

End the Huddle and Break the Bubble

All Bay Area Leadership Summit Report



Dear friend:

The Bay Area is a unique place to live. For some it's a place of prosperity, wealth and opportunity, Silicon Valley is considered the global center for technological innovation, that is how most people see the Bay Area. But there is another side. For many others the Bay Area is a place of lack, struggle, and despair. This other side is now becoming more and more visible particularly with the attention San Francisco has received regarding epidemic homelessness. What if we could connect both sides? How would that affect the Bay Area? Is that even possible?

Last month, October 21 & 22, my friend Finny Abraham—outreach pastor at Westgate Church and CEO of Coalition Eliminating Poverty, Silicon Valley—and I had the honor to co-produce the All Bay Area Leadership Summit. The goal was to bring together leaders—pastors and church leaders, business leaders, and non profit leaders—to see how we could work together better in order to fulfill the great commission.

“This event was an inspiration for all people who no longer want to remain stagnant in holy huddles and Christian bubbles, who feel a need to show the fruits of what LOVE can do! Rather than returning to what the Church could’ve been, All Bay Area gave us the God-inspired blueprints for what the Church is meant to be.”

Sherol Chen, AI scientist and Social Entrepreneur



Compassion and Justice

What would it look like if followers of Jesus united together to fulfill the great commission and measured our progress according to the matrix Jesus outlined in Matthew 25? *Namely, I will know if you are truly my disciples if you show compassion and justice to the vulnerable and disenfranchised.*

That was the goal of this summit: *unity with the RIGHT purpose*. Each presenter shared how they are modeling this. Our goal was not to just meet together but to genuinely connect in order to do things together.

The event exceeded our expectations at every level! We had 83 people register and over 16 presenters. Each session was approximately 12 minutes with Q&A, an easy format to listen to and plenty of time for valuable Q&A and roundtable discussion.

It was wonderful to hear from each presenter share about their innovative work, each coming from a different perspective whether they were a pastor or church leader, a non profit leader or a business leader. These are all true kingdom rock stars! At the conclusion we invited the delegates to Adopt a Common Vision, Collaborate Together, Generously Share Resources and Track the RIGHT Measurables, and *everyone said YES!*

We recorded every session and posted them on YouTube to freely give them away, just [click here](#) to watch! Continue reading for a brief report.

“Each speaker spoke with passion and was so inspirational. I was totally engaged the whole time. There was never a dull moment. I loved the round tables of discussion and feel empowered and super motivated to continue bringing transformation. Sonny and I can’t wait for the next one. This is what the Bay Area needs.”

Linda Lara, Pastor and Non-Profit Leader



Some Kingdom Rock Stars: Who They Are and What They Are Doing!

Adrian Tirtanadi, Open Door Legal

Open Door Legal is pioneering the country's first system of universal access to civil legal representation. This is a huge problem they are solving. In our system, while one if guaranteed representation in the case of criminal law, it is not so for civil law, which is the vast majority of law. While we have good laws to protect the poor, without representation those law are not enforced and the poor are exploited. This is a terrible injustice and the solution is straightforward, but no one if talking about it. Open Door Legal is demonstrating that when everyone has access to the law, poverty is dramatically reduced. Their goal is to make San Francisco the first city in the US to have universal access to civil legal aid, to prove the model at scale, which will inspire other cities to follow suite. They have been in existence for just over a decade and have grown their practice to serve 40% of San Francisco's poor on an

annual budget of only \$5m they only need to double their budget to cover the entire city.

The Bay Area is known for technological innovations that have changed the world. In my humble opinion, this is a social innovation that could rival any of the technological innovations in its importance and impact on the future. [Click here](#) to watch Adrian's session.



Vanessa Russell, Love Never Fails

Human trafficking is a rampant problem right here, domestically in the Bay Area (and every major US city). What is happening is heart wrenching and absolutely unacceptable. Vanessa shared about their front line work to address this and why she sacrificed her lucrative career in tech as an executive at Cisco to build Love Never Fails. Hearing Vanessa's personal back story of growing up in the foster care system herself was so inspiring and informative, and she outlined what it would take to not only rescue victims but to bring a holistic solution that turns the tide on this horrific trend. [Click here](#) to watch Vanessa's session.



“This was a super graced gathering - I loved it!”

Ian Utile, Tech Entrepreneur

Kathy Chao-Rothberg, Lao Family

Homelessness is an epidemic problem and Lao Family Community Development is doing outstanding work to help address it. Kathy shared some of the secrets to their extraordinary success rate in helping the homeless and other refugees. The refugees they serve could be refugees coming to the bay area from other countries as we normally think of, or they might be domestic refugee, i.e. a single mother with young children fleeing domestic abuse. on average, within 6 weeks the person or family has been “resettled” meaning they have a good paying job and they have gotten into housing with first and last month's rent and deposit. For those who are homeless and join their live-in programs, within 6 months 80% graduate, meaning that they have become employed at a well paying job and have secured their own housing. These results are definitely well outside of the ordinary and *their clients do not pay anything for the services they receive*. [Click here](#) to watch Kathy's presentation.



Pastor Richard West, Liberty Church

During the pandemic, their church income dropped 35% and 911 calls dramatically increased across their city. Richard shared how his church has partnered with the city to reduce 911 calls by taking “church” to those communities. The results have been dramatic, the 911 calls have dropped, they have incredible favor with the city leaders, not to mention their giving has increased to above pre-pandemic levels and their church is thriving. [Click here](#) to watch Richard’s session.



Adam Peacocke, Feathervine

In 2017 Santa Rosa experienced the most destructive fire in the history of California. Adam shared how the faith community has become the primary provider of services to the fire victims in Santa Rosa and what that has meant for the victims and the community. [Click here](#) to watch Adam's session.



“The Leadership Summit provided an incredible platform for highlighting amazing Bay Area leaders and ministry. There was a great cross-section of leaders innovating in their diverse fields. We agreed on clear action steps with a defined set of goals for on-going work together. This was more than an event—It was a LAUNCH.”

Adam Peacock, Pastor and Non Profit Leader

Several Others

That is only a few of the highlights. All of the leaders who presented are doing incredible work to serve the the broken and overlooked communities here in the Bay Area! Christian Huang, Sherol Chen, Finny Abraham, Brett Bymaster, Stewart Perrilliat, Gloop, Hope San Francisco, R-Three, Mary Theroux and others. Just choose one of the presentations to watch and I think you will agree and then want to watch them all. [Click here](#) for the entire playlist.

Summary

The big goal of the All Bay Area movement is to encourage followers of Jesus to further unite around proven efforts, serving one another and learning from each other until everyone in the Bay Area experiences God's compassion and justice. The leadership summit was a solid step forward.

What's Next?

All Bay Area—East Bay

Save the dates for our next summit, it will take place in Fairfield, February 10 & 11, 2023. Plans are in development and we will keep you posted.

“I left [the summit] with a greater vision for changing my city. The new relationships and the great ideas that came are invaluable to me and all of my pastoral team. All nine of us were encouraged, inspired and came home with new relationships that we are excited about fostering. Our prayer is that the

whole Bay Area will see and experience the glory of God!! We look forward to hosting February's event."

Richard West, Pastor and Church Planter

Hope San Francisco

As was shared during the Summit, one of the united initiatives we are supporting is Hope San Francisco, this is a mobilization in partnership with Hope California, a statewide initiative, of 40 days of prayer and fasting, culminating in outreach, service to the community and united celebration. This thrust will take place early next year beginning on Ash Wednesday until Easter. Later this month, on Friday, November 18th, 10AM-12 NOON Hope San Francisco is having a vision brunch for pastors, ministry leaders, and any christian who wants to get involved. You are invited. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.



End the Huddle-Get in the Game

The bottom line is not to just have unity, but to bring our loaves and fishes so that God can multiply them and feed the hungry crowds in the Bay Area. You can get involved. Don't stay on the sidelines, the huddle is over, it is time to get in the game. It begins with prayer then do what the Lord directs you. Prayer and obedience

makes you an unstoppable force. Pray for all the leaders in the Bay Area that they will be encouraged, their ministries provided for, and for all of us to be fruitful and have maximum impact.

For his kingdom,

Ted & Sandra Hahs

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