

New Room Conference



Sept. 18-20, 2024
The Woodlands, TX

Hosting a Local Gathering

Information Packet

Greater Love





Welcome

Friends,

We are excited that you'd consider hosting a Local Gathering for this year's New Room Conference. Whether it's your first conference or you've joined us previously, we're deeply honored to gather with you.

Our hope for Local Gatherings is simply to create space for your community to encounter God together, to pray for one another, and to discover practical ways to sow for Awakening in your local context.

This document will give insight into what a Local Gathering could look like and why you may want to host one.

For the Awakening,

The New Room Team

The Basics

What is the New Room Conference?

New Room is an ever-widening fellowship of men and women who are moving together with hope for spiritual awakening in our generation. The name "New Room" comes from John Wesley's first building in Bristol, but those words mean more to us. We are a community of Christians who are honest that we have become desperate for God to do something new in our day. And we are willing to do whatever it takes to give Him the room in our lives to do it.

Ten years ago when we launched the first New Room Conference, we did so with a conviction that people do not need more content and programs; they need more of God. Our entire focus and prayer of New Room is that we could meet with God. And with this focus, our worship, prayer, ministry time, and honest evaluation of where we are as a people and a church mark our gatherings.



What is this year's New Room Conference about?

New Room Conference doesn't really raise up a theme so much as it has a banner over each conference. We consistently carry content in streams of awakening, travailing prayer, banded discipleship, the ministry of the Holy Spirit, and church multiplication. When we started the New Room Conference over a decade ago, we put a stake in the ground and raised a banner with three tiny Latin words: *Sola Sancta Caritas*. Translated, it means: "Only Holy Love."

As we begin a second decade of gathering as an Awakening Fellowship, we think it is time to raise the banner again. This time it shall be: Greater Love. "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13). Greatness doesn't always come with size or virality. Often, greater love is shown in small, sacrificial ways. It's not about size, but quality.

When we gather together in Bands, we pray the celebrated prayer for awakening from the third chapter of Paul's letter to the Church at Ephesus. There is a curious and captivating phrase at the heart of the prayer: "And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power..." (vv. 17-18). The sequence is of paramount importance. The power of God comes from being rooted and established in the love of God. Though power rarely, if ever, leads to love, love always leads to power. We will be asking the question: How might we become rooted and established in love?

May it be said of New Room 2024 as is sung in the Song of Songs: "He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love" (2:4).

What does New Room provide me as a host?

When you purchase a Local Gathering ticket, we'll provide everything you need to host a local experience of New Room, including:

- A curated Local Gathering Host Guide with details on what's needed to stream the event and our best practices for facilitating a gathering.
 - A more affordable way to gather your leadership team, staff, or larger community to watch the 2024 New Room Conference through our virtual platform.
 - Resources to promote your gathering, including digital graphics and printable files.
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Details

Dates

September 18–20, 2024

Schedule (all times are CST)

September 18

1:00 PM Opening Session
4:50 PM Break/Dinner
7:45 PM Evening Session

September 19

8:45 AM Morning Session
11:15 AM Lab I*
12:30 PM Lunch
1:30 PM Lab II*
3:15 PM Afternoon Session
4:50 PM Break/Dinner
7:45 PM Evening Session

** Specific breakouts streamed to Local Gatherings
will be announced closer to the conference*

September 20

8:45 AM Closing Session
11:30 AM Dismissal

Pricing

\$59 for an individual (*though we recommend
doing this with a group*)
\$199 for a group of 5–20
\$399 for a group of 20 or more



Next Steps

1. Decide with your team or community whether you'll be joining us online as a Local Gathering.

Register by purchasing your ticket and signing up as a Local Gathering or as an individual. Choose the pricing option that's right for you, based on your group size.

2. Set aside time on your calendar.

Mark down September 18–20, 2024 on your calendar and plan to gather with your community to join us.

3. Watch for more information from us.

Have questions? Read through our frequently asked questions below or reach out to our team at annagrace@seedbed.com.

FAQ

Will we receive digital or print material resources to help us advertise?

Yes. Once you register to host a Local Gathering, you will receive digital graphics and printable files to promote the event.

Will any of the pre-conference sessions be available for those of us registered to simulcast?

No, pre-conference sessions will not be streamed to Local Gathering participants.

What breakout sessions will be streamed to Local Gatherings?

The breakout sessions that take place in the main auditorium will be streamed to Local Gathering participants. After the conference, all breakout recordings will be available online.

What are the tech requirements needed to host a Local Gathering simulcast?

All Local Gathering hosts will receive a link to our streaming platform. Beyond a strong wifi connection, needs for each local gathering will vary.

Can we have live worship in our space?

Yes. We suggest having someone monitor the live feed to see when the speaker begins. Worship at the top of each session is around thirty minutes for those interested in leading live worship. Worship will be streamed from the conference for those interested.

Do you have any tips or suggestions for communities hosting a Local Gathering?

Yes, these can be accessed in the host guide shared with all Local Gathering participants.
