

## MissionNext Forum Overview

**Description:** MissionNext desires to help local congregations fulfill their goal of seeing young and mid-life adults become involved in ministry opportunities both locally and globally, short-term or long term. The Forum takes place on a Friday evening and all day Saturday from 7:30 am until 5:00 pm. It is composed of plenary sessions giving Biblical motivation, breakout sessions to deal with practical questions and blocks of time to interact personally with local and international ministry representatives.

**Leadership:** A local Leadership Team is formed with a team leader who works in conjunction with the MissionNext staff. The Leadership Team is made up of people from local churches who desire to partner together in order to see the community impacted for the kingdom by mobilizing more workers. MissionNext provides a preparation manual to assist the local team with the necessary preparation steps, establish time-lines, and initiate a prayer effort from the onset of the forum planning.

**Churches:** A Forum is most successful when 10-15 churches see the potential of mobilizing greater numbers of their adults into ministry through the synergy and enthusiasm created by partnering together with other churches in their area to make an impact. MissionNext holds a forum by invitation only and prayerfully seeks the cooperation of local churches; MissionNext does not come to a city, announce an event, and expect the churches to support that initiative.

**MissionNext** is a service organization designed to provide information and pathways for people to become engaged in missions - either on a short-term or long-term basis or as a second-half career. Christian adults can get connected through any of four MissionNext websites: [www.missionxplore.com](http://www.missionxplore.com) for young adults, [www.finishers.org](http://www.finishers.org) for Baby Boomers, [www.missionteach.org](http://www.missionteach.org) for educators and other school personnel, and [www.bammatch.com](http://www.bammatch.com) for business men and women who would like to serve overseas. For additional information, please visit [www.missionnext.org](http://www.missionnext.org).

**Why Should My Church Be Involved?** For churches that are dedicated to making disciples both locally and globally, a Forum can be a useful tool to identify those in their church who are being prepared by the Lord to take new steps of faith in their ministry experience. Over and over we hear testimonies of how a Forum enabled people to take a step of faith and make new levels of commitment to serving our Lord. If such a weekend would help accomplish your church's vision, then being involved in the forum would not be adding to the church's program, but rather, would help to fulfill it.

**Why A Cooperation of Churches?** Partnering with other churches makes several important statements: We are more committed to expanding God's kingdom than just our own; We recognize the extreme importance of demonstrating unity, not division, in the body of Christ; We believe the synergy and enthusiasm of city-wide cooperation is healthy for our members, other churches and for our combined testimony in the city.

**How Will Members Of My Congregation Benefit?** Your members will benefit by gaining a broader vision of how God is working locally and globally to build his kingdom. Attendees will have the opportunity to see how their experience, skills and gifting have uniquely prepared them for ministry involvements they may never have considered. Wherever attendees are in their journey, the sessions will help them take the next step toward involvement in the 'good works God has prepared in advance for them to do.'