

## Neil Cole



### SPEAKING TOPICS

Church planting  
Church multiplication movements  
Organic churches, organic leadership

### BIO

Co-founder and executive director of Church Multiplications Associates and [CMAResources](#). Neil helped found the ministry and has helped lead it from its inception. Neil has been in pastoral ministry for 21 years and is an experienced church planter, author and consultant. He has served on the staff of a megachurch (collegiate ministry), been senior pastor of a conventional church (8 years) and started CMA and Awakening Chapels for the past 10 years.

### BOOKS

***Search & Rescue*** (Baker Books, 2008)

***Organic Church*** (Leadership Network/Jossey-Bass, 2005)

***Cultivating a Life For God*** (ChurchSmart Resources, 1999)

## Reggie McNeal



### SPEAKING TOPICS

Missional leadership, missional churches

### BIO

Reggie McNeal enjoys helping people, leaders, and Christian organizations pursue more intentional lives. He currently serves as the Missional Leadership Specialist for [Leadership Network](http://www.leadnet.org) of Dallas, TX. Reggie's past experience involves over a decade as a denominational executive and leadership development coach. He also served in local congregational leadership for over twenty years, including being the founding pastor of a new church. Reggie has lectured or taught as adjunct faculty for multiple seminaries, including Fuller Theological (Pasadena, CA), Southwestern Baptist (Ft. Worth, TX), Golden Gate Baptist (San Francisco, CA), Trinity Divinity School (Deerfield, IL), and Columbia International (Columbia, SC). In addition, he has served as a consultant to local church, denomination, and para-church leadership teams, as well as seminar developer and presenter for thousands of church leaders across North America. He has also resourced the United States Army Chief of Chaplains Office, Air Force chaplains, and the Air Force Education and Training Command. Reggie's work also extends to the business sector, including The Gallup Organization.

Reggie also contributes several podcasts monthly at [www.wiredparish.com](http://www.wiredparish.com), a Christian podcasting network that offers original, exclusive and provocative content from the unconventional edge of the Christian faith.

Reggie's education includes a B.A. degree from the University of South Carolina and the M.Div. and Ph.D. degrees, both from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

### BOOKS

***Get A Life!*** (Broadman & Holman, 2007)

***Practicing Greatness*** (Leadership Network/Jossey-Bass, 2006)

***The Present Future*** (Leadership Network/Jossey-Bass, 2003)

***A Work of Heart*** (Leadership Network/Jossey-Bass, 2000)

***Revolution in Leadership*** (Abingdon Press, 1998)

## Earl Creps



### SPEAKING TOPICS

Spiritual disciplines  
Leadership  
Reverse mentoring  
Church planting  
Missional churches

### BIO

Earl Creps has spent several years on the road studying missional congregations and connecting with young leaders. He brings to this research a background as a pastor, having led three churches (one Boomer, one Builder, and one Gen X), a consultant, having served as his denomination's national Adult Ministries Consultant, and an educator, teaching on mission in emerging culture for the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary. Earl has earned a Ph.D. in Communication (Northwestern University) and a Doctor of Ministry (AGTS). Currently, he is Team Leader for the Berkeley Church Planting Project through Assemblies of God US Missions. Earl is the author of numerous articles and adult study courses, and a speaker for seminars, retreats and revivals. His book, *Off-Road Disciplines: Spiritual Adventures of Missional Leaders*, was published by Leadership Network/Jossey-Bass in 2006. His new book, *Reverse Mentoring*, will appear in the fall of 2008 from the same publisher.

### BOOKS

***Off-Road Disciplines: Spiritual Adventures of Missional Leaders*** (Leadership Network/Jossey-Bass, 2006)

***Reverse Mentoring: How Young Leaders Can Transform Us and Why We Should Let Them*** (Leadership Network/Jossey-Bass, forthcoming 2008)

## Milfred Minatrea



### TOPICS

Missional Leadership  
Personal discipleship  
Spiritual formation  
Urban ministry

### BIO

Milfred Minatrea is founding director of the [Missional Church Center](#). In addition to *Shaped by God's Heart*, he has written numerous articles on the church's role in God's mission and served as editor and contributing author of *Hands on Ministry*, designed to equip laypersons in pastoral care skills for effective ministry. As director of the Missional Church Center, Minatrea coaches churches and individuals in their quest to live God's mission, leads experiential seminars exploring the missional culture and spiritual formation for authentic discipleship, networks church leaders who are journeying toward a missional posture and joins them as a fellow learner in Christ's mission.

Experienced in church consultation, Minatrea has assisted more than 1400 churches of varying denominations in clarifying vision and developing strategies to advance their accomplishment of God's path from current reality toward His preferred future. A communicator of the Good News, he has served numerous churches as interim pastor helping them find fresh direction for ministry during periods of transition. Concurrent with his role as Director of Missional Church Center, Minatrea leads the missional journey of a local congregation, serving bi-vocationally as senior pastor of Northway Church in Dallas.

As a missiologist and urban ministry practitioner, Minatrea previously served in Executive Staff positions with Baptist General Convention of Texas and Dallas Baptist Association. Prior to serving in those ministries, he was senior pastor of churches in Texas. Minatrea earned a Doctor of Ministry in Missions Administration from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary.

### BOOKS

***Shaped by God's Heart*** (Leadership Network/Jossey-Bass, 2004)

## Eric Swanson



### SPEAKING TOPICS

*The Externally Focused Church*

Community Transformation, Volunteerism  
Leadership

### BIO

Eric Swanson works with Leadership Network as Leadership Community Director for Externally Focused Churches working with dozens of externally focused churches around the United States. In partnership with Tango, he also works with pastors and leaders in cities around the world who are engaging their communities with the good news and good deeds. Eric formerly served for twenty-five years with Campus Crusade for Christ. He has a passion for engaging churches worldwide in the needs and dreams of their communities toward the end of spiritual and community transformation. He holds a D.Min. in Transformational Leadership in the Global City and is co-author of *The Externally Focused Church*, *Living a Life on Loan*, and numerous articles on churches that are transforming their communities. Eric has been married to Liz for 30 years. They have three children, two grandchildren and reside outside of Boulder, Colorado.

### BOOKS

***The Externally Focused Church*** (Group Publishing, 2004)

***Living a Life on Loan*** (Standard Publishing Company, 2006)