

Worship Renewal Conference
Cross-Way Church, Kathmandu, Nepal
April 13-16, 2026

Program Schedule

Theme: Understanding and Joining the Renewal of Missionary Movements in the Nepali Church.

Goal is to encourage and inspire Nepali pastors and leaders for laying foundations for missionary churches in theology, imaginations and practice.

Objectives is to

- ✓ Engage pastors and church leaders in understanding God's missionary movements in Nepal.
- ✓ Encourage and inspire leaders to lay missionary foundations (frameworks) for their churches.
- ✓ Set in motion a movement for renewal of the Nepali church.

CWRC is a Symposium and We shall be attentive to what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Nepali church.

Day 1: April 13, Monday (A)

- 3:30 pm Opening Formalities (A1)
4-4:30 Worship Cross-Way Church Worship Team (A2)
- 4:30-5:30 Plenary I – Understanding Missionary Movements in Nepal, Past and Present for the Future.
Rev. Dr. Arbin Pokharel (A3)**
- 5:30-6:15 Discussions in Small Groups: A Conversation on Missionary Movement in Nepal. (A4)
- 6:15 Dinner

Day 2: April 14, Tuesday (B)

- 7-8am Breakfast (**Closes at 7:50**)
- 8am Worship: Koinonia Church Team with Mr. Sujeet Lama (B1)
- 8:45-10 Plenary II Plenary 2. Lessons learned from 70 years of UMN's history in Nepal: key principles that
have shaped the mission's relationship with the Nepali Church. Mr. Joel Hafvenstein. (B2)
[Translations by Dr. Divya Khanal]**
- 10-11:15 Break-Out Sessions: (B3)
- A. A missionary movement shaping Nepali Church in the North East India: A history of Darjeeling Hills Bible College, important lessons Nepali church should learn from the 70 years. Rev. Kushal Rai (B3.1)
 - B. Role of Media in missionary movements in Nepal and across diaspora: How media can help and hinder the mission's work?" Rev. Amit Karthak (B3.2).
 - C. Conversation on "Lessons learned from 70 years of UMN's history in Nepal: key principles that have shaped the mission's relationship with the Nepali church." Mr. Joel Hafvenstein & Rev. Arbin P. (B3.3)
- 11:30-12:30 Break-Out Sessions: (B4)
(Group B & C go for Lunch at 11:30)
- A. Dr. Prem Subedi: History of mission movements in formation of INF, and the early Nepali churches. Story of INF: Key lessons we have learned for missionary movement in Nepal. (B4.1)
 - B. Key lessons learned from the History of Koinonia Church Missionary engagements. Rev. Sher AC (B4.3)
 - C. "Missional Hermeneutics" Eld. Menuka Mishra. (B4.2)

12:30-1:30 LUNCH
(Group B & C go to Break-out session at 12:30-1:30)

- 1:30-2:45 Break-Out Sessions **(B5)**
- A. Story of Missionary movements in formation of PTS, Delhi Bible Church, and Reformed Presbyterian Church of India (RPCI) and lessons we can learn. Rev. Hiralal Solanki. **(B5.1)**
 - B. Daya Ratna Pradhan: Missionary- Current state of Missionary movement across India & diaspora **(B5.3)**
 - C. Conversation on Missionary movements as understood by the sending churches: vision, prayers, plans and fruits anticipated across the World. Rev. Rus B. Rev. Amit K. Words of Hope **(B5.2)**
- 3-4:15 * **Panel Discussion with Mission Leaders, Pastors & Theologians “Practices of Missionary Movements in the past, and the present that’s helping or hindering Nepali Churches to become Missionary Churches for the future.”** Mr. Joel Hafvenstein, / Rev. Kushal Rai / Rev. Sher AC / Rev. Dilli Ram Paudel / Rev. Dr. Arbin Pokharel / Eld. Daya Ratna Pradhan / Rev. Dr. Bal Krishna Sharma / Dr. Divya Khanal, **(B6)**
- 4:30-5:15 Worship: Bridge Worship Band **(B7)**
- 5:15-6:15 **Plenary III. Missionary movements as understood by the sending churches: vision, prayers, plans and fruits anticipated across the World. Rev. Rus Blonden (Words of Hope). [Translations Rev. Amit Karthak]. (B8)**

Day 3: April 15, Wednesday (C)

- 7-8am Breakfast (**Closes at 7:50**)
- 8am Worship: RPS Seminary & Mr. Ranjit Magar **(C1)**
- 8:30-9:45 **Plenary IV – Western Christian missions’ influence on the public witness of the Nepali Church Dr. Divya Khanal. (C2).**
- 9:45-11:15 Break-Out Sessions **(C3).**
- A. Key lessons to learn from the missionary movements of India, that shaped its churches Rev. Hiralal Solanki. **(C3.1)**
 - B. Presentations on Business as Mission: Mrs. Bimala, Jiwan Magar., Mr. Madan Shah, Mr. John Chettri, Mr. Sanish Maharjan **(C3.2)**
 - C. Conversation on “Western Christian missions’ influence on the public witness of the Nepali Church. Dr. Divya Khanal **(C3.3)**
- 11:30-12:30 Break-Out Sessions: **(C4)**
(Group B & C go for Lunch at 11:30)
- A. “Mission history in the formation of the Assemblies of God Church in Nepal and strategy for the future. What has been historical practices, analysis of current, and suggestions for the future of Missionary readiness for the Nepali church.” Rev. Dr. Bal Krishna Sharma **(C4.1)**
 - B. Missionary Biography: “An Indigenous missionary movement of ‘Mission Himalaya’ started in 90s shaping Nepali churches in NE India and South Asia. Rev. Kushal Rai. **(C4.2)**
 - C. Key principles for Raising funds and mobilizing global missions. Rev. Rus Blondin. Rev. Amit K. **(C4.3)**

12:30 (Group A) LUNCH:

(Group B & C go to Break-out session at 12:30-1:30)

- 1:30-2:30 Break-Out Sessions: **(C5)**
A. A Conversation on “Missionary practices shaping Nepali Churches in the Assembly’s of God and Koinonia Churches.” Rev. Dr. Bal Krishna Sharma and Rev. Sher AC *Rev. Arbin P. **(C5.1)**
B. “Mission Fatigue” Part 2. Missionaries to Nepal, an analytical perspective. Rev. Mani Koirala **(C5.2)**
- 2:30-3:45 A. Panel Discussion: “Business as Mission: Which is greater- business or mission? Mrs. Bimala Pokharel, Mr. Jiwan Magar, Mr. Madan Shah, Mr. John Chettri, Mr. Sanish Maharjan, *Flora Bajracharya, **(C6.1)**
B. Missionary Identity and Outlook. Rev. Dilli Ram Paudel. **(C6.2)**
C. Conversation on “A Global Nepali Harvest: Missionary Trends in the Nepali Diaspora.” Eld. Daya Ratna Pradhan, Rev. Amit Karthak **(C6.3)**
- 3:45-4:30 Presentations- Newari Cultural Presentations, Cross-Way, RPS Seminary & others. *Mr. David BK **(C7)**
- 4:45-5:15 Worship with Mariam Choir **(C8)**
- 5:15-6:15 **Plenary V. The Global Nepali Harvest: Missionary Trends in the Nepali Diaspora. Eld. Daya Ratna Pradhan. (C9)**

Day 4: April 16, Thursday (D)

- 7-8am Breakfast **(Closes at 7:50)**
- 8-9 **Plenary VI. How can Nepali churches prepare for a missionary movements in/from Nepal and Nepali diaspora in our generation? Joel H. [Translations Dr. Prem Subedi]. (D1)**
- 9:15-10:45 Break-Out Sessions: **Planning for Missionary Movements Renewal in our churches. (D2)**
A. “Principles & Practices for preparing Nepali Churches for Missionary engagements” with Joel H., Rev. Sher AC, Rev. DilliRam Paudel, *Ps Arbin P. **(D2.1)**
B. Shaping Theological Edu for Mission mobilization in Nepali churches and abroad. *Rev. Amit Karthak, Rev. Rus Blondin, Elder Daya Ratna Pradhan, Rev. CM Koirala, Elder. Menuka Mishra. **(D2.2).**
C. Business as Mission. Mrs. Bimala Shrestha Pokharel, Mr. Jiwan Magar, Mr. John Chettri, Mr. Madan Shah, Mr. Sanish Maharjan, *Ms. Flora Bajracharya. **(D2.3).**
- 11-12 **Worship Commissioning Worship Service with the Lord’s Table (D4)**
Cross-Way Worship Team
- 12noon Vote of Thanks. Mrs. Pranita Lepcha
- 12:30 LUNCH & DEPARTURE