

Join us and re-energize with worship, relaxation, & prayer at our  
31<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference & Retreat

## Association of Smaller Congregations

Synod of the South Atlantic, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

March 16-18, 2018

# WELCOME HOME:

*“Great Hospitality for Smaller Churches”*

**Keynote: Chris Walker**  
EvangelismCoach.org

Place: Epworth-by-the-Sea  
St. Simons Island, GA



**Chris Walker** is the writer behind EvangelismCoach.org. He's studied evangelism and church growth ever since answering phones for a televised Billy Graham crusade over 20 years ago, and has led countless training seminars throughout the Americas in many different denominations.



His experience as a first time church visitor in all these different contexts helps him bring you fresh ideas on how you can welcome church visitors into your midst. His conversational experiences with people from all different places in their journey to faith always brings fresh insight to help you.

The **Association of Smaller Congregations** (ASC) was organized in 1987 to serve congregations in Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina having fewer than 200 members. The group seeks in their conferences to lift up these smaller congregations, offering tools and support, promoting their unique strengths and needs, and providing opportunities for fellowship, education, creative thinking and sharing. For more information and registration find us online and join the conversation on Facebook.

[www.presbyasc.org](http://www.presbyasc.org)

## Workshop Tracks

We want everyone to take something hands-on away from this conference, so we are going in-depth in our workshops. Choose one workshop track from the four below. You will meet with your track cohort three times, with each session progressing a little further through the subject. At the end of the weekend, you will have some practical next steps to take back to your congregation on whichever topic you choose. When you register, please sign up for one of the following workshop tracks:



### Red Carpet Hospitality – Chris Walker

Do your church visitors come back a second time? Some do not return for reasons outside of your control. But you can remove the unnecessary barriers to welcoming the visitors that God brings. How can you develop a passion within the congregation for welcoming first time visitors? Let me show you a way to lead your first impressions ministry team by giving you a map and some destinations.

### So You've Been Asked to Teach, Now What? – Sheila Palmer

Designed for teachers of children, youth and adults, learn the WOW factor in your Christian Education programs. Learn about classroom space, lesson planning, asking great questions and facilitating learning. Go from boring to amazing so people will want to come!

### Asset Mapping & Leadership: Choosing Your Church's Future – Jamil el-Shair

Let's identify your assets that will allow you to have pastoral leadership and ruling elders for today and tomorrow. There is a great deal available to accomplish what you need. Let's discover your assets together.

### Sharing Hospitality: Beyond the Congregation and into the World – Herb Codington & Guests

Hospitality, a practice emphasized in Scripture, will be examined as a means of reaching out into the community. Practitioners will share, related Scriptures will be studied, and the book, Surprise the World! by Michael Frost, will be made available to participants.



## Conference Schedule (subject to change)

Friday		Saturday	
3:00-5:30 pm	Registration	7:00-8:20 am	Breakfast
5:30-6:45 pm	Supper	8:30-8:45 am	Gathering Praises
6:45 pm	Opening	8:45-10:00 am	Keynote
	Worship	10:30-11:45 am	Track Session #1
	& Prayer Circles	11:45-1:00 pm	Lunch
		1:15-2:30 pm	Track Session #2
		2:45-3:00 pm	Prayer Circles
		3:00- til	Optional Activities
		5:30-7:00 pm	Dinner at Epworth
		7:00- til	BINGO & making Prayer Beads
Sunday			
7:00-8:00 am	Breakfast & Checkout		
8:10-8:40 am	Closing Prayer Circles		
8:45-10:00 am	Track Session #3		
10:00-10:15 am	Break		
10:15-10:45 am	Business Meeting		
10:45-12:00 noon	Worship & Celebration of the Lord's Supper		
12:00 noon	Lunch		

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### Registration Information & Form

**WELCOME HOME: Join Chris Walker, March 16-18, 2018 for  
"Great Hospitality for Smaller Churches"**



### Conference Cost

*Costs, unless otherwise noted, include:  
Conference fees, lodging and 6 meals.*

#### **Pitts and Booth** (more centrally located)

**Double Room:** \$ 175 per person

**Single Room:** \$ 260 per person

#### **Robertson building** (newer, w/ bayside view)

**Double Room:** \$ 205.00 per person

**Single Room:** \$ 285.00 per person

**Commuting:** \$ 70.00 per person

*(No room/no meals; meals can be purchased individually from Epworth)*

**It is the registrant's responsibility to assure full payment before registration can be confirmed or secured. You may visit our website to pay online with your credit card through our PayPal account.**

Cancellation policy is as follows:

More than three weeks' notice: full refund

Less than three weeks notice: full, less \$100;

Less than 72 hours notice: no refund.

*Check with your presbytery to determine availability of scholarships for conference registration cost.*



**The deadline for registration is  
Thursday, February 22, 2018**

# ASC Conference Registration Form

March 16-18, 2018

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_ Presbytery: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to share contact information with other attendees? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

## Choose one of the following workshop tracks:

\_\_\_ Red Carpet Hospitality (Chris Walker)

\_\_\_ So You've Been Asked to Teach; Now what? (Sheila Palmer)

\_\_\_ Asset Mapping & Leadership: Choosing Your Church's Future (Jamil el-Shair)

\_\_\_ Sharing Hospitality: What Works! (Herb Coddington & Guests)

**Rooms:** Double Room \_\_\_\_\_ or Single Room \_\_\_\_\_

P & B Lodging \_\_\_\_\_ Robertson lodging \_\_\_\_\_ Commuting \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs: Handicapped Room [ ] 1st Floor [ ] Close to Meeting Room [ ]

Roommate Preference: \_\_\_\_\_

(Roommate assigned if double room with no preference)

Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### Make checks payable to "ASC".

Detach and mail this form with check by February 22<sup>nd</sup> to:

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