Dr. Alan Hirsch

Alan is the founding director of Forge Mission Training Network. Currently, he co-leads Future Travelers, an innovative learning program helping megachurches become missional movements. Known for his innovative approach to mission, Alan is considered to be a thought-leader and key mission strategist for churches across the Western world.


His experience includes leading a local church movement among the marginalized, developing training systems for innovative missional leadership, and heading up the mission and revitalization work of his denomination.

Hirsch is co-founder of the M.A. in Missional Church Movements at Wheaton College (Illinois). He is also adjunct professor at Fuller Seminary, George Fox Seminary, Asbury Seminary, among others, and he lectures frequently throughout Australia, Europe, and the United States. He is series editor for Baker Books’ Shapevine series, IVP’s Forge line, and a contributing editor of Leadership Journal.

About AYME

Who we are?
The Association of Youth Ministry Educators (AYME) is a Christian faith-based organization and collegial gathering of professionals committed to developing the next generation of youth ministers.

- We affirm the tenets of the Christian faith as articulated in the Apostle's Creed, and pursue unity while honoring the broad expressions of our faith. (Col. 2:2-3; 1 Cor. 12:12; Eph. 4:15-16)

- Our membership includes teachers, scholars, researchers, and graduate students in the field of youth ministry. This includes those affiliated with institutions of higher education as well as organizations involved in non-formal education such as denominational and para-church organizations.

What do we do?
We gather in order to further the field of youth ministry education through cooperative networking, scholarly contributions, and critical engagement with the varied practices of youth ministry and other disciplines.

What core values govern our work?
- Service to Christ’s church
- Critical thinking and scholarship
- Collegial and collaborative relationships
- Dialogue with people from distinct backgrounds and contexts

Call For Papers
Please submit proposals by July 1, 2016. See details under Annual Conference: Call for papers at www.aymeducators.org or Contact Nancy Going (ongoing@vibrantfaith.org) or Ron Belsterling (rbelsterling@LBC.edu).
Innovation and Mission in Youth Ministry

In a context in which political, cultural, and religious commentators are proclaiming the march of Western culture towards becoming increasingly post-Christian, those of us engaged in youth ministry education should assist our students in adapting innovative and missional approaches to ministering to adolescents and emerging adults in this milieu.

Our conference topic, Innovation and Mission in Youth Ministry, intends to “reawaken” our imaginations and those of our students to engage contemporary adolescents in innovative ways that reflect the missional nature of God and the people of God to which the biblical text and church history attest. Alan Hirsch, author of Shaping of Things to Come. Innovation and Mission for the 21st Century, will encourage us to reflect theologically and practically beyond traditional models of youth ministry in order to engage a generation of young people faithfully and effectively.

Colleagues will present research to stimulate our thinking, teaching, and enhanced student learning regarding innovative and missional practices for youth ministry. The conference will conclude with a number of engaging “team talks” addressing personal engagement with innovative and missional approaches to teaching and ministry.

We look forward to stimulating conversations for a few days this October in sunny Orlando. Please join us as we reflect upon Innovation and Mission in Youth Ministry.

### Schedule

**Saturday, October 29**

1:30 p.m. Registration Opens
3:00 p.m. Welcome Reception and Conference Opening
4:00 p.m. Academic Presentations #1
5:15 p.m. Academic Presentations #2
7:00 p.m. Dinner and Plenary Session #1
Dr. Alan Hirsch
Reactivating Missional Ministry

**Sunday, October 30**

7:30 a.m. Breakfast on your own
8:30 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m. Business Meeting
10:30 a.m. Academic Presentations #3
12:30 p.m. Lunch and Plenary Session #2
Dr. Alan Hirsch
Embracing a Theology of Risk and Innovation in Ministry
3:00 p.m. Academic Presentations #4
5:30 p.m. Depart for Dinner at Disney Springs

**Monday, October 31**

7:30 a.m. Breakfast on your own
8:30 a.m. Academic Presentations #5
10:00 a.m. Plenary Session #3
Mission and Innovation in Ministry “TEAM” Talks.
11:30 a.m. Conference ends

Special Monday morning drawings to enhance your teaching. You must be present for a chance to win a prize.

### Making It Happen

1. Register online at www.aymeducators.org or send in the registration panel with a check payable to AYME.

**Spouse Coming Too?** There is no cost for registration. We do ask that spouses pay $30 for dinners, and $20 for lunch at the conference, which is less than what the hotel charges us for meals.

**Refund Policy:** Registrants may request a full refund of registration fees prior to September 15, 2016.

2. Make your Hotel Reservation at the Rosen Shingle Creek Hotel, Orlando, FL directly through the AYME website conference page or by calling 866-996-6338. Request the AYME special rate of $129/night for single or double occupancy. The cut-off date for this room price is October 4, 2016 as long as rooms are available. Room price includes complimentary guestroom Internet service.

**Need a Roommate?** Email Steven Bonner at steven.bonner@lcu.edu. He will reply with the name of a possible roommate. When you contact the hotel please give them the name of your roommate. (It is assumed that you are staying at the hotel both Saturday & Sunday nights.)

3. Airport to Hotel Transportation

SuperShuttle provides ground transportation from the Orlando airport to the Rosen Shingle Creek for $32 roundtrip. Book your reservation using the link on the AYME conference page or call 800-258-3826 using our group code WKDKK.

### General Conference Questions?

Contact: Mark Cannister
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### Registration

Register by September 15th and receive a $10 discount on your registration!

Registration fee includes $90 AYME membership dues for 2017.

#___ Registrations @ $265 = ______ OR
($275 after Sept. 15)

___ I can’t attend the conference but wish to pay for my 2017 AYME membership @ $90 = ______

Make Checks Payable to AYME

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### CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIPS

If you need assistance toward the registration cost, limited funds are available. Applications are available at aymeducators.org.