



Global Leadership Summit (GLS) Update

For the last decade WRCC has participated in the Global Leadership Summit (GLS) – it has been an invaluable tool to train leaders in both the local church and the work place. The GLS has been a breath of fresh air to leaders globally by inspiring vision and also offering practical skills that can be immediately applied in most every organization. As many of you know, speakers at the GLS come from both the church and also the secular world with speakers being chosen for what they can contribute to the audience’s leadership potential, not necessarily their world view. As a local pastor, I have seen our congregation and community benefit from this blending of views in several ways to include:

- Networking opportunities with other church and civic leaders from our community
- An affordable conference that more individuals can enjoy and benefit from because of the reduced cost and time spent on travel
- Growth opportunities that has become a shared experience for our leadership team (both pastoral and within our lay volunteers)

In the last few weeks you have possibly read about the resignation of Bill Hybels as Lead Pastor of Willow Creek Community Church in Chicago. Currently, there are allegations of inappropriate behavior on his part which is now playing out on a public stage. We bring this to your attention due to the central role Bill has played in the GLS in years past. In considering this matter, the elders of WRCC (that includes myself) stand for integrity in the actions of all God’s servants, starting with ourselves. *In no way do we condone such alleged actions.* As a leadership team, we ask that you join us in praying for anyone who may have been hurt to feel empowered and heard, and for healing and unity within the Body of Christ.

As we move forward with our hosting of the GLS this summer, we do so understanding that the Summit has never been about one person or group of persons—it’s about the mission to energize Christians and mobilize churches globally by growing their leadership skills and maximizing Kingdom impact. We pray you will join the leadership team of WRCC (elders and pastors) on August 9th – 10th for the GLS. We are excited to see God work once again through this impactful conference!

Grace and peace –

Timothy Brock and the Elders of WRCC

Brad Bennett, Tim Etchison, Trevor Harris, Kurt Karns, Chad Lamb, Lloyd Long, Irv Paul, Brian Peters, Lon Porter, Tom Roberts, Andy Vicari, Steve Vincent, Mark Woloshin, Todd Yeager