

## 2009 National Conference Keynote Speakers

**Henry Blackaby** has devoted a lifetime to ministry and today is one of America's most respected spiritual mentors. His quiet style does not diminish the power of his words – you'll surely hear God speaking through him. Henry is a best-selling author; his latest book is "God in the Marketplace." He teaches a monthly Bible study for business people in the greater Atlanta area known as "God in the Workplace," and is founder and president emeritus of Blackaby Ministries International, an organization with the mission of helping people experience God.



**David Ring** ... You've never heard a speaker quite like David Ring. Born with cerebral palsy and orphaned at age 14, David has a personal and moving message of conquering challenges. As you hear David speak, you will laugh – and cry. You will be amazed at his triumph. You will be moved to consider your own life. A nationally known speaker, David shares his story with over 100,000 people each year at churches, conventions, schools and corporate events. David's book, "Just As I Am," discusses the central theme of his life: triumphing over the odds.



**Michael Lindsay** This young, tuned-in leader is on the cutting edge of research on Christian leadership in America. Michael is a sociologist, professor, consultant, author and speaker, and has recently completed the nation's most comprehensive study of Christian public leaders, conducting interviews with hundreds of leaders from all sectors. His research is published in the leading journals of sociology, religion and American studies, and can be found in his book "Faith in the Halls of Power." He earned his Ph.D. in sociology at Princeton University and is currently assistant professor of sociology at Rice University.



**Lance Wallnau**, with his humor, illustrations, and masterful communication skills, has a gift for explaining world-changing concepts based on Biblical truths. Lance is a renowned consultant and personal coach to national and international leaders, and a highly sought out speaker for ministries, businesses, and Fortune 500 companies. He has conducted his leadership training for the military, prison systems and other governmental agencies of a number of South American countries with amazing results. Six times a year, as director of the Lance Learning Group, he conducts "The Great Connection Weekend," where participants learn how to connect with God, self and others.



**Erwin McManus** is an extraordinary thinker, communicator, activist, filmmaker and innovator and an unstoppable force for Christ! His mission: To live by Faith, to be known by Love, and to be a voice of Hope (1 Thess. 1:3) Erwin will energize you with a vision relating to culture, change, creativity, and leadership for you and your community. He is the lead Pastor of Mosaic Church in Los Angeles where he serves as lead communicator and cultural architect. His books include the Gold Medallion winner "An Unstoppable Force" and his latest, "Wide Awake."



**Kay Warren** is challenging the worldwide Church to take on the global giants of spiritual emptiness, corrupt leadership, poverty, disease, and illiteracy. In 1980 she and her husband, Rick, began Saddleback Church in their condo living room. It is now the second largest church in America and provides her the platform to influence other leaders worldwide. She travels the globe as a powerful advocate for those infected with HIV/AIDS. Warren is a two-time cancer survivor and through her own experience is motivated to serve others who are suffering. An accomplished writer, her doctrinal study, Foundations, won a Gold Medallion Award. Her latest book is "Dangerous Surrender."



### Good News . . .

A reduced room rate has been negotiated with the Westin Kierland Resort. The new conference room rate is now \$275, down from \$309.

Register on-line at [www.pinnacleforum.com](http://www.pinnacleforum.com) or contact the national office to register and/or obtain additional brochures. Registration closes January 12, 2009.

Registration: Individual: \$735

• Individual & Spouse: \$1,015

(Registration fee includes conference keynote sessions, workshops and materials; Monday and Tuesday breakfast, lunch and breaks, and Tuesday evening reception and keynote banquet)



### Online Giving

Visit [www.pinnacleforum.com](http://www.pinnacleforum.com) to make a donation online to Pinnacle Forum America or your local chapter.

This ministry continues to inspire America's leaders to magnify Christ and to positively impact our culture because of your financial support. We appreciate your remembrance of Pinnacle Forum in your on-going contributions.

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## Pinnacle Forum Seventh Annual National Conference

For Such a Time as This...

February 15 – 18, 2009 • The Westin Kierland Resort & Spa  
Scottsdale, Arizona

At this uncertain time in our nation, the mission of Pinnacle Forum is especially relevant. Now more than ever, we believe God wants to empower leaders to be salt and light, to be courageous catalysts for change in our nation.

As we planned this conference months ago, God already knew what the conditions of our lives and country would be now. We believe it is His plan for PFA to provide this venue to ensure we are spiritually, physically and emotionally empowered for the days ahead.

Please join us for our first conference session at the Scottsdale Westin Kierland Resort on Sunday evening, February 15th. Your heart will be lifted through special music and keynote speaker David Ring, whose amazing story reminds us that all things are possible with God.

God's keynote messengers, for such a time as this: Henry Blackaby, Michael Lindsay, Erwin McManus, David Ring, Lance Wallnau and Kay Warren. Read more about these speakers on Page 4.

### VALUABLE CONFERENCE VENUES . . .

**Exciting Roundtables and Focus Groups**  
Monday afternoon, February 16

Partner Chuck Stetson leads "Practical Ways to Engage & Improve the Culture," a lunch table discussion about bringing community peers together to discuss cultural change. A free "tool kit" will be available online to assist you upon returning home.

Then keynote speaker Lance Wallnau will direct our "Seven Mountains of Culture" focus groups, guiding you in determining your passion pulse and how to focus that passion within your mountain of influence. A resource kit will be available at the conclusion.

### Beneficial Leadership and Development Workshops

Tuesday Afternoon, February 17

You will have the opportunity to join one of these Workshops—

- Beginning & Growing a Dynamic Forum
- Growing Forums into Chapters
- Building a Pinnacle Forum Women's Chapter



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## Humility

II Chronicles 32:25

*But Hezekiah did not make return according to the benefit done to him, for his heart was proud.*

Hezekiah was one of the greatest kings in the history of Judah. He restored God to a central place of worship in the nation. In return, God showed him great favor, and he was "exalted in the sight of all the nations." Unfortunately, he began to believe his press clippings and became proud and reluctant to give according to how God had blessed him.



Because of Hezekiah's pride and selfishness, God sent adversity into the nation of Judah. Hezekiah responded by humbling himself, as did all the people of Jerusalem. God withheld His judgment and the nation prospered.

Similarly, we need to walk humbly before Him and give in a way that testifies that we know He has shown us favor. As President and CEO, I serve as your volunteer and am not asking for myself. I am asking your support for the \$36,000 per month it takes to operate the national headquarters. This support is used for such resources as the national conference, national weekly teleforums, chapter and forum development and leadership training, administrative services, the website, marketing, and more. We also have many wonderful Executive Directors serving local chapters who deserve your support.

We need you, now, more than ever, to be a regular giver. With your help we will continue to help turn our culture into a society that reveals the values of Jesus.

*Oh God, will you hear our prayers of repentance in America. Forgive us for forgetting you and becoming proud and arrogant. Help us to walk with humble spirits and give more of our blessings to others.*

May God bless and guide you,

Ralph H. Palmen  
President & CEO

## 2009 Teleforums Don't Miss These Speakers

Where can you find nationally renowned speakers week after week? Up-to-date messages that address today's challenges? On our teleforums, where you'll find respected authors and speakers, including Henry Blackaby, Anne Graham Lotz, Ron Blue, Ken Blanchard, and many others, providing invaluable messages for you. And they are available at no charge. All you need is a pin code.

Teleforums consist of 30 minutes of teaching, followed by 30 minutes of small group discussion. Call from wherever you are. If you only have 30 minutes available, feel free to disconnect after the message.

A schedule and full details of upcoming teleforums is always accessible on the PF website by visiting the "Teleforums" page. Click "Need a Pin Code?" and we will set you up with your personalized code.

**We hope you'll join us for these upcoming sessions:**



**Jan. 7, 14 & 21**  
**Henry Blackaby**  
"God in the Marketplace"



**Mar. 11, 18 & 25**  
**Jonathan Crane**  
"Honoring God with Our  
Commitment to Excellence"



**Apr. 1, 8, 15 & 22**  
**Wayde Goodall**  
"Success Kills: Avoiding the  
Pitfalls that Can Take Your Dream"

**Watch your email for details on these upcoming opportunities.**

**DID YOU KNOW** . . . that teleforums may also be purchased on CD? We have a wealth of past teleforums available. CDs are \$25. Please contact the national office for more information. Our national partners may also listen to over 100 past teleforums online by logging in the Partner Section on our website.

## PF Hour of Prayer for the Nation

For one hour on October 20, Pinnacle Forum Partners from around the country connected via teleconference and humbly engaged in prayer with Henry Blackaby, James and Shirley Dobson, Dennis Rainey, Chuck Swindoll, Ravi Zacharias, PFA national board members and other leaders. The Hour of Prayer will remain a powerful memory for a long time to come. The focus was repentance and prayer for our nation.



The prayer call inspired James Dobson to call his listeners to a time of prayer during his October 31st radio program, during which he aired portions of the PFA Hour of Prayer. If you were unable to join the call, the audio can be found on our home page at [www.pinnacleforum.com](http://www.pinnacleforum.com).

## Joe Garagiola Supports Local Students

Veteran baseball broadcaster, former major league player and PF participant Joe Garagiola has been a champion of children's causes for many years. In November he welcomed a new learning center he made possible at St. Peter Indian Mission School in Arizona. The mission school, located south of Phoenix on the Pima Indian Reservation, has 215 students enrolled and was in desperate need of a new library and computer lab. Joe began raising money



**PF participant and baseball broadcaster Joe Garigiola, Sr. addresses the crowd at St. Peter Indian Mission School in Arizona.**

in 2003, and thanks to his efforts, it is now well equipped with the tools the students need, including nine study tables, 12,000 books and 30 computers. "It gives the kids a level playing field," says Joe. "All we want them to do is start at the starting line."

Joe's efforts are cherished by the staff and students at the mission school; they have nicknamed him "Awesome Fox," and the baseball field at the school is named "Awesome Fox Field" in his honor.

He lives in Scottsdale, Ariz., with his wife Audrie. He is in his 11th season as an analyst for the Arizona Diamondbacks, and he has been extremely active in the Phoenix community. He can often be found at major league spring training camps, educating players on the dangers of spit tobacco, a substance he has worked to get rid of in professional baseball.

He is actively involved in a local Pinnacle Forum forum and says he gets strong support from the Tuesday morning PF group he attends. "And not only with prayers. They were there when I needed big-time help. During a tough period in the building process, they gave me a confidence shove. They were great." We are honored to call Joe a part of Pinnacle Forum.



**Students and staff at St. Peter Indian Mission School are the recipients of new furniture, books and computers thanks to Joe's efforts.**

## Called to Serve

Pinnacle Forum Partner David Goodnight decided several years ago to devote his life to raising resources for the kingdom of God, in support of the poor and suffering in Africa and India. His story is a testament to the power of surrender. David is humbled to sense God's call on his life, and says it is a "privilege and joy to serve the poor and, in serving them, to touch the very heart of God."

David is a graduate of Yale Law School, and an owner and law partner at Stoel Rives, LLP, a 400-lawyer firm with offices in 12 U.S. cities. He works as a trial and appellate lawyer representing corporations including Amazon.com, Weyerhaeuser Company, GE, and Qwest. Several



**PF Partner David Goodnight serves on a mission.**

years ago -- and not because he was seeking it -- the Lord initiated a new direction in David's life. It began on the way to work one morning when the Lord's presence filled David's car, calling him to a deeper level of surrender. From that day on, David says, "I came to see that my primary identity was as an apprentice of Jesus whose purpose was to build the kingdom of heaven."

David responded to the Lord's call and is now actively involved in several ministries. He is the Board Chairman for Sister Connection, a non-profit ministry "initiated by the Lord Himself" in answer to the prayers of the widows and orphans of the Burundian genocide. The ministry provides support, homes, food and medical care to hundreds of orphans and widows. David is also involved in the ministry of the Free Methodist Church in India, where Christians are being brutalized for their faith in the state of Orissa, as well as Hope Africa University, Warm Beach Christian Camp and The Free Methodist Foundation.

David is actively involved in Pinnacle Forum Seattle, and he says his friendships with other PF Partners are encouraging as he pursues his new calling. He and his wife Shelly live in Seattle with their three children.