



## TRACKS

**Tracks** are a series of breakouts that can be chosen together that will walk you through a topic more holistically. Below is a list of the tracks that have been designed for CPC19.

NOTE: You can sign up for courses that are part of a track as individual courses as well.

### **Curriculum Management**

This track is designed to walk you through how to CHOOSE a curriculum, how to USE a curriculum and how to EVALUATE a curriculum. It includes the following topics:

1. The 4 Phases of Finding a Fabulous Curriculum
2. Take It, Break It, Make It: How To Hack A Curriculum To Make It Fit Your Needs
3. Evaluating Ministry for a Disconnect
4. Integrating Spiritual Formation into Your Kidmin Curriculum

### **Early Childhood Ministry**

Is your focus on early childhood ministry? Are babies and preschoolers your jam? Then this track is designed just for you! The learning starts with an overview and then covers all the stages of early development from babies through preschool. It ends with some practical tools to engage with this age group.

1. Preschool Ministry Ideas That Work
2. Building Faith in Babies
3. Those Terrific Two's
4. "But I Can't Even Read It!" Fun Ways To Do Scripture Memory With Kids Who Can't Read
5. Join the Story: Interactive Storytelling Ideas for Preschool Kids
6. Extreme Church Nursery Makeover

### **(En)Courage: Women in Ministry Leadership**

This track is designed specifically for women who are leading in children's ministry. Hear from some powerhouse leaders about how to grow in your own leadership capacity, encourage those around you and raise up the next generation of leaders.

1. Leading Strong as a Female Leader on a Male-Dominated Staff (Kim Botto)
2. How to Raise up Women Leaders (Sharon Hodee Miller)
3. Networking: Unlocking What's Holding You Back (Melanie Hester)
4. Finding Your Voice (Melissa MacDonald)
5. Above the Noise: Making your voice heard (Kathie Philips)
6. Influence: The art and practice of using your unique Influence (Megan Whittow)

### **EQUIP: Foundations for Children's Ministry**

Think of this as Children's Ministry 101. If you are just starting out in Children's Ministry or have recently stepped into a leadership position, this track is for you! We will walk through some key topics that will cover the basics of leading a children's ministry.

1. Big Picture Focus: Being Proactive, not Reactive
2. Develop a Strategic Children's Ministry in Your Church
3. Organization 101 for the Messy, Overwhelmed and Stretched Thin
4. Policy Writing 101
5. Kidmin Communication Secrets!
6. THRIVE: How to Create a Systematic Evaluation Process to Keep Your Ministry Thriving

### **Family & Intergenerational Discipleship**

This track walks you through some ways to engage the whole family in ministry. Parents, grandparents, old-people, young-people, and everywhere in between. The church is made up of all ages. So check out this track if you want to be equipped to engage across generations!

1. Expanding Your Family Ministry Vision: Four Influences that can Transform Children's Lives
2. Building A Family Based Ministry
3. Dynamic Intergenerational Ministry
4. Understanding the Role of Grandparents in the Spiritual Formation of Children
5. Gospel for Kids and families
6. Family Milestones: Equipping Parents for Every Season

### **Leadership**

If you are interested in taking your leadership to the next level, check out this track. These 6 courses map out a master class of leadership. Take the time to invest in building soft skills like conflict resolution and change management. Your teams and ministries will be better off for it.

1. Think Different For Different Results
2. Biblical Solutions for Human Conflict: How to reconcile with others for a healthy work culture
3. Leading Through Change
4. Loving the Team You Have
5. Be A Leader You Would Follow
6. 4 Keys to Building an Effective Lead Team

### **Men of Children's Ministry**

Are you a man serving in Children's Ministry? Then you should check out this track. Designed to give you a unique experience that looks at the responsibilities, realities and challenges that men face within the children's ministry world. (NOTE: Starts in Session #4)

4. Being a Man in Children's Ministry
5. Finding the Kid Within the Role of the Male Children's Minister
6. Men of Children's Ministry Panel

## **Practical Children's Ministry**

This track walks through 6 key practical children's ministry skills and solutions that will help you take your ministry to the next level. Includes things like teaching, safety, behavior management, and policies in order to equip you for more effective ministry.

1. Want to Teach Like Jesus? Then You Must Do These Things
2. Keeping Kids Safe and Secure
3. Law and Order: KidMin Edition
4. Creating a Safe Haven
5. Volunteer Policies for the Modern Kidmin
6. How to Talk to your Lead Pastor about KidMin

## **Soul Care**

As leaders, we need to take care of ourselves to avoid burn out, temptation, pride and a host of other things. Maybe you need to dive deep into caring for your soul at CPC this year. This track will help guide you through that process.

1. He is in the Waiting
2. Worship: Putting God in His rightful place
3. Prayer and Planning: The Critical Practice of Time Away
4. Living Moment By Moment: Why caring for your soul matters more than you could imagine
5. Full Schedule, Fruitful Life: Tips to Make the Most of Your Busy Life
6. Wounded Servant to Determined Warrior

## **Special Needs**

Are the kids who have special needs your passion? Do you want to create a space that's welcoming to kids with all ability levels but don't know where to start? Or maybe you want to expand your understanding of this unique group of kiddos. This track will walk you through starting and growing a special needs ministry as well as educate you on the do's and don't's of working with kids who have various needs.

1. What Kids with Special Needs Wish You Knew
2. ADHD: What it is and How to Help
3. Small STEPS for SPECIAL NEEDS
4. Invaluable Tools for Each Valuable Child
5. Tips and Tools to Take Your Special Needs Ministry to the Next Level

## **Spiritual Formation**

Do you want your ministry to do more than teach kids about God? Do you want them to engage in a relationship with Him that overflows into worship and service? Then check out this track that will walk you through a series of strategic ways you can implement spiritual formation into your ministry.

1. Spiritual Formation for Children and their Leaders
2. Why Kids Are Smarter Than You Think: Teaching Theology to Kids
3. Impacting the 5 Key Spheres of a Child's Life
4. Rooted Together: The Impact of Small Groups on a Child's Spiritual Formation
5. Little Servants: Training our Kids to Have a Service-Minded Walk with God
6. Leading Elementary & Preteens Kids to Worship Like David

## **The Worship Experience**

This track is all about engaging kids in praising and worshipping the Lord. Through music, prayer and their whole lives, children can bring glory to the Lord. This track starts with the “Why” behind worship and moves into creating an environment that engages children. You’ll leave with both passion and practical steps to see your kids engage in worship like never before!

1. Sing! Hymns for Kids
2. Creating a Worship Environment
3. Creative Prayer Spaces
4. Getting Boys to Sing and Problem Solving Your Worship Challenges
5. Pulling Preschoolers into PRAISE!
6. Worship Nights for Kids

## **Tweens & Pre-Teens**

That “in between” age can be a challenge but is also has huge potential for spiritual growth. This track walks through the basics of Pre-Teen ministry and then moves into topics like *media*, *technology* and *social media* that are topics that often come up when working with this age group. If you spend your time with this amazing age-group, be sure to check out this track!

1. Preteen Ministry Basics
2. The Preteen Bubble
3. Preteen Bible Engagement: Shaping Identity When It Really Counts
4. Best Media Practices for Preteen Ministry
5. Help! I’ve Got Snarky Preteens in My Children’s Ministry
6. Is Social Networking Destroying Empathy in Our Children?

## **Understanding and Reaching Today's Kids**

This track takes a deep dive into the world of today’s kids. Who are they? What are they into? What are their stories? What defines their generations? If you feel like you cannot understand the kids you serve, this track will guide you through an in-depth look at what’s going on in their world. And maybe, this understanding will help you love, care and serve them better.

1. Becoming KIDmissional!
2. Generation Alpha
3. Ministering To (and With) Generation Z
4. There Are No Black Sheep!
5. Beautiful Boring: Gospel Fluency for Kids Who Don’t “Need” Jesus
6. Square Peg, Round Hole, Solutions for Kids Who Don't Seem to Fit

## **Understanding and Reaching Today's Parents**

Sometimes we find ourselves interacting with the parents as much as we do with the kids in our ministry. Parenting looks different (and yet the same) than it did 20 years ago. This track will help you gain a better understanding of the parents you encounter and how to engage them more effectively in your ministry. (NOTE: Starts in Session #4)

4. 7 Keys to Reaching Today's Young Families
5. What They Wish They Knew: Partnering with Millennial Parents
6. The Four Cs of Parenting: Launching Kids into Adulthood

## **Volunteers**

Volunteers are the heartbeat of any children's ministry. This track walks through 6 key practices that will increase your volunteer engagement. Recruitment, culture, training, succession planning and retention are all vital to maintain a thriving volunteer culture. This track will be a game-changer for your ministry!

1. 10 Game Changers for Volunteer Recruiting
2. The Recipe for a Thriving Volunteer Culture
3. Training that Honours
4. Creating a Leadership Pipeline: More than just filling gaps
5. Building Teams Who Thrive and Stay
6. 3 Keys to Attracting Millennial Volunteers

## **CATEGORIES**

The following is a list of categories that the rest of our breakouts fall into.

**Creativity in Ministry:** Check out some tools and tips to get creative in your ministry.

**Family & Intergenerational Discipleship:** How to engage all generations in your ministry.

**Leadership:** Breakouts in this category cover some specific situations you might encounter as a leader and how to navigate them.

**Ministry Models:** Every ministry looks different and these breakouts dive deep into the different ways ministry can happen in different environments.

**Outreach:** Learn different techniques that will help you reach more kids!

**Practical Children's Ministry:** Check out these topics that cover some of the most hands on parts of children's ministry.

**Spiritual Formation:** Explore ways to help kids connect with God with their heart, mind, soul and strength.

**Technology & Media:** Discover how to use technology effectively in your ministry and how to overcome any issues that it may arise.

**Tough Topics:** These breakouts address some of the topics we might not be as comfortable talking about and will equip you to speak about them in your own context.

**Volunteers:** Whether it's recruiting or training, these breakouts help you maximize your volunteer teams.

