

NCA Annual Meeting agenda, Saturday, October 17, 2026, Bismarck Baptist Church
Theme: “Living for Jesus in a Polarized World”

REGISTRATION DEADLINE - October 8. You may register

- 1) here: [2026 NCA Association Registration – Fill out form](#)
- 2) at the Bismarck Baptist website. Go to <https://bb.church>
- 3) at the Northern Plains Region website. Go to <https://npregion.org>

CHILDCARE IS PROVIDED, BUT YOU MUST REGISTER (Nursery; PreK - Grade 5)

8:15 a.m. - Registration

9:00 a.m. - Worship

9:15 a.m. - Two special reports (Jackson Hankey/Christ Redeemer church plant & Shan Reed)

9:35 a.m. - Kimlyn Bender - “What Do They Notice?” - How the Church is to live when our children, our neighbors and the world are watching

10:20 a.m. - Break

10:50 am - Breakout Sessions (1 hour)

Breakout 1 - Kimlyn Bender - “Uncomfortable Advice for Churches When Everything Is Political”

Breakout 2 - Brandon Smith - “A Biblical Approach to AI”

Breakout 3 - Shan Reed & Brandon Jones - “Fanning the Flame of Compassion Around the World”

Breakout 4 - Terry Okken - “Jesus’ Relational Approach to People”

12:00 p.m. - Lunch

1:00 p.m. - Two special reports (Brandon Jones & Terry Okken)

1:20 p.m. - Worship

1:35 p.m. - Kimlyn Bender - “But Who Is My Neighbor?” - Expanding our witness by enlarging our world

2:30 p.m. - Second Breakout Session. (Repeat of Breakout sessions 1-4)

3:30 p.m. - Break

3:45 p.m. - Business Meeting

Presenters::

Kimlyn Bender, Professor of Christian Theology, Truett Seminary (Baylor), Waco (TX)
 Brandon Smith, executive pastor, First Baptist, Minot (ND)
 Shan Reed, NAB Director of (Mission) Mobilization (formerly NAB missionary to Japan)
 Brandon Jones, NAB International Missionary (Brazil)
 Terry Okken, NAB Director of Advancement

Kimlyn Bender (Sioux Falls, SD), Brandon Jones (Herreid, SD) and Terry Okken (Edmonton, AB) have all served as NAB pastors. Kimlyn is a native of Ventura, Terry of New Leipzig, Shan of Madison, SD.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO THE NCA MEETING, OCTOBER 16. Below are the guidelines from the NCA Constitution regarding delegates to the 3:45 p.m. business meeting.

ARTICLE IV – REPRESENTATION

A. Each member church shall have five delegates for the first 200 members of the church and one additional delegate for each additional 100 members as specified below. Each church may also select an alternate for each delegate to serve in his or her absence. The delegates and their alternates from each church shall be active members of that church and shall include at least one member from each of the three following categories:

1. The senior pastor or pastoral designee. The pastoral designee may be:
 - An Associate Pastor
 - A lay leader when the pastor serves multiple churches.
 - A lay leader when the church is without a pastor.
2. A member of the governing lay leadership board of that church.
3. Members at large of that church.

NOTE: Information on the 2027 NCA (proposed) Budget and NCA Executive Committee nominations will be sent at a later date.

Pastor/Ministry Staff/Spouse Mini-Retreat, Friday, October 16, Bismarck Baptist Church

1 p.m. - Gather

1:30 p.m. - Brandon Jones & Shan Reed - "Navigating Theological Differences - Cultural Elements"

Free Time

Supper - 5:30 p.m.

7 p.m.. - Kimlyn Bender "Navigating Theological Differences"