



Panama City, Panama November 12-17, 2023 (*D.V.*)







WHAT: Transformative event | Multiplier effect | Signature experience

- GProCongress II builds on the momentum of GProCongress I (Bangkok 2016).
   Documentation of activities by sister efforts vastly exceeded the 2020 goal of 100,000 pastoral leaders better trained (280,000+ between 2016-2020, S.D.G.)
- Sector-neutral pollination across pastoral training initiatives and pastor trainer hubs;
   a pipeline to supply human and curricular resources globally, nationally, locally.

WHY: 100,000 more trainers of pastors by 2030

- Shift focus from increasing the number of pastoral leaders better trained to multiplying the quantity and quality of trainers of pastors.
- GProCongress II propels the faster delivery of better training for more pastors at lower costs, especially where Christ's Church is growing.

**WHO:** Up to 1,000 current and aspiring trainers of pastors (1/2 under 50 years of age)

- **Nonformal** pastor trainers, **formal** theological educators, and **informal** personal mentors connected, united, and strengthened within and across training streams, emphases, and geographies.
- Individuals, churches, organizations, and institutions that train pastoral leaders will build community, explore opportunities, discover resources, and exchange encouragement.

# Multiplying the Quantity and Quality of Trainers of Pastors







## UPCOMING EVENTS (D.V.)

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## **GProCommission.org**

"PASTORAL HEALTH
AFFECTS CHURCH
HEALTH. CHURCH
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SOCIETAL HEALTH."

## - Ramesh Richard PhD, ThD

President, RREACH / Convener, GProCommission Professor, Dallas Seminary / Founder, TOPIC

## NEED

Church growth without church health is like cancer in the human body. Since pastoral health affects church health, how may we pursue the faster delivery of better training to more pastors at lower costs? The Global Proclamation Commission (GProCommission) connects, unites, and strengthens trainers of pastors across training sectors by convening events, curating resources and collating initiatives related to pastoral training worldwide.

## **HISTORY**

#### 1997 WHEATON

RREACH brings together 99 CEOs to discuss global pastoral training in partnership with the Billy Graham Institute. TOPIC (Trainers of Pastors International Coalition) is birthed to champion non-formal training where Christ's Church is growing.

#### 2010 CAPE TOWN

The Pastoral Trainers Declaration by formal and nonformal pastor trainers at the Lausanne Congress concludes: "We declare together that we shall endeavor to build trust, involve each other, and leverage the strengths of each sector to prepare maturing shepherds for the proclamation of God's Word and the building up of Christ's Church in all the nations of the world."

#### 2016 BANGKOK

The first GProCongress for Trainers of Pastors convened by RREACH gathers more than 2,500 trainers of pastors in over 100 countries from formal and nonformal sectors. Follow-up documents activity vastly exceeding the four-year goal of 100,000 pastors better trained. (See 2021 Global Integrated Report on GProCommission.org)

## **ACTION**

Upon requests of local and national trainers of pastors to meet the demand for scalable and sustainable efforts, global congresses will connect, unite, and strengthen trainers of pastors. Each GProCongress aims to build community, explore opportunities, discover resources, and exchange encouragement. These global events launch multi-year collaborative action with documented activities and outputs.

### JOIN US!

Individuals, churches, organizations and institutions committed to the acceleration of the training of pastors to advance church health are invited to visit **GProCongress.org** for additional details. (Dates and locations announced when registration opens.)