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NORTH AMERICAN MISSION BOARD TO HOST SEND CONFERENCE IN THREE LOCATIONS IN 2017

Experiences in Southern California, Dallas and Orlando Will Challenge And Connect The Local Church To Take Next Missional Step

ALPHARETTA, GA. (March 1, 2016) – The Send Conference will connect local churches from across North America to their next missional opportunities during three powerful experiences in three locations in 2017. The gatherings in Southern California, Dallas and Orlando will bring together more than 12,000 church members and leaders for two days of mission-focused teaching, worship and opportunities to connect for the sake of spreading the Gospel. Registration opens for the three events on March 1 at sendconference.com.

“We want to equip and empower every Southern Baptist church and believer to live life on mission,” said Kevin Ezell, president of NAMB. “The three Send Conferences in 2017 will be powerful catalysts to continue a movement of people from inside the church joining the mission of God in their everyday lives, and carrying the gospel of Jesus Christ to every neighborhood and every nation.”

The Send Conference will take place Feb. 3-4, 2017, in Long Beach, California; May 19-20, 2017, in Dallas; and July 25-26, 2017, in Orlando. Presented in partnership by the North American Mission Board (NAMB) and the International Mission Board (IMB), the Send Conference moves to multiple locations after previous annual conferences held in Nashville, Dallas and Atlanta. In August 2015 more than 13,500 people filled Nashville’s Bridgestone Arena for the conference where participants heard challenging messages from speakers including J.D. Greear, ERLC President Russell Moore, Louie Giglio and IMB President David Platt.

Ezell and Platt will be among the featured speakers for the 2017 conferences, and more speakers will be announced throughout this year. Registration for the Send Conferences opens March 1 at sendconference.com.

“In-person experiences have the ability to mobilize and catalyze powerful movements,” said Dustin Willis, NAMB director of events. “Hosting the Send Conference in three locations across North America will provide greater opportunity for more churches to bring groups and connect with opportunities to bring the hope of Jesus Christ to their communities and the communities around the world.”

NAMB’s ultimate mission is to work with its partners to see more churches and individuals involved directly in church planting and additional missional opportunities. Through the Send Network, NAMB strategically focuses church planting efforts in 32 Send Cities across North
America. These urban centers are where most North Americans live and from which cultural influence emanates.

NAMB is growing missional opportunities for Southern Baptists to serve in their cities through Send Relief, which officially launches June 2016. It will provide opportunities for churches to connect with mercy ministries like international learning centers, inner-city construction, adoption and foster care, combatting human trafficking, evangelism initiatives and tools, and more. NAMB continues to support national Southern Baptist Disaster Relief coordination in cooperation with state conventions as well as military and non-military chaplaincy ministries.

Register, view a video and learn more about the Send Conference 2017 at sendconference.com. Interviews, high-resolution photos and a video for download and use are available by request.

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ABOUT THE NORTH AMERICAN MISSION BOARD
The North American Mission Board exists to work with churches, associations and state Baptist conventions in mobilizing Southern Baptists as a missional force to impact North America with the gospel of Jesus Christ through evangelism and church planting. It accomplishes that through Send North America, a national strategy for mobilizing churches to plant churches and mobilizing church planters and other missionaries to assist with those efforts.