

2020 Conference PLANS

THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MISSIONS

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"Are you meeting in person or online in November?"

This is a question we have received numerous times over the last few months. Now after much prayer for discernment and hours of meeting to discuss every single component of the conference, the Corporate Officers and Staff have come to a decision...**BOTH!** We will launch both an ICOM Virtual Conference as well as a scaled back in-person event held Friday, November 20th and Saturday, November 21st. We want to be conscientious about the potential spread of any virus, so we are offering a full virtual conference as well as very limited onsite activities.

We asked what would make you feel the most safe and comfortable to attend.

You spoke and we listened! Here's what you can expect:

- A full virtual experience (explained below).
- ICOM is committed to compliance with CDC and State regulations.
 - There will be NO mass seating, all main sessions and workshops will be offered virtually.
 - There will be one-way aisles and floor markers to ensure social distancing.
 - ICOM will follow state regulations regarding masks at the time of the event.
- Hand sanitizing stations will be available throughout the venue.
- In order to control the number of people among the exhibits, ICOM will be prepared to legislate the flow of attendees entering, exiting, and moving about the exhibit hall.
- The Indiana Convention Center has upgraded their heating and cooling system to include hospital grade filters as well as Clorox air purification machines in each room.
- The ICC will have clear plastic shields in strategic places and increased cleaning procedures across the venue.

We want to be respectful of all opinions about meeting in person or virtually. If you have any concerns about meeting in person, we encourage you to join us virtually! If you are experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19 or of any illness, please join us virtually for ICOM. For those of you who want to enjoy the onsite conference, we would love to host you in Indianapolis! Here's a brief overview of what will be offered on both platforms:

WHAT WILL BE OFFERED *On-Site?*

- EXHIBIT HALL
- ICOM HUB
- SICOM (SATURDAY ONLY)

WHAT WILL BE OFFERED *Virtually?*

- MAIN SESSIONS
- WORSHOPS
- ICOM HUB
- ICOM KIDS
- VIRTUAL EXHIBIT HALL
- SICOM (SATURDAY ONLY)
- PRE-CONFERENCE SEMINARS
- TICKETED EVENTS

WHAT WILL BE OFFERED *On-Site?*

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- **Exhibit Hall:** We will feature a smaller, on-site exhibit hall where you can come to connect with friends and exhibitors! There will be an experiential walk through exhibit by Pioneer Bible Translators showcasing the Bibles that have been translated and the languages which are still needed. Please Note: All current exhibitors will be contacted shortly with further information.
- **ICOM Hub:** We are excited to have a brand-new element, the ICOM Hub, where we will feature missionary and ministry interviews, debrief main sessions, talk through various areas of missions, and hear from global leaders.
- **SICOM (Student ICOM):** Partnering with the Indian Christian Youth Convention, SICOM will meet on-site on Saturday only! Nathan Betts, with the RZIM Global Student Team, will speak for both a session and for debriefing workshops about the importance of a Biblical worldview. We hope to host live, satellite sessions in other locations during this 12-hour day of programming, while still hosting Carrollton from the stage in Indy.

Please Note: We want to be clear that there will be no main sessions, workshops, or ICOM Kids on-site during the conference. All of these will take place virtually.

WHAT WILL BE OFFERED *Virtually?*

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- **ICOM Hub** - We are excited to have a brand-new feature, the ICOM Hub, where we will feature missionary and ministry interviews, debrief main sessions, talk through various areas of missions, and hear from global leaders.
- **Main Sessions** - All the main sessions for ICOM 2020 will be recorded and streamed through the virtual platform to ensure the safety of those attending by having no large seating areas. We are blessed to have Jeff Vines and his team leading these main sessions that will feature missionary speakers from their locations across the globe. Sessions will be streamed Friday evening, Saturday morning and Saturday evening.
- **Pre-Conference Virtual Events - Friday**
 - For Missionaries Only
 - Threshold Prayer - NEW!
 - How to Strategically Align Your Mission - NEW!
 - Accounting for Missionaries/Non-Profits
- **Workshops** - All workshops will take place virtually. We will offer both pre-recorded and live, interactive presentations. The schedule will include 3 workshop slots with 15 choices in each timeslot. We will also have a host of workshop videos available for you to watch at your leisure. Please Note: All current workshop leaders will be contacted shortly with further information.

- **Exhibitor Profiles**
 - The virtual platform will have features that allow us to plug in all of our exhibitors and link to their website, social media, and a video.
 - We are pleased to offer a virtual walk through of the Pioneer Bible Translators exhibit showcasing the Bibles that have been translated and the languages which are still needed.
- **ICOM Kids** - Offered virtually, we are creating six children's sessions in our new format to help teach children ages K-5th grade about sharing the love of Christ both here and around the world.
- **SICOM (Student ICOM)** - Partnering with the Indiana Christian Youth Convention, SICOM programming will be streamed live through our virtual platform. Plan a SICOM watch party at your church or in someone's home! No matter where your church is, your students can plug into this full day with other students around the country. We are excited to see a virtual SICOM experience worldwide!
- **Ticketed Events**
 - **Women of Purpose \$10** - We are thrilled to host guest speaker, Megan Rawlings of The Bold Movement, inspiring women to BE BOLD. Megan is passionate about Biblical literacy, especially for women! The Bold Movement is giving every Women of Purpose attendee a FREE Bible Study course from their on-line course catalog.
 - **Refresh: Missionary Moments \$10** - Let's refresh! Pull up a chair at your table and be refreshed by amazing stories of missionaries from around the globe while enjoying your lunch and dinner. One ticket gets you both of these exclusive Missionary Moments!
 - **Bible Study Series with Jeff Vines \$15** - Get your ticket for some incredible teaching in this 3-part series from God's Word by ICOM President, Jeff Vines! These could be a great tool to study with your small group! One ticket is good for all three sessions.

Our desire is to keep missionaries, churches, attendees, students, ICOM staff and volunteers as safe as possible. We feel that with our scaled down in-person activities, safety guidelines, and cooperation with the ICC and from attendees/exhibitors, we can have a powerful and impactful conference both virtually and in person! We appreciate your patience during this time of transition as we continue to plan our virtual and on-site activities in a safe way. Please continue to pray for ICOM and missionaries everywhere!



Disclaimer: As we all know, things are changing almost weekly in all parts of the country. ICOM will keep a careful watch on how mandates progress and as we receive further information from the government, we will let you know how that impacts the 2020 conference.