

Richard Ray: Plan to attend the WMU and bivocational/ small-church meetings

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The Bivocational/Small Church Association has a long history of support from the Texas Woman's Missionary Union. We always are grateful for the support WMU has provided to those serving on the small-church mission field.



Richard Ray On April 17-18, Texas WMU will have their annual meeting and mission celebration, hosted this year by First Baptist Church of Woodway in Waco. We are excited that once again the Bivocational/Small Church Association will have an exhibit booth to share our mission in serving small-church pastors, their families and congregations.

We invite you to come and visit us at our exhibit booth and sign up our e-newsletter and information concerning our upcoming annual Bivocational/Small Church Conference, hosted this year at Baptist Temple Church in San Antonio, July 10-11. The theme for this year's annual conference is "Passing the Baton." You will learn how to reach youth for Christ, how to minister to young adults, how to raise a Timothy, and how to be a more effective servant leader.

Included are interactive exhibits for financial planning and social media. There will be free childcare and a teen activity program. Mark your calendar for the upcoming annual Bivocational/Small Church Conference. We hope to see you there.

We will also be sharing about the Claud Slate Memorial Scholarship, which we provide to those who are called to bivocational/small-church ministry to help finance college or seminary.

So, if you are planning to attend the WMU annual meeting and mission celebration, please come by our exhibit booth. We would love to visit with you. At our exhibit booth, we will be giving away gift certificates to cover the cost of registration to the Bivocational/Small Church Conference.



Let me encourage you, if you have not been to a WMU annual meeting and mission celebration then you are missing out. From the time you walk through those doors, you feel loved, encouraged and inspired to do the work of the Lord. You will take from this gathering a passion that will touch you and your church to do missions for Christ. I am excited for the excitement they will bring to my life and the life of my ministry. I hope to see you all there.

Remember, God has called you to serve him, but God has not called you to serve alone. Let us be your advocate, your resource and your prayer partner as you fulfill your calling. Until next time, please visit our website, www.bivocational.com.

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