

FaithTech

Integration Sprint

Participants and Collaborators



Strategic Leadership & Innovation Oversight



James Kelly – Founder/CEO, FaithTech
Co-architect & Visionary of this Emerging Innovation & Tech Initiative
Ontario, Canada

James serves as the founder and CEO of FaithTech, a global community of technologists dedicated to building technology solutions for ministries, nonprofits, and mission organizations. His background includes a blend of startup leadership, recruitment, and pastoral experience, through which he has guided FaithTech's expansion into a global network and catalyzed initiatives such as AI Collective. He holds a Bachelor of Commerce in Entrepreneurship from Dalhousie University and a Master of Divinity in Biblical Studies from McMaster Divinity College.



Dr. K – FaithTech
Sprint Researcher & Event Planner

Dr. K currently serves as an AI consultant with FaithTech, where she helps Christian organizations navigate the ethical and theological challenges of the artificial intelligence era.. Her extensive professional background includes serving in the U.S. Intelligence Community on pandemic response and AI policy, and leading the Christian Institute on Disability at Joni & Friends. Additionally, she taught theology and bioethics at Biola University and Talbot School of Theology for over 20 years and has authored several works, including Hope's Horizon. She holds a Ph.D. in Religion and Applied Ethics from USC, multiple master's degrees, and AI certifications from MIT, Stanford, and Google.



Kamal Khairallah – FaithTech
Sprint Advisor & Planner
Beirut, Lebanon

With a background in entrepreneurship, mission, technology, digital media and community building, Kamal is passionate to see FaithTech grow and develop in the Middle East.



Yvonne Carlson – Chief Technology Officer, GMO

Sprint Advisor & Planner

Charlotte, North Carolina

Yvonne Carlson is the Chief Technology Officer at Global Media Outreach (GMO), where she leads innovation and technology to advance global evangelism and discipleship. With over three decades of cross-sector experience, she specializes in responsible AI, data ethics, software engineering, and digital innovation. She serves on the boards of FaithTech and the National Religious Broadcasters and holds a leadership role with Missional AI.



Paul Schultheis – Founder & Managing Partner for Strategic Initiatives, SRG

**Co-architect & Visionary of this Emerging Innovation &
Tech Initiative**

Newport Beach, California

Paul is the founder of SRG (established in 1997 as MENA Partners) and serves as managing partner for Strategic Initiatives. His vision is to strategically mobilize people, prayer, and financial resources into partnerships with churches and ministries across the greater Middle East and North Africa region. He is also a general partner and CEO of Real Property Investment Services, Inc., and a managing partner for numerous real estate development partnerships in northern Arizona.

Prior to his real estate career, Paul spent a decade at Southern California Edison, concluding his tenure as manager of corporate planning where he specialized in long-range planning and economic forecasting. His leadership experience includes board service for Interdev, Apartment Life, and the English Language Institute in China, as well as a long-standing role on the ministry council at Lake Avenue Church. He holds a BS in management science from CSU Los Angeles and an MBA from Pepperdine University, with additional graduate studies completed at CSU, Caltech, and the University of Michigan.



Jordan Stone – Co-Managing Partner for Strategic Initiatives, SRG

Co-architect & Visionary of this Emerging Innovative &

Tech Initiative
Frisco, Texas

Jordan serves as the Co-Managing Partner of Strategic Initiatives at SRG, where he focuses on developing strategy, enhancing capacity building, and leading seven ministry funds. He is an entrepreneur and small business owner who previously held leadership roles as the Chief Strategy Officer at Global Media Outreach, Regional Director for MENA at OneHope, and Director of Operations at Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church. He holds a BS in political science from Oklahoma State University and an MA in Middle East politics from the University of Arkansas.



Gloria Almazan – Executive Assistant to Paul Schultheis

Tuscon, Arizona

Gloria currently serves as Executive Assistant to Paul Schultheis, the founder and managing partner at SRG, a position she has held since 2022. Prior to joining SRG, she spent 30 years as a litigation paralegal with a focus on medical malpractice, product liability, and legal support for elderly individuals in nursing home and assisted living negligence cases. She holds a BA in Spanish from the University of Arizona and an associate degree in legal assisting from Pima Community College.

Digital Church Team



Andrew Esparza – Kingdom Analytics
Digital Church Team

Phoenix, Arizona

Andrew is the founder of Kingdom Analytics, where he uses advanced demographic research and AI technology to provide actionable insights for more than 600 organizations worldwide. His career began in the themed entertainment industry and includes extensive travel to more than 50 countries, leading to his distinction as a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society in London. He has been recognized as a Top 100 Marketing and Advertising Leader for his work in bridging the gap between organizations and their communities through behavioral analytics.



Andrew Pottenger – Engineering Manager, Meta

Sprint Advisor – Digital Church Team

Austin, Texas

Andrew serves as the Engineering Manager for Financial, Business, and Contingent Workforce Planning Products at Meta, where he also leads the Christians@Meta Global ERG. His experience includes managing customer support experiences for creators on Facebook and Instagram, serving in Global Operations Engineering at Facebook, and co-founding several ventures, including CrossBrew.co, CatchEngine, and the FinTech startup Capital Factor. He currently serves on the boards of FaithTech, Faith & Work Movement, Resource Global, and Global Accessibility Awareness Day. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Computer Graphics Technology from Purdue University.



Dani Samarneh – Founder, Kenosis Group

Digital Church Team

Jordan

Dani is the Founder of Kenosis Group, where he pioneers initiatives such as Alpha Omega and TheoSumma to equip Christian leaders and thinkers with a rigorous approach to faith. He engages in rational dialogue across theology, philosophy, and apologetics, presenting Christianity as a coherent worldview while cultivating strategic engagement with skeptics and interfaith audiences in the Middle East and internationally. His work addresses philosophical and scientific challenges through structured apologetics and mentoring for the next generation of Arab thinkers. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical and Cryogenic Engineering, has completed advanced studies in Philosophy and Theology, and is currently pursuing his Doctorate.



Hans Rempel – Security

Digital Church Team

Oregon

Hans leads teams in creating innovations for secure communication, distributed ledger, and connected device applications. For two decades, he has focused on driving market transformations and removing barriers to scale for emerging technologies. Having grown up as a missionary kid in Eastern Europe, China, and Taiwan, he brings a global perspective to

unlocking the potential of connected device applications.



Justin Murff – SRG Consultant

Digital Church Team

Greenville, South Carolina

Justin serves as a consultant for the Digital Church sector fund at SRG, a role he has held since 2019. His experience includes over 20 years as a media and development executive, where he launched the nation's first free-to-air business television channel, BizTV, and executive-produced hundreds of national productions. An ordained Anglican minister, he also serves as Canon for the Middle East and North Africa and as an Archdeacon in the Anglican Church in North America. He holds a bachelor's degree in applied theology and a master's degree in government and international affairs from Regent University.



Laura Gardner – Executive Coach

Digital Church Team

Quincy, Florida.

Laura serves as the Executive Director of the Integrus Foundation, where she focuses on equipping kingdom-minded leaders and advancing nonprofit excellence. Prior to joining Integris in 2025, she spent 14 years at Joni and Friends in senior executive roles, including President, COO, and CFO, and previously founded her own business, The Protocol Institute LLC. She has served as Chairman of the Board for both the Joni and Friends Foundation and the Christian Leadership Alliance. She holds a BS in Accounting from Troy University and has completed executive education certifications at Harvard Business School and Wharton Executive Education.



Natchi Lazarus – Media Strategist

Digital Church Team

India

Natchi serves as an International Marketing and Media Strategist, specializing in teaching AI and social media strategies to churches, media ministries, and nonprofits. He is the founder of the Connected Church Academy (CCA) and co-founder of Open Minds Agency, an AI and social media agency. His two decades of experience in media and marketing includes his work as a consultant, keynote speaker, and author of The Connected Church and Spirit-led Intelligence. He also serves as guest faculty for AI and media programs at various Christian

universities and Bible colleges.



Raed – Regional Director, MII MENA
Digital Church Team
Cairo, Egypt

Raed serves as the Regional Director of MII MENA, where he equips ministries and churches to increase the effectiveness of their digital and social media efforts for the expansion of the gospel. His background includes over 30 years of experience in customer care management, contact center operations, and business process management, alongside a long-standing role as a worship leader and supporter of the prayer and worship movement in the Middle East. He holds a BSc in Automatic Control and Computer Engineering from Ain Shams University, an MBA from Nile University in collaboration with IESE Business School, and is a graduate of the Forerunner Music Academy at IHOPU.



Ronnie Bassous – Founder, New Heights ME
Digital Church Team
Beirut, Lebanon

Ronnie is the Founder and Chief Executive Officer of New Heights Middle East, where he leads multilingual teams across Arabic, Farsi, French, Turkish, and Urdu to engage over 500,000 seekers annually through digital evangelism and media outreach. Since 2017, he has focused on building digital discipleship pathways and empowering local partners to support the emerging digital church across the Arab world. His background includes launching creative, arts-based children's ministries and developing innovative programs that bridge mission and technology. He holds an MBA from the Lebanese American University, an MA in Global Leadership from Fuller Seminary, and is currently a Doctor of Ministry candidate at Fuller Seminary.

Discipleship Team



Bisharah Estephan – CTO, Theosumma
Discipleship Team
Amman, Jordan

Bisharah serves as the CTO of Theosumma, where he leads the technical direction for AI-enabled platforms designed for ministry, education, and digital formation. He specializes in application architecture, DevOps, and the design of scalable multilingual content systems specifically tailored for the complexities of the MENA region. His work integrates modern cloud infrastructure and intelligent data processing with product strategy and operational planning to ensure technology solutions are culturally informed and sustainable.



**Fadi Sharaiha – VP, MENA Leadership Center
Discipleship Team
*Canada***

Fadi serves as the Vice President for Operations & Partnerships at the MENA Leadership Center, where he trains leaders to build sustainable, Christ-centered organizations across the Middle East and North Africa. His experience includes over 25 years as an international development expert and consultant leading NGOs globally and speaking at international mission festivals and conferences. He is an International Master Trainer with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and a Fellow with the Academy for Educational Development (AED). He holds a degree in engineering, a Master's in Biblical Studies, and a high diploma in Permaculture.



**Jeff Peterson – CEO – Waha
Discipleship Team
*Seattle, Washington***

Jeff serves as the CEO and co-founder of Waha, a global disciple-making platform that equips users in more than 170 countries to hear and share the gospel through digital Discovery Bible Studies. Previously, he lived for seven years in Morocco as a cross-cultural worker focused on media-based outreach and church-planting, and now leads the design of AI-assisted tools for high-risk environments as a product strategist and technologist. He specializes in UX design for oral-preference learners and scaling digital discipleship pathways within the Disciple Making Movements (DMM) framework.



**Joel - IT Security
Discipleship Team**

Joel serves as a technology and IT leader specializing in the

design and operation of AI-enabled systems and secure cloud and hybrid platforms. He has led and contributed to secure, reliable platforms across the digital entertainment, security auditing, and financial sectors, balancing innovation with privacy and resilience. His work focuses on cybersecurity and risk-aware implementation in regulated environments, ensuring that technical infrastructure meets specific business needs while maintaining strict compliance.



Josh Baroni – AWS Software Engineer

Discipleship Team

Washington DC

Josh is a Software Development Engineer with the AWS Training and Certification team, where he works on the Skillbuilder E-Learning Platform. In addition to his technical role, he serves as a Co-Chair of Christians@Amazon and is actively involved in a growing community of house churches. He is passionate about practical discipleship within personal spheres of influence (Oikos) and focuses on equipping others to live on mission through the guidance of the Holy Spirit.



Lauren George – Clinical Psychologist

Discipleship Team

Dr. George is a Health Psychologist and the owner of Glowing Grace Psychological Wellness, where she specializes in treating anxiety, trauma, OCD, and disordered eating. Her experience spans inpatient and forensic hospital settings, college counseling centers, and crisis intervention, with a particular focus on serving refugees and survivors of trauma. She utilizes advanced training in Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT), Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT), and Exposure and Response Prevention (ERP) to address the complex needs of adults and caregivers. She holds a Bachelor's degree from Sacred Heart University, and both a Master's degree and a PhD in Clinical Health Psychology from Virginia State University.



Nick Skyland – Vice President, Gloo

Discipleship Team

Houston, Texas

Nick currently serves as Vice President at Gloo, where he leads AI Research and Products. His experience includes serving as

Chief Technologist and Director of Business Development at NASA Johnson Space Center, where he oversaw early-stage technology development and pioneered open innovation strategies. He also co-founded the consulting firm Quite Uncommon and co-authored the book *What Comes Next?*, focusing on helping leaders navigate strategic change and emerging technology.



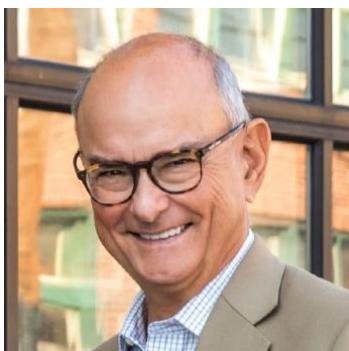
**Scott Holste – COO,
Lifeshape**

Discipleship Team

Atlanta, Georgia

Scott serves as the Chief Operating Officer for Lifeshape, where he leads the organization's efforts to connect marketplace professionals with opportunities for community and national transformation. His extensive leadership experience includes serving in senior roles for a large NGO, where he oversaw more than 4,500 personnel across nearly 180 countries and managed international crises while living and working in Southeast Asia, Northern Africa, and Europe. He holds a BA in Biology, an MDiv with Languages, and a PhD in organizational leadership with research focused on the impact of trust on knowledge transfer.

Translation Team



Chick Schoen – SRG

Translation Team

Dallas, Texas

Chick is a retired technology consultant currently volunteering with the Strategic Resource Group (SRG), where he developed the third-generation methodology for the Unreached People Group (UPG) Fund. His methodology integrates translation, distribution, communication, and follow-up, utilizing "parallel engineering" to accelerate value for ministry partners. Previously a Partner at Andersen Consulting (now Accenture) and a Director at NetApp, Inc., he now serves as the Chair of the National Advisory Board for Jesuit High School New Orleans and supports Trusted World in Dallas. He holds an undergraduate degree in History from Notre Dame University, as well as a JD and an MBA from Tulane University, where he graduated first in his class.



Eunice Jones – SRG Linguist

Translation Team

United Kingdom

Eunice has served with SRG's Unreached People Groups initiative since 2020, focusing on current projects that include AI-assisted Bible translation. Her experience includes over 30 years as a linguist and cross-cultural worker in Pakistan, where she led major translation and media projects in the Balti language and worked for 14 years in a medical clinic. An SIL-recognized Translation Consultant, she has specialized in audio recording and communicating biblical truth within isolated Islamic contexts. She holds a bachelor's degree in music, a master's degree in South Asian studies, and a master's degree in linguistics.



Islam Sarmini – Billy Graham Association

Translation Team

Islam serves as the Senior Manager of Digital Strategy and Arabic Language at the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. He has dedicated over a decade to working at the intersection of technology, innovation, and ministry, focusing on the strategic implementation of digital tools to advance global outreach. As a technology optimist, he specializes in leveraging emerging digital solutions to create impactful ministry experiences and drive engagement across the Arabic-speaking world.



Jodessiah Sumpter – Founder, Tech Levitate

Translation Team

Alpharetta, Georgia

Joe is a technology innovator and the founder of Tech Levitate, where he designs AI-powered tools and digital platforms to help ministries and creators grow through technology. He leads the development of the Levitation App for AI-generated worship assets and heads Rival Play Studios, a game studio focused on community-driven interactive experiences. His experience includes over 15 years in software engineering and product development for Fortune 500 enterprises, as well as technology leadership roles for In Touch Ministries and global faith-driven innovation movements like Indigitous.



Josh Müller – Digital Strategy, Waha
Translation Team
Bogotá, Colombia

Josh leads localization for Waha.app, where he and his team leverage AI to democratize access to audio-first disciple-making tools across more than 44 languages. Previously, he served for nine years in Türkiye, leading discipleship efforts among diverse Middle Eastern people groups and directing crisis response teams for the Syrian refugee crisis and the 2023 earthquakes. He has architected custom AI workflows for language scaling and develops covert hardware devices for gospel distribution in restricted contexts.



Michelle Bryant – Senior Director, Biblica
Translation Team
Abilene, TX

Michelle serves as Senior Director at Biblica, where she works to employ the implementation of AI-assisted translation methods and platforms across the MENA, Southeast, and Central Asia regions. Her experience spans 30 years across the fields of ministry, technology, entrepreneurship, and media.



Nardine Farah – Product Manager, Biblica
Translation Team
Cairo, Egypt

Nardine serves as a Senior Global Product Manager at Biblica, where she manages digital Bible products and drives product marketing strategies across diverse regions. Her professional background includes nearly a decade in ICT and digital transformation with organizations such as Etisalat Misr and Spectro Systems, specializing in IoT solutions, big data, and emerging technologies. She also works with church leaders on practical AI applications and maintains extensive experience delivering digital content across varying access contexts in the MENA region. She holds a Master's in Electronics Engineering from Ulm University in Germany and a Professional Product Management Certification from Northwestern Kellogg Business School.



Pierre Housseny – Horizons International

Translation Team

Beirut, Lebanon

Pierre serves as the Executive Director of Horizons International and leads the Middle East Center for World Missions (MEC), which he founded to oversee evangelism, discipleship centers, and the School of Hope for refugee children. Since 2006, he has led teams of nationals and missionaries across the MENA region, partnering with over 130 Lebanese churches and hundreds of global organizations to serve Muslim-majority contexts. He is a contributor to the Engaging Islam curriculum and has traveled to over 30 countries to develop leadership and innovation in ministry. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from the University of Northern Colorado.

Trauma Healing Team



Dan Rutledge – Entrepreneur

Trauma Healing Team

Charlotte, North Carolina.

Dan is an entrepreneur, product strategist, and full-stack engineer currently leading Meetify, a SaaS platform that reimagines meeting scheduling through location intelligence. In 2008, he co-founded SignUpGenius, where he built the initial platform and guided its growth to serve 100 million annual users. Recently, he developed a secure, AI-accelerated video and file platform for a ministry in a restricted-access region of Africa to provide encrypted Bible training to at-risk believers.



Dorothy Simon – Workflow Specialist

Trauma Healing Team

Dorothy is the founder of Operations.Sync (O.S), where she helps mission-driven organizations and social leaders maximize their human impact by streamlining operations and technology. She leads complex, large-scale system implementation projects, including SAP S/4HANA transformations and AI automation initiatives within the telecommunications and technology sectors. Her work focuses on bridging the gap between emerging technological solutions and real-world operational challenges, ensuring technical deployments are scalable and efficient. She is a certified Google Cloud Gen AI Leader, an ASCM Certified

Supply Chain Professional, and holds a professional certification from the John Molson School of Business.



Grace P – Media

Trauma Healing Team

Grace serves as a global media strategist in the 10/40 Window, where she facilitates the Bible Access Servant Team for the 24:14 Coalition and assists church planting networks in multiplying disciples through technology and the arts. Her experience includes over 20 years living in the MENA region, where she led a regional media team, launched the Arabic online initiative for the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, and produced orality-based field strategies for engaging Shiite Muslim communities. She has traveled to over 30 countries to implement trauma-forward media strategies for ministry and discipleship.



Joshua Castleberry – Data Scientist

Trauma Healing Team

Brooks, Georgia

Joshua serves as a Data Scientist at Chick-fil-A, specializing in applied analytics, machine learning development, and decision-support modeling for profit forecasting and labor costs. His previous experience includes serving as a tenure-track professor and as a regional epidemiologist for the State of Ohio, where he conducted trauma-related research and supported data-informed decision-making for impacted communities. He also led service design and analytics initiatives for Atlanta Mission, focusing on trauma-informed ministry for those experiencing homelessness. He holds a PhD from Georgia State University with advanced training in statistics, psychometrics, and evaluation methods.



Mark Agaibi – Engineer

Trauma Healing Team

Cairo, Egypt

Mark serves as a QA Manager in software testing, a field in which he has specialized for over nine years. His experience spans the

government, healthcare, and automotive software development sectors, with a current focus on penetration testing and security. He holds a degree in Mechatronics Engineering and an MBA.



Pierre Kaldas – Missionary

Trauma Healing Team

Pasadena, California

Pierre is a PhD candidate in Clinical Psychology and a Master of Divinity student at Fuller Theological Seminary, focused on integrating academic expertise with trauma healing in the Middle East. He specializes in the study of cultural competency and adaptability as they pertain to psychopathology, specifically regarding how cultural contexts influence diagnosis and prognosis standards. Born to missionary parents in Sudan and raised in the mission field, he has spent nine years serving the Egyptian church across diverse religious backgrounds and assisting in mission programs for the Sudanese diaspora in both Egypt and Sudan.



Rebecca Hardin – Clinical Psychologist

Trauma Healing Team

Reston, Virginia

Dr. Hardin is a clinical psychologist specializing in health and neuropsychology, providing evidence-based treatment for eating disorders, chronic illness, anxiety, and trauma. Her clinical practice addresses the impact of stress and trauma on the brain-body connection, utilizing specialized training in cognitive-behavioral therapy (CBT), dialectical behavior therapy (DBT), and exposure and response prevention (ERP). She integrates faith-based therapy into her clinical work and has extensive experience treating adolescents, adults, and families from diverse backgrounds. She holds a Psy.D. from The American School of Professional Psychology, an M.S. from the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia, and a B.A. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Samir Khattar

Trauma Healing Team

Samir is a technology entrepreneur and the founder of Tomorrow, a digital transformation company focused on providing software solutions for the healthcare, education, and enterprise sectors. [Insert Location]. He leads the development of production-ready platforms, including Dentiflow for dental practice management, Seraph for AI-assisted academic research, and Confelo for medical education. His work encompasses product strategy and system architecture, with a particular focus on converting complex

requirements into scalable, stable, and maintainable software. He has over a decade of experience guiding engineering teams from early-stage concepts through to full-scale production.



Samir Salibi – Founder, ATHOME Ministry

Trauma Healing Team

Paris, France.

Samir is the founder of ATHOME Ministry in Paris, a missional church established in 2017 to serve and disciple refugees, and the developer of MaTHEO, an AI platform studio designed for research in evangelical theology. His career began at Orange Labs in 2002 in software R&D before he transitioned into product marketing and product ownership at Orange Business Service. Since 2013, he has founded the startups KREAPP and CROSSFOUND, and for 26 years has balanced software innovation with leadership in Middle Eastern Christian communities, including remotely teaching underground biblical studies in low-access countries. He holds a background in software design and Agile project management, and has completed specialized studies in Biblical counseling



Susan Ryan – SRG

Trauma Healing Team

Fort Worth, Texas

Susan serves as the Women's Sector Fund consultant for SRG, where she leverages years of international ministry experience to focus on partnership development and leadership formation among unreached people groups. She co-founded and led a leadership development consulting company in Afghanistan and Libya, notably creating programs to empower Afghan women leaders as change agents in their communities. An ordained pastor with an early career in finance, she is also a certified coach and a Master Facilitator with the Trauma Healing Institute, where she helped develop a biblical story-based trauma healing curriculum. She holds an MBA from the University of Texas at Austin.



Tom Bognanno – Alliance Practice

Trauma Healing Team

Springfield, Virginia

Tom is the Founder and Managing Partner of Alliance Practice LLC, where he works at the intersection of trauma science, public health, organizational readiness, and emerging technologies to build healing-centered ecosystems. He collaborates with secular

and faith-based organizations to build trauma-responsive networks and equip leaders to address rising mental and behavioral health needs globally. His background includes serving for 17 years as President and CEO of Creating Healthier Communities and advising nonprofit boards, national alliances, and global trauma coalitions. He currently contributes to the sector as Chair of the Board of Directors for ZERO Prostate Cancer and as a Board Member of the BBB Wise Giving Alliance.

Sprint Observers & Additional Attendees



Jane Schoen – Managing Partner, SRG

Dallas, Texas

Jane is a Managing Partner at the non-profit Strategic Resource Group (SRG), where she mobilizes prayer, people, and financial resources for ministries in the Greater Middle East. Her leadership at SRG followed a 32-year career at Texas Instruments (TI), where she managed global technology initiatives in internet marketing, sales operations, and IT transformation. A dedicated philanthropist, she cofounded High Tech High Heels to support young women in STEM and has served on the boards of the Texas Women's Foundation and Broadway Dallas. She is a lay leader at Christ Church Plano and holds a BS in mathematics from the State University of New York at Potsdam.

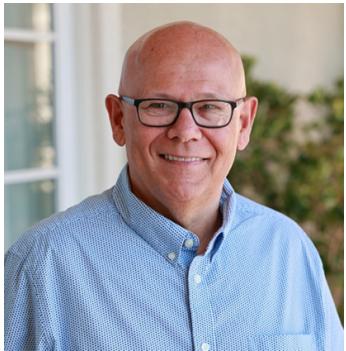


Klappy – Every Tribe, Every Nation

Sprint Observer

Chattanooga, Tennessee

Chris Klapp (aka, Klappy) is a technology strategist with the ETEN Innovation Lab, where he focuses on expanding Scripture access and translation tools through context-aware AI applications]. He leads efforts in multimodal translation systems and orality-first approaches, designing AI-assisted tools that serve communities with varying levels of literacy and infrastructure. His technical background includes building large-scale web architectures and video distribution systems, as well as developing patented streaming and language technologies. He emphasizes modular, adaptable architectures and uses proof-of-concept testing to ensure that emerging AI capabilities integrate sustainably into real-world translation workflows



Warren Smith – Ministry Watch

Charlotte, North Carolina

Warren is the President of Ministry Watch, where he brings over 30 years of experience as a writer, editor, marketing professional, and entrepreneur. He has covered the intersection of AI and ministry for 15 years and contributed to drafting the Evangelical Press Association's ethics statement on Artificial Intelligence. His leadership background includes serving as Vice President of WORLD News Group and The Colson Center for Christian Worldview, following an early career as the Marketing Director at PricewaterhouseCooper.



Jeff Gowler

Colorado Springs, Colorado

Jeff is a seasoned executive, entrepreneur, and ministry leader with extensive experience across both the for-profit and nonprofit sectors. A proven builder of organizations and teams, he has served as an Executive Vice President for one of the largest homebuilders in the United States, founded and led his own company, and held senior leadership roles at Focus on the Family and Global Media Outreach, where he served nearly a decade as President and CEO. During his tenure at GMO, Jeff led a global organizational transformation, transitioning the ministry to a fully remote workforce, nearly doubling financial support, and significantly expanding ministry impact.