

CONNECT CONFERENCE | JAN 12-14, 2026 THE PARK EVENT CENTER IN WAITE PARK, MN



# **Connect Conference 2026**

The heart of this event has always been to connect pastoral teams and friends in ministry from all over Minnesota, and that remains unchanged.

Our goal is to equip quality Christian leaders and build healthy faith communities to fulfill the Great Commission. We are in this together!

We believe God wants to do incredible things in us and through us in 2026 as we strive to reach the lost throughout Minnesota and our world.

Bring your spouse and pastoral team to Waite Park for a time of fellowship and leadership growth with our guest speakers, Aaron Hlavin and Jim Weigand. You will be encouraged and challenged by their ministry.

### **Guest Speakers**



In 1998, Aaron Hlavin began his ministry journey by accepting a youth pastorate at Warren Assembly of God, later known as Freedom Christian. For 23 years, he and his wife Jaime faithfully served the church in various roles, including 13 years as Lead Pastor, while deeply loving their multi-site congregation and community. In 2021, they were elected as Superintendent of the Assemblies of God Michigan Ministry Network, continuing to follow God's call and serve leaders and churches across the state.



Jim, his wife Dena and their two sons have served Freedom Center Church in Fenton Michigan since 1995. Their lives and ministries are marked by evangelism and discipleship, and developing leaders, growing the church for 30 consecutive years and planting, parenting and partnering with dozens of church plants. Every pastor, leader and volunteer has come from the pews of FCC as the church continues to multiply into the next generation. Jim serves as Church Planting Director for the Michigan Network.

# **Details & Lodging**

Location: The Park Event Center | 500 Division Street Waite Park, MN 56387

Hotel options:

Residence Inn by Marriott 450 Division St | Waite Park, MN 56387

**Hilton Garden Inn** 550 Division St | Waite Park, MN 56387

Hampton Inn & Suites

145 37th Ave. N. | Saint Cloud, MN 56303 (Not connected to the Convention Center)

#### **Registration for the Event:**

Even though there is no cost, this step is required. Register at mnaog.org/connect.

#### **Book your Hotel Rooms:**

Visit mnaog.org/connect for links to room blocks and special even pricing at each hotel.

If you don't have a computer and/or need help to register, call the District Office and we will help 612-332-2400

## Schedule

Monday, January 12

**3:00 PM** Registration Opens

**6:30 PM** Banquet

**9:00 PM** Connect for Newcomers

Connect for Women in Ministry

Tuesday, January 13

 9:00 AM
 Session

 10:00 AM
 Break

 11:00 AM
 Session

Afternoon Free

**6:30 PM** Session

**9:00 PM** Connect Pie Fellowship

Wednesday, January 14

9:30 AM Session

11:00 AM Check-Out

