas, new partners, and most importantly, new relationships.

The planning committee offers a huge THANK YOU to our event sponsors Care 1st Health Plan Arizona, Chartwells and Desert Springs Community Church for making this investment in us and the communities we represent.

For all of us on the planning committee, thanks again for attending and have a wonderful Summit!

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Aid to Adoption of Special Kids
All Nations Church
All Saints Lutheran Church
Alongside Ministries
American Lutheran Church
Arizona City Fest
Arizona Department of Economic Security
Arizona Pastors Networks
Arizona Sexual Assault Network
Arizona State University
ArizonaSERVES
Association of Arizona Food Banks
Baylor University, School of Social Work
Benevilla
Blessings for Seniors
Buckeye Outreach for Social Services
Calvary Community Church
Care 1st Health Plan Arizona
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Central Arizonans for a Sustainable Economy
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Christian Family Care
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Coconino County
Community Bridges
Community Ministries
Community of Grace
Compass Church
CrossRoads Nazarene Church
Department of Veteran Affairs
Desert Skies United Methodist Church
Desert Springs Community Church
Developmental Enrichment Centers
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ELCA Grand Canyon Synod
Faith on Fire Church
First Baptist Church, Garden Lakes
First New Life Missionary Baptist Church
First Pentecostal Church
First United Methodist Church of Glendale
Foothills Christian Church
Glendale Nazarene Church
Goodyear Faith Roundtable
Grace Walk Community Church
Guardian Angels Catholic Community
Jewish Family and Children's Service
Lifeway Church
Lighthouse Church
Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest
Micah Collaborative
Military & Family Life Consultants
Mount of Olives Lutheran Church
Mount Pleasant Church
New Beginnings Community Church
New Wine Vineyard
OCJ Kids
Office of the Governor
One Body Collaboratives
Palm Valley Church
Palm Vista Baptist Church
Palo Christi Presbyterian Church
Pantano Christian Church
Parkway Christian
Pendergast Elementary School District
Pinnacle Presbyterian Church
Prince of Peace Episcopal Church
Prodigal's Home
Project James 1:27
Radiant Church
Rebuilding Together Valley of the Sun
Rio Vista Center
Scottsdale Bible Church
Seniors with a Mission
Skyway Church of the West Valley
SouthGate Church
St. John's Lutheran Church
St. Peter's Episcopal Church
The Open Table
The Treasure Box
Trinity's Learning Resource Center
Tumbleweed
United Methodist Church
Valley of the Sun United Way
Valley View Community Food Bank
Vineyard Church North Phoenix
W.H.E.A.T.
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Dr. Gaynor I. Yancey

Dr. Yancey is a Professor of Social Work and the Associate Dean for Baccalaureate Studies in the School of Social Work, Baylor University, Waco, TX.

“Social work, with its roots in the church and in communities, is the perfect fit for me. I believe that helping others in generalist and advanced practice includes the skills of working with individuals and groups and the skills of working with organizations and communities. Through the years, my work has included assessing communities, developing and supporting new agencies, and preparing students for work in policy, administration, and advocacy. I am committed to addressing poverty and its causes and helping to create a more just world.”

She received her BA from East Texas Baptist University, the M.R.E. degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, the M.S.W. degree from Temple University, and the D.S.W. degree from the University of Pennsylvania. She previously served as Assistant Professor at Eastern University in St. Davids, PA.

She worked for over 25 years as a Congregational Community Ministries Director, working with congregations in Philadelphia, PA. She has authored and co-authored numerous professional articles and book chapters, predominantly focused on congregational community ministry. Since coming to Baylor in 1999, she has received more than \$3.5 million in research and program grants from organizations such as Pew Charitable Trusts, Inc., Christ is Our Salvation, Bridgeway Charitable Trust, and the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

In 1983, Dr. Yancey was the first recipient of the Clovis A. Brantley Award for Outstanding Service in Christian Social Ministries in the United States. In 2004, she received the Marie Mathis Award for Outstanding Life Achievement in Lay Ministry.

8:00 a.m. Resource Fair & Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m. Opening Remarks

Pastor Don Ingram, Desert Springs Community Church. Pastor Don has been the Senior Pastor at Palm Croft Baptist Church and is currently an associate pastor at Desert Springs Community Church.

Judith Fritsch, Department of Economic Security. Judith serves on the Governor's ArizonaSERVES Task Force, and is the DES Community Services Administrator and the DES Native American Liaison.

9:30 a.m. Re-Defining Poverty

Jon Katov, The Open Table. Jon, Founder and President of The Open Table, is a national champion and catalyst for redefining poverty and the role of faith communities in transforming lives and communities.

Pastor Gary Kinnaman, Arizona Pastors Networks

Pastor Kim Gladding, First Glendale United Methodist Church

Pastor Andrew Cunningham, Southgate Church

Pastor Aubrey Barnwell, First New Life Missionary Baptist Church

Pastor Wes Avram, Pinnacle Presbyterian Church

Pastor Bill Fisher, Pantano Christian Church

Pastor Brian Schlemmer, Desert Skies United Methodist Church

Pastor Earl Newton, Whole Truth Church of God in Christ

Pastor Gary Smith, Desert Springs Community Church

Mitzila Hogans, City of Phoenix

Judith Fritsch, Department of Economic Security

Cara Coleman, ASU Open Table Member

Stephanie, Pantano Christian Church Table

10:45 a.m. Keynote Address

Dr. Gaynor Yancey, Baylor University. Dr. Yancey is a member of the Open Table Texas Executive Committee and Open Table is a project of the Baylor Poverty Initiative. See more about Dr. Yancey on the previous page.

11:30 a.m. Resource Fair & Lunch

12:30 p.m. Hunger Relief

- **Tim Leshner**, Rio Vista Center. Tim leads this non-profit, Christian organization that responds compassionately to the needs of the Valley's less fortunate through mobilizing and working with the community. Tim is also a Pastor at The Bridge Church.
- **Dr. Teri Traaen**, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America - Grand Canyon Synod. Teri is the Assistant to Bishop Talmage and she works on national public policy for the ELCA, and she supports more than 100 ELCA congregations in Arizona and Nevada on advocacy and social justice issues.
- **Dr. Tamera Zivic**, W.H.E.A.T. Tamera has devoted her life to the empowerment of others through social service and faith-based agencies. Serving on the DES Hunger Advisory Council and the Arizona Ecumenical Council's Public Policy Commission are ways that she continues to be a voice for those who sometimes go unheard.

1:30 p.m. Health & Aging

- **Elizabeth Banta**, Duet - Partners in Health and Aging. No one should have to face life's challenges alone. Duet's health and aging services bring compassionate help to homebound adults, caregivers, faith communities, and grandparents raising grandchildren.
- **Jane Bruzzese**, Benevilla. Jane is the director for intake/outreach and volunteer-based services at Benevilla; providing a continuum of care that promotes independence and instills a sense of dignity and self-empowerment, regardless of the ability to pay.
- **Louise Pelissier**, Palo Cristi Presbyterian Church. Louise noticed that someone was driving an elderly couple to worship service each Sunday - once she knew more, she started Wheel Help.

2:30 p.m. Foster Children & Families

- **Steve Browning**, Christian Family Care. Steve works with families to provide care for children who have experienced the impact of neglect, trauma, and abuse - these foster families give children a chance to heal.
- **Jonathan Celoria**, Palm Vista Baptist Church. Palm Vista partners with faith-based, community and civic organizations to provide children and families with food and shelter, to promote family services and to support children and families with mentoring and referrals.
- **Gary Webb**, OJC Kids. Connecting the business and faith communities with foster children living in group homes.

3:30 p.m. Panel: Questions from the Floor

Elizabeth Banta, Steve Browning, Jon Katov, Tamera Zivic

4:00 p.m. Adjourn