

ACSI EE Leader Summit – Orlando Schedule

8:30 Opening & Session 1 - Dr. Althea Penn

Reigniting the Passion for Leadership

In today's volatile, uncertain, complex, and ambiguous (VUCA) world, Christian school leaders must adapt and rise to the challenges created by ever-changing circumstances. In this session, participants will fan the flames of their intrinsic strengths and strategic skills needed to lead with agility. You will also work to improve your ability to influence both within your school and externally to cast and accomplish your school's purpose. By the end of this session, you will have gained a new level of confidence to better impact your stakeholders.

9:45 Break

9:55 Session 2 – Tammy Hicks

Leading with Love

As EE Leaders, we know that love is the glue that holds our ministries together. Without Christ's love as the basis for all we do, our missions cannot thrive. This session will explore how His Love in action through us can impact our staff and overflow onto the children and families in our programs.

10:55 Break

11:00 Session 3 – Dr. Chuck Gilliam

The Path to Flourishing Faith

This session will focus on ACSI's groundbreaking *Flourishing Faith Initiative*, which explores how students grow in their faith within the context of Christian schooling. At the heart of this initiative is a new survey instrument called the Flourishing Faith Index (FFI), which is designed to equip Christian schools to measure and track biblical worldview and spiritual formation of their team. Our session will focus on some of the major findings from this study and give leaders an opportunity to discuss how this impacts their school.

12:00 Lunch (Included)

12:40 Session 4 - Jennifer Jackson (The First Academy)

Technology Can Be Your Friend: How to Use it for Effectiveness and Efficiency

Managing a preschool program requires juggling many compliance standards and regulations that can be tedious and time-consuming. Using technology is a great way to streamline many of the behind-the-scenes requirements. In this session you will learn a few technology tips and tricks that will save you time and energy as a preschool director or administrator.

1:40 Break

1:45 Session 5 – Dr. David Balik

Living and Leading in an Age of Anxiety

In Mark Sayer's new book, [*A Non-Anxious Presence, How a Changing and Complex World Will Create a Remnant of Renewed Christian Leaders*](#), he suggests that anxiety is the dominant theme in our world and our leadership. This anxiety is generated by what he calls the 'gray zone' in which we now live and lead. This is a time of confusion and chaos for many as one era passes away, and the next is yet to be defined. We are experiencing the deconstruction of the foundations of a culture we once knew while a host of competing and conflicting ideologies vie to shape the meta-narrative of the new era. It is a messy, disturbing, and contradictory time. And thus, the age of anxiety. In this interactive session, Dr. Balik will unpack these realities in more detail while at the same time facilitating discussion along with opportunities for Q&A.

2:45 Break

2:50 Session 6 – Dr. Cindy Barnum

Communication – The Key to a Successful Team

How do you speak so that others listen? Can you identify the speaking and listening styles of your team? How can you support everyone to communicate clearly and effectively? We'll look at team dynamics and discuss strategies for helping everyone "get along" and work together toward the mission.

3:30 Summit Ends

