

## 2015 ASSEMBLY WORKSHOP PRESENTERS' BIOGRAPHIES

Presenter:	Biographies:
Dr. Jay Richard Akkerman	Dr. Jay Richard Akkerman is professor of pastoral theology and director of graduate theological online education at Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa, Idaho.
Rev. Jan Apps	Rev. Jan Apps and her husband met while they were involved in Youth for Christ. They have a son and daughter. Jan was involved in retail business before getting involved in ministry. Jan is the Pastor of Senior Adults at Puyallup Nazarene and is currently District SDMI Senior Adult Ministries Director. Jan desires to encourage "second-halfers" to become Christ-followers and to serve Him all of their lives.
Dr. Rusty Brian	Dr. Rusty Brian is the lead pastor of Renton Church of the Nazarene and teaches theology as an adjunct professor at Northwest Nazarene University and Seattle Pacific University. He holds a Ph.D. in Theology and Ethics from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary and was ordained as an elder on the North Arkansas District. Rusty and his wife Lauren have been married for 13 years and have two small children, Lily (3) and Rowan (1).
Dr. Randy Bynum	Dr. Randy Bynum lives in Nampa, Idaho, with his wife, Kathy. He currently pastors the multi-cultural Vida Nueva Church of the Nazarene in north Nampa and also teaches Bible part-time at Northwest Nazarene University. He received his BA in philosophy and religion from NNC/NNU in 1974 and an M.Div. from Nazarene Theological Seminary in 1978. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Manchester, U.K., in 2009 in the area of biblical languages and interpretation.
Regan Coordes	Mr. Regan Coordes has been working in the AV field for more than 20 years, specializing in audio, video, and lighting rentals, system design, and installations for churches, schools, and conference venues. He is a respected member of the community and known for his dedication to quality work. Regan is the owner of Three Rivers Audio Visual and attends Longview Church of the Nazarene with his wife and two daughters.
Rev. Patricia Crane	Rev. Pat Crane has served as an associate pastor at Bonney Lake Living Hope for nearly 5 years, overseeing counseling, women's discipleship, and outreach. Pat earned a Bachelor's degree in Christian Education from Nazarene Bible College and is working toward a certificate in Christian Counseling. Pat is married to Dale, and they have three daughters and seven grandchildren. She enjoys quilting, sewing, gardening and reading in what little spare time she has.
Lindsey DuBois	Mrs. Lindsey DuBois is the wife of Worship Arts Pastor, Brenden DuBois, from Aurora Church of the Nazarene and is a fellow worship leader. She is passionate about the anti-human trafficking movement and has experience working with survivors.
Rev. Mike Ford	Rev. Mike Ford is married to his wife, Kristin, and is the father of Lucy and Emmett. Mike has been the pastor of Life Community Church in Kirkland, which is working to serve Kirkland in an uncommon way. Mike has served various ministry roles in the local church and the district, and has a passion for seeing the church thrive amidst a time and a culture that is not always friendly to her.

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Rev. Asha Fuller	Rev. Asha Fuller is children's pastor at Federal Way Church of the Nazarene and is passionate about equipping others for ministry to all children. As part of the initial dream team and task force of Nazarene Compassionate Alliance Northwest, she studies for ministry through Kaleidoscope and works on her Master of Arts in Ministry at the Union University of California.
Dr. Fred Fullerton	Dr. Fred Fullerton serves as Vice President for Spiritual and Leadership Development and Director of the Wesley Center at Northwest Nazarene University. Dr. Fullerton served as the Director of NYI Ministries for the Church of the Nazarene; pastored the Wollaston, MA, Church of the Nazarene; was a trustee at Nazarene Theological Seminary and at the district level; and served as a member of the District Board of Ministerial Credentials.
René Hayes	Mrs. René Hayes is part of the WaPac District Mission Action Committee. Her husband is the pastor at Lake Stevens Lost and Found Church. She has led numerous Work and Witness teams to various places in the world.
Rev. James Holston	Rev. James Holston is the pastor of the Shelton Church of the Nazarene. James is the Vice President of Future Planning for Safeco Insurance. James offers the unique perspective of serving as a pastor and working in a high-pressure management position.
Rev. Karen Humber	Rev. Karen Humber is co-pastor at Peninsula Church of the Nazarene in Long Beach and volunteers at the middle school special education resource classroom. Having helped to raise three special children (Asperger's, line-of-sight supervision, fetal alcohol effects, bipolar, and depression), she also has ministered with adults who experience changes because of accidents or illness through nursing home chaplaincy, family, and church.
Rev. Gary Ip	Rev. Gary Ip is an immigrant from Hong Kong. He has lived in the U.S. for more than 20 years and has served as a pastor in several Chinese churches in North America. Currently he is undertaking a church planting mission for the Renton Church of the Nazarene
Rev. J.J. James	Rev. J.J. James is the Pastor to Children and Life Groups at Ridgefield Church of the Nazarene. In the past, he has held positions as staff and lead pastor since 1996. He was ordained as elder in the Church of the Nazarene in 2003. He and his wife Heather have two children, Jonah (13) and Adriana (10).
Rev. Tony Johnson	Rev. Tony Johnson has served in local church ministry for 25 years, as a pastor of youth ministry and discipleship ministries, as well as lead pastor of Tacoma First Nazarene Church for the past 10 years. Tony has served as the WaPac District SDMI Chairperson for 4 years, leading a great team of people who care about seeing Christ equip local pastors and leaders to nurture Christ-like disciples in their local congregations and communities.
Dr. Chuck Judd	Dr. Chuck Judd has served as lead pastor at the Federal Way Church of the Nazarene for 15 years. Chuck's experience in business, his leadership in the local church, and his experience of training leaders globally gives him excellent insight into lay and pastoral leadership in the local church. Chuck and his wife, Rhonda, have been married for 23 years, and he is the father of four children.

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Rev. Jerry Kester	Rev. Jerry Kester is our district superintendent and desires to create a missional district! Always open to ways to carry out our district mission to “resource and establish healthy churches,” Jerry has invested days of his life this year organizing our WaPac framework for cooperative response called “Nazarene Compassionate Alliance Northwest.” With similar fervor, he helped to organize “Love INC” (in the Name of Christ) in Twin Falls.
Darrell Leber	Mr. Darrell Leber is the Director of Partnership Development for JESUS Film Harvest Partners. He has participated in and directed many Jesus Film mission trips and trained hundreds globally on how to maximize the equipment, as well as the evangelistic and discipleship opportunities it provides.
Russell Leonce	Mr. Russell Leonce is the worship leader at the Kent Hillside Church of the Nazarene, is a song writer, and has recorded his own gospel album. He has led worship throughout the Caribbean region, as well as here in the United States. Russell desires to bring people into an encounter of God’s grace and love that moves and impacts their lives. Russell has a humble spirit, gifted vocal ability, and an eagerness to see young people give their hearts to Christ.
Debe Loeber	Mrs. Debe Loeber is the Director of Ministry Development at Puyallup Nazarene Church. Debe has worked there for 14 years in a variety of roles. Her passion is helping others discover their unique design. She loves to see old wounds healed and new passion birthed when people understand how much they are loved by God and how amazingly they've been created. Debe has been married to Lane for 21 years, and they have two kids and two grandbabies.
Rev. Jerry Luengen	Rev. Jerry Luengen is the Senior Pastor of Sequim Valley Church of the Nazarene. Jerry has been a Nazarene pastor for 7 years, 5.5 years as a youth pastor at Federal Way Nazarene and 1.5 years at Sequim Valley Nazarene. Jerry is married to Carolyn; they have 2 children. Jerry also has been working for over 13 years for Church Web Works. Church Web Works is a leading provider of websites for churches. Jerry brings the passion of the Gospel along with the experience of website content and design techniques.
Rev. Brandon Marten	Rev. Brandon Marten serves as the Church Planting Coordinator for the WaPac District. His role involves identifying and training church planters and helping existing churches to give birth to new churches to reach new people.
Rev. James Matthews	Rev. James Matthews serves as the Pastor of Children and Families at Puyallup Nazarene Church. He works alongside his wife, Amy, as they minister to families. They have three children, Katie (13), Hannah (12), and Ethan (7). James has served in both youth and children’s ministry over the past 15 years and has been involved in Nazarene district ministries in Texas, Oklahoma, and Washington since 2006.

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Rev. Eric McConnaughey	Rev. Eric McConnaughey is the Pastor to High School Students and their families at Puyallup Nazarene Church. Eric has 7 years of experience as a youth pastor and serves with his wife, Kelly (Junior High Pastor). A high school drop-out, Eric has seen firsthand the power that loving adults can make in influencing a young person's heart towards Christ. Eric's favorite things are coffee, dogs, and BMX. In the past, he created a skate/BMX ministry to youth in the community. Reading and research are a passion of Eric's in helping the Church be continually effective in loving, embracing, and ministering to youth.
Dr. Lyle Pointer	Dr. Lyle Pointer is the pastor of Mt. Vernon Church of the Nazarene. Dr. Pointer coordinates evangelism resources for the Church of the Nazarene and teaches online classes for Nazarene Bible College. He has been instrumental in developing, coordinating, and teaching the Vibrant Church Renewal program for the district.
Dr. Ed Robinson	Dr. Ed Robinson currently serves as the Director of Leadership Studies and Servant Leadership at the Wesley Center of Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa, Idaho. He has more than 40 years of servant leadership experience as a pastor, teacher, and seminary/university administrator. He has been involved in strategic thinking and planning with large and small congregations, denominational programs, and Nazarene institutions of higher education around the world.
Charmaine Sanders	Mrs. Charmaine Sanders, manager of a large 55+ park, joined the fight against modern slavery through Washington Engage. She is a core leader of Southwest King Coalition Against Trafficking and of the Federal Way Church of the Nazarene.
Rev. Steve Schroeder	Rev. Steve Schroeder's youth pastor had such a godly impact on Steve's life. Since the day he graduated high school, he has enjoyed serving and ministering to teenagers. Steve has been blessed to serve in full-time ministry these last 7 years and desires to share what God has taught him along this journey of loving teenagers.
Rev. Jon Scott	Rev. Jon Scott and his wife, Dr. Margaret Scott, opened the work of the Church of the Nazarene in Romania in 1992 through the vehicle of Nazarene Compassionate Ministry (Nazarineanul). Residing near Seattle since 2012, they continue to rally and organize volunteers to invest time and talents into showing the character of Jesus through "compassion as a lifestyle."
Dr. Tom Shaw	Dr. Tom Shaw is the executive pastor at Puyallup Nazarene. He received his doctorate of ministry from George Fox University in Semiotics and Future Studies in 2014. His dissertation topic was helping young men discover their purpose and calling. He has a passion to help people discover their vocational purpose.
Rev. Jimmy Skeen	Rev. Jimmy Skeen served the Harrisonville, Missouri, Church of the Nazarene in various roles including youth pastor, campus pastor, and finally lead pastor before returning to pastor the Seattle Aurora Church of the Nazarene. He and his family have been journeying with the incredible folks of Aurora for more than 3 years and loving it.

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Robby Skinner	Mr. Robby Skinner moved to the U.S. from Kiev, Ukraine, where his parents served as career missionaries with the Church of the Nazarene. He graduated in 2013 from Northwest Nazarene University with a degree in English education. For the past year and a half, he has been serving at both Seattle First Church of the Nazarene and the Mosaic Coffee House, where he is helping with church life.
Rev. Dennis Spinnie	Rev. Dennis Spinnie has pastored in the Church of the Nazarene for 28 years and pastored the Big Lake Community church for 17 years. He has served as part of the district missions council during this time as well and participated in the pastors' mission trip to Benin in 2013. Dennis is a graduate of Ashland Theological Seminary and Northwest Nazarene University.
Dr. Brian Thomas	Dr. Brian Thomas is a devoted follower of Jesus. He is the husband of Jean; the father of Anna, Danny, Nate, and Moriah. Dr. Thomas is also the pastor of Ridgefield Church of the Nazarene and is chair or the South Region of WaPac Missional Zone.
Rev. Ev Tustin	Rev. Ev Tustin has 30 years of ministry background spread pretty evenly in the Senior Pastorate, World Missions, and Youth/Associate Ministry. Ev believes that, more than ever, he just wants to be a faithful steward of what he has been given and what he has learned. He is the lead pastor of Kent Hillside Church of the Nazarene.
Rhonda Tustin	Mrs. Rhonda Tustin is a pastor's wife (Kent Hillside) who has worked with women's ministries both at the local church level and internationally. Her ministry focuses on vision and team building. Ev and Rhonda Tustin started and built the Sweet Surrender Coffee Shops in Europe, which each have a very special emphasis on events for women. The Tustins also pastored in Nairobi, Kenya, where Rhonda worked at building relationships that crossed cultural barriers.
Rev. Debra Voelker	Rev. Debra Voelker is an ordained elder in the Church of the Nazarene. She has served as the WaPac District NMI president for 9 years and has served as the NMI president at Life Community Church of the Nazarene in Kirkland for 13 years. Debra is married to Charlie, is the proud parent of three kids, and has three grandchildren.
Rev. Deb Weisen	Rev. Deb Weisen has worked in church and children's ministry for decades as a layperson and as a staff pastor. She had developed her own children's ministry material and has directed the Upwards sports ministry in both Spokane and Vancouver. Deb and her husband, Jeff, have two sons, a daughter, a son-in-law, and three grandpups! Deb loves family events, hiking, golfing, and walking with friends!
Rev. Leah Wheeler	Rev. Leah Wheeler is a missionary at Kelso Abundant Life Church of the Nazarene and has years of experience working and training against human trafficking in several countries.
Rev. John Witmer	Rev. John Witmer is an Associate Pastor at the North Seattle Church of the Nazarene. As part of his work with the local church, he is involved in several outreach ministries in the community. He is also the proud parent of a daughter who was born extremely premature and now has ongoing special needs.