

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE HEARTLAND CHURCH NETWORK



HCN LOOKING AHEAD DR. AARON HOUSEHOLDER, AMS

We exist to start, connect, and support churches. That's been our purpose statement for 10 years. That's been my role in serving you for three years.

Beginning on September 8th, a group of HCN leaders gathered together to consider our future. We're looking ahead. What are the mountains we'd like HCN to climb in the next three years? We're developing a new **strategic plan**.

What those mountains will be is yet to be determined. My guess, based on our initial discussion, is that those mountains will include leader health and church health. One thing I know with certainty: We're projecting a vision that will move us to action.

Our **Renew Team** continues to build out our custom, flexible process for consulting churches in need of revitalization or replanting. We've gathered seven experienced pastors to develop a five phase process that can be customized to any church.

Working with our team, your church will understand the renewal process, engage in spiritual preparation, determine the best model

for your church, create a new strategic plan, and receive coaching to carry out your plan. Contact me to learn more about HCN Renew for your church.

This time of year our minds turn toward our **Annual Celebration**. Citylight Mosaic, Omaha, is hosting on Thursday, November 6, 6-9pm. It's amazing worship, inspiring testimonies, and a little business meeting wrapped up in a family reunion. This year we'll consider Bylaws revisions and discuss and vote on the proposed budget, HCN officers, and work group members. Don't miss it!

One recent, business update: We sold the **West A property** in Lincoln—a small prefab building at Highway 77 and West A Street in Lincoln—to the Karen congregation who has been meeting there for years. It is a joy to know this property, formerly Calvary Baptist Church, that was entrusted to HCN is now back in the ownership of a local church.

It is my joy to serve you, HCN Family, and I look forward to seeing you at the Annual Celebration, November 6th.

In Christ,
Aaron

KIDS KAMP RECAP

The summer months of the year 2025 saw noble men, women, and teens from multiple HCN churches come together to join forces to share the gospel with kids through God's word, God's Son, and God's people. Through Top Gun, our Kids Kamp Staff & Leadership Training conducted the week prior to Kamp, those individuals caught and adopted a vision of true discipleship of our kampers. The Kids Kamp Team, since dubbed the Dream Team, rallied behind the gospel and set out to win the spiritual battle laid out for them — to work in unity to redeem kids through the work of King Jesus and add them to the Kingdom.

Every facet of Kamp pointed kampers towards this year's theme— **Knights of the Heavenly Realm**.



In the Great Hall, they studied and heard the word of God so that they might learn and grow. Time on the field for recreation and team building taught them teamwork, kingdom building, and fun. Crafts and free time gave them the space to explore their spiritual gifting and individuality while building relationships with their fellow knights. Meal times, quiet times, and devotions allowed opportunity for the Spirit to move and for the word of The King to sink in and transform the hearts and minds of the Knights of the Heavenly Realm.

Behold! Because King Jesus was at work in us through his Spirit, hearts and lives were lit aflame and changed! Three (3!!) kampers made decisions to further expand the Kingdom, resulting in two newly dubbed knights and a commission for baptism to proclaim their allegiance to King Jesus to all the land. In the weeks since Kamp, a junior leader and another young kamper were baptized. PRAISE to JESUS the KING for these five (5!!) total decisions for the Lord thus far!

We rejoice with heaven over those sweet souls and are encouraged and energized to press on!

The Party continues July 27, 2026!

The Jesus Rave will celebrate new life in Jesus. We will glow in the dark, sing, and shout about being new creations in Christ! Join us for a fun week of sharing the gospel with kids and celebrating each and every new life Jesus brings.



KIDS KAMP RECAP



KIDMIN! CONFERENCE

Just four short weeks after Kids Kamp '25, the 2nd annual KidMin! Conference was held at the Heartland Church Network building. Children's Ministry leaders from the network came together to edify and equip children's leaders and workers from across the metro. These disciple makers learned how KidMin can and should be fun by hearing and learning from speakers, participating in hands-on activities, brainstorming teaching strategies, and fellowshiping and connecting with like-minded servants over lunch.



Once understanding why we make KidMin fun for the kids and how to make their lessons "pop", children's leaders and teachers were encouraged to network with each other and discuss ways in which they can teach fun lessons and make disciples of their kiddos as



they manage their classrooms. They moved from the mindset of childcare and busy work to children's ministry and fun discipleship. The morning was concluded with instruction and encouragement to set goals for their ministries and an upbeat, moving time of worship and prayer.

Our KidMin! Conference 2026 will include a choice of "tracks", as folks grow in their ministries and need to get more into the "meat" of ministry. This will offer sessions that assist children's ministry servants of all levels — curious beginners through seasoned leaders. We want to see, equip, and fellowship with all children's ministry folks, so bring your whole team!

See you next August!





COMING UP NEXT

The Residency Builder is a two-day workshop designed to help you as pastors and church leaders build an intentional process for training qualified leaders to be church planters. It's a collaborative experience to help you discover and develop your unique plan for equipping potential planters. You and those you bring from your team will leave the Residency Builder with a framework and the beginning steps to implement a residency in your church.

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RESIDENCY BUILDER

OMAHA, NE
NOV 3-4, 2025

Citylight Mosaic Church
3416 Woolworth Ave
Omaha, NE 68105



ANNUAL CELEBRATION

NOVEMBER 6
6:00 PM

CITYLIGHT MOSAIC
3416 WOOLWORTH | OMAHA

The Annual Celebration is an evening designed to reflect on all that has happened in the association this past year and cast a vision for the future. Don't miss this opportunity to connect with other church leaders from the Heartland Church Network and hear encouraging testimonies from our church planters on Thursday, November 6th at Citylight Mosaic in Omaha!

The Heartland Church Network's Annual Pastor and Staff Christmas Fellowship will be held on January 10th at The Belvedere Hall in Papillion, NE. This is designed to be a time of fellowship and encouragement for pastors, staff (or volunteers in small churches), and their spouses as they prepare for a new year of ministry.

January 10

Christmas Fellowship

11:00 am

PIVOT

2026

ANNUAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Saturday
March 7

9:30AM - 3:00 PM

PIVOT is an evening designed to EQUIP, ENGAGE, and ENCOURAGE all pastors, church leaders, ministry volunteers, and staff. The conference will be held at the Heartland Church Network building, located at 2100 S 51st St. Omaha, NE 68106.

Join us Saturday, March 7th, 9:30AM - 3:00PM. Lunch provided. Keep an eye out for event updates on Facebook, Instagram and your email inbox.

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