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March Program

March 13

“Fraud—Part 3”

Presenter—Mason Finks
Director of Consumer Protection—District Attorney’s Office—18th Judicial District of Colorado (Serving Arapahoe, Douglas, Elbert and Lincoln Counties)

“The best defense against crime is an educated public!” When criminal activity is directed against a business’s clients/customers, the business may be held liable for unintentionally facilitating those crimes. As Church Administrators, we are managers of a business and our congregants are our clients. The “Crime Prevention In the Workplace” program teaches business owners how to protect the business, themselves, their employees, and

their customers/clients from fraud and other crimes.

A former pastor, corporate executive and business owner, Mason Finks was appointed Director of Consumer Protection for the District Attorney’s Office in the 18th Judicial District of Colorado in April of 2004. Utilizing his business, non-profit and clergy experience, he now directs a program that brings together over 650 community organizations in a crime prevention program serving four-counties in suburban Denver and rural Colorado. Since its inception, the D.A.’s Consumer Protection Program has conducted over 450 consumer protection seminars, issued numerous CONSUMER ALERTS and assisted over 5000 people with fraud related issues through its Consumer Protection Line. Mason is a regular contributor to Consumer Alert segments on KEZW

radio and Channel 7 News.

Mason is a member of:

- Arapahoe County Adult Protection Team
- Arapahoe County Council on Aging
- Aurora Key Community Response Team
- National Bad Check Task Force
- Colorado Crime Prevention Association
- Douglas County Adult Protection Team
- Douglas County Senior Council
- FBI Mortgage Fraud Working Group
- FBI Bank Fraud Task Force
- InfraGard
- International Society of Crime Prevention Practitioners



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Mile High Chapter

February Program



February 13 “Finance and Management Seminar”

Presenter—**Capin Crouse**

Once again, Capin Crouse presented a valuable, comprehensive look at the challenges involved with managing the finances in our church world.

Dan Lindsey addressed those things that make an organization financially vulnerable and how the organization should respond. His presentation aimed at helping church

administrators strengthen and protect the church’s financial condition in the current economic environment.

Christin Crosby and Liz Fruh joined forces to discuss fixed and net assets; how to track on an excel spreadsheet; how fixed assets can work within a church budget; types of net assets; and how to track temporarily restricted net assets.

Following lunch (provided by Diane Mayer—most excellent!), **John Butler** covered a general overview of tax issues in relation to

churches, highlighting common issues such as misclassification of workers and 403b changes. There was considerable discussion on the retirement plans and the administrator’s responsibilities.

Susan Campbell, a partner in a litigation practice, addressed changes in the Americans with Disabilities Act. She discussed the amendments’ potential impact on churches.

Christin Crosby has handouts from the seminar available upon request. Good stuff!

January Program

January 9 “Finance and Management Seminar”

Presenter—**George Sullivan of Tutis Vero**

“Security Is A Big Undertaking For Any Church...”

...But I know, now, how critical it is”...was the general consensus of those who attended the Mile High Chapter’s program, “Emergency Preparedness”, in January. George Sullivan, a partner with Chester Gilliam in *Tutis*

Vero, addressed this subject in place of Chester who was ill. *Tutis Vero’s* purpose is to “help churches and schools protect their communities”. In the wake of the shootings in both northwest Denver and Colorado Springs just a year ago, this topic remains a timely one for churches along Colorado’s front range.

Interspersing “real-world” examples throughout his presentation, George reviewed both a church & school site survey and

risk assessment worksheets evaluating safety preparedness, not only in relation to crime prevention, but also in respect to fire safety and to potential electrical and HazMat situations. He also introduced *Tutis Vero’s* “Emergency Plan Template” designed to assist the development of a viable “Emergency Operations Plan” for church facilities.

If you missed this program, you missed some thought-provoking information!



Back by Popular Demand—Scholarship Information

Put This In your ‘Tickler’ File!

The Mile High NACBA Chapter will be offering two scholarship opportunities again this year, in order to assist you in attending NACBA’s annual conference in July, 2009. Active members of the local chapter in good standing (dues are current) are eligible to apply.

A Chapter scholarship, modeled on the criteria established for a scholarship from NACBA’s Endowment Fund, was established several years ago as a way to encourage Chapter members to participate in the national association’s annual conference of church business administrators

from all over the United States. And just four years ago, a scholarship for any Active member who will be attending his/her first annual NACBA conference was established in memory of Spooky Gilliam, a former Chapter president and chair of the Keystone 2005 Steering Committee. Applications for both of these scholarships will be available at Mile High’s upcoming monthly meetings, or can be obtained by contacting Teri Vasicek, FCBA.

The **deadline for both scholarship** applications is March 13, 2009. Recipients will be announced at the Chapter’s meeting in April.

Of course, if you are an Active member of the national association

too, you are eligible for assistance from the Endowment Fund, as well. The Mile High Chapter is proud to be an annual contributor to this Fund, established by the NACBA to assist its members in attending the annual conference and/or in participating in the Certification process. An application form for scholarship assistance from NACBA’s Endowment Fund is available through NACBA’s web site, www.nacba.net.

So, the NACBA is offering as many as *three* scholarships that can have you “*Riding the Ministry Wave*” in your professional development in Long Beach, CA this year, July 17-21, 2009...**We’re looking forward to seeing you there!**

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Please feel free to call any of our board for information about the Mile High Chapter or National NACBA



Chapter Location

Bethany Lutheran Church

4500 E Hampden Ave,
Cherry Hills Village, CO
80113 (Hampden & Happy
Canyon)

8:30 a.m. Fellowship/breakfast
(cost is included in member-
ship fee)

8:45 a.m. Business meeting

9:00-11:00 a.m. Program of the
month

Non-members pay \$25 per ses-
sion (includes breakfast)

Let us know you're coming...

Contact Hospitality Chair -
Christin Crosby at
ccrosby@capincrouse.com or
call her at 1.616.889.1381 to
make your breakfast reserva-
tion.

NACBA National Conference—2009

Keynote Speaker

July 20, 2009

Larry Osborne

Larry Osborne serves as
president of the North Coast
Training Network and has been
the senior pastor at North Coast
Church since 1980.

Recognized as one of the “most
innovative” and “ten most
influential churches” in America,
North Coast pioneered the use of
Video Venues in the late 90s and
is a leader in the Multi-Site
Movement. Also known for its
incredible sermon-based small
group ministry, North Coast has
maintained a participation rate of
80% of adult weekend attendees
for over 25 years. In attrition, the
church has helped pave the way
with new ministry models for
team teaching, leadership

development, word-of-mouth
growth and long-term member
retention.

Larry writes and speaks
extensively on the subjects of
leadership and developing
healthy ministry teams.

His books include
*The Unity Factor; Developing A
Healthy Leadership Team,
A Contrarian's Guide to Knowing:
A Spirituality for the Rest of Us
Sticky Church: Slamming the
Back Door Shut
Ten Dumb Things Smart
Christians Believe* (Available
April 2009)

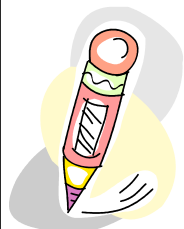
He holds MDiv
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degrees from
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Theological
Seminary.



Your Key to Success
COLORADO MILE HIGH CHAPTER
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHURCH BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

We encourage participation in
the newsletter as part of the
networking of the chapter. If
you have articles regarding
opportunities within your
organization, please let us
know. NACBANEWS is
published monthly. Deadline

for articles to be
included in the
newsletter is
the 15th of the
month prior to
publication.



Smile...

Ode to My Spell Checker

Eye halve a spelling chequer
It came with my pea sea
It planely marques four my revue
Miss steaks eye kin knot sea.
Eye strike a key and tipe a werd
And weight four it two say
Weather eye am wrong oar write

It shows me strait a weigh.
As soon as a mist ache is maid
It nose bee fore two long
And eye can put the error rite
Its rare lea ever wrong.
Eye have run this poem threw it
I am shore your pleased two no
Its letter perfect awl the weigh
My chequer tolled me sew.