## WORK WITH PURPOSE INITIATIVE | PASTORS GATHERING Make Discipleship for All of Life the D in Your DNA

This workshop-style gathering featured Amy L. Sherman, author of Kingdom Calling and senior fellow at the Sagamore Institute for Policy Research. Discipleship that neglects congregants' daily vocations and their role in Christ's mission of renewing all things isn't genuine discipleship. But when believers grasp the significance of their daily work (paid or unpaid), their joy—and their sanctification—can deepen. Churches that have participated in vocation infusion "Learning Communities" (LCs) are adopting new practices in whole-life discipleship.

Dr. Sherman's presentation explored what churches engaged in the LCs are learning and what's working; cultural messages about work and how to resist them; lessons that LC churches have learned about theology, church culture, and mission; and practices that LC churches are finding effective.

## **Pastors Gathering Breakfast**

Making Discipleship for All of Life the D in Your DNA

### Dr. Amy L. Sherman

Sagamore Institute for Policy Research
Center on Faith in Communities

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Bethel University Olson Board Room







#### This event is hosted by:



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#### Morning schedule:

09:30 am | Registration & breakfast

10:00 am | Keynote presentation

11:10 am | Discussion & questions

11:30 am | Event ends

#### **About our speaker:**

Dr. Amy L. Sherman is a senior fellow at the Sagamore Institute for Policy Research, where she directs the Center on Faith in Communities. Named by Christianity Today in 2012 as one of the 50 most influential evangelical women in America, Sherman is the author of six books and over 80 articles. She works closely with Made to Flourish (MTF), a pastors' network for the common good focused on issues of faith and work. Her most recent book, Kingdom Calling: Vocational Stewardship for the Common Good, was awarded Book of the Year status in the Christian living category by Christianity Today. Sherman is the founder and former executive director of Charlottesville Abundant Life Ministries, an urban ministry in Charlottesville, Virginia. She earned her B.A. in political science at Messiah College and her M.A. and Ph.D. in international economic development from the University of Virginia.

#### **Corporate Worship: Work-Oriented Songs/Hymns**

"Do Your Work Well" by John Brewer

For The Beauty of The Earth

Add To the Beauty, Sara Groves

Benediction, Maeve

<u>Prayers of The People</u>, The Brilliance

Servant King (From Heaven You Came), Graham Kendrick

All Things New, Red Mt. Music

Christ Be All Around Me, All Sons & Daughters

Crags & Clay, Gungor

Hands & Feet, The Brilliance

Take My Life & Let It Be

Be Thou My Vision

God Of This City, Bluetree

Here Are My Hands, Aaron Niequist

Before You I Kneel (A Worker's Prayer), the Getty

#### **Prayer for Vocations (from Dr. Steve Garber)**

God of heaven and earth, we pray for your kingdom to come, for your will to be done on earth as it is in heaven. Teach us to see our vocations and occupations as woven into your work in the world this week. For mothers at home who care for children, for those whose labor forms our common life in this city, the nation and the world, for those who serve the marketplace of ideas and commerce, for those whose creative gifts nourish us all, for those whose callings take them into the academy, for those who long for employment that satisfies their souls and serves you, for each one we pray, asking for your great mercy. Give us eyes to see that our work is holy to you, O Lord, even as our worship this day is holy to you. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

#### **Some Helpful Websites**

Made to Flourish, madetoflourish.org

The Washington Institute for Faith, Vocation & Culture, washingtoninst.org

Institute for Faith, Work & Economics, tifwe.org

Theology of Work Project, theologyofwork.org

Vocational Stewardship, vocationalstewardship.org

The London Institute for Contemporary Christianity, licc.org.uk

Denver Institute for Faith & Work, denverinstitute.org

#### **Further Resources**

To Bless Our Callings: Prayers, Poems, and Hymns to Celebrate Vocation by Laura Kelly Fanucci, <u>collegevilleinstitute.org/to-bless-our-callings</u>

Work in Worship – a compilation by David Welbourn (PDF), <a href="mailto:theologyofwork.org/uploads/general/WorkInWorshipWelbourn.pdf">theologyofwork.org/uploads/general/WorkInWorshipWelbourn.pdf</a>

Worship ideas related to work by Theology of Work Project, <a href="mailto:theologyofwork.org/tow-for-pastors-and-churches/worship-ideas-related-to-work">theologyofwork.org/tow-for-pastors-and-churches/worship-ideas-related-to-work</a>