

Tuesday (Optional Day) Training Tracks

Money and Finance Track, led by Ken Emert

Focused on best practice in using the BMT, finance reports and views, and how to handle soft credit and non-cash gifts.

Prerequisites: Basic understanding of how MinistryPlatform works

Goal: *"I want to learn how to manage contributions better"*

Intro to Reports, led by Kevin McCord

Introduction to report writing: For those who are dedicated or self hosted, learn how to make, create and edit basic reports. SQL Server knowledge would be a prerequisite.

Prerequisites: Basic SQL knowledge, access to your MinistryPlatform SQL server "I can go to system setup and make basic changes to our views or other pages, "I can create a basic view and do some basic SQL edits, like find the date and update the date range."(dedicated cloud and self hosted customers only)

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Extending the Platform, led by Traci Vincent

Understanding how to add fields, tables, and pages to your system

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SQL 201, led by Don Jewett

Advanced views and filtered pages: Understanding the basics of SQL and applying that to custom views and filtered pages.

Prerequisites: Basic SQL knowledge "I can use the advanced view creator without issue and I can even flip over to the SQL view and make change like change the ID of a record the view is filtered on"

Goal: *"I want to learn how to write a join or use advanced criteria like "TOP" "*

Intro to MP, led by Tifani Gordon

Come learn the essentials to using MinistryPlatform. Navigation, creating records, communicating and understanding groups and events will all be covered.

Prerequisites: I have never logged into MinistryPlatform or I have never really worked in it.

Goal: *"I want to know where to start"*

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MP Power Users, led by Ashley Morris

Come and take your skills to the next level. Focused on searching and selecting tips and tricks and how to best utilize your views and reports to get your job done.

Prerequisites: Basic understanding of MinistryPlatform. "I can add a new person to the database and update my group"

Goal: *"I have the essentials down and want to learn how to work at the next level"*

MP SPOC Training, led by Trace Jackson and Melissa Reveles

Come to this track if you want to step up your skills in managing your database. Learn some tips and tricks to gain a better understanding of MP as well as practical ways to encourage and train the users at your church.

Prerequisites: Basic understanding of MP and in a role that influences others.

Goal: *"I have people around me that need to get on the MP train and I want to help them get there as I grow in my knowledge and experience"*

Wednesday Sessions – 9:00am

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STELLAR ACCOUNTING SYSTEMS (AND HOW TO MAKE THEM PLAY NICE WITH MP)

Come discuss with other MP users about what accounting systems they use (Intacct, FundEZ, Quickbooks, etc.), what they love, what they have learned, and how to make them play nice with MP! Share your insights and learn something new.

VISION2

Vision2Systems is a church-based comprehensive giving and contribution management solution that helps your congregation by inspiring generosity and establishing strong discipleship. Vision 2 was built in collaboration with Saddleback Church with the intent of serving you and the kingdom. We have a dedicated team of folks just like you backing our solution, and working in partnership with you to ensure your success every step of the way. Come join us at our session and explore how we enable churches like yours to:

- highlight your church's brand and allow giving to reflect your voice and messaging emphasizing the what and why of stewardship from the start.
- meet the giver wherever they are: the web, via mobile or through text.
- empower your back-office team by handle all off-line giving (checks and cash envelopes) as well as provide a complete, secure, and auditable record.
- Ensure Trust and data integrity are key factors in giving
- Function as a great complement to your ChMS and accounting solutions. Vision2 delivers real time 2-way data synchronization with your Church Management Solution ensuring full visibility and consistency of giving data

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- Partner closely with other best-of-breed solutions like Focus Missions and Pocket Platform
- Provide a revenue subledger to enable accurate accounting for every gift even through refunds, chargebacks, and changes
- Enable simple and seamless bank recon as well as smooth preconfigured journal entries directly into your accounting solution. (It's one of the reasons we have been selected as the best-of-breed giving solution of choice by AcctTwo / Intacct.)

We're so excited and honored to be part of the Ministry Platform community and very much looking forward to seeing y'all down at MPUG!

GENERAL GUEST MEET AND GREET

Haven't jumped onto the MP train quite yet? Is this your first time at MPUG?

Join us for a meet and greet session with some of our Chief Officers, other Guests, and first-time MPUG attenders and get an MPUG orientation.

Wednesday Sessions – 9:50 am

TAKE ME TO YOUR LEADER: GETTING PASTORS USING THE APP VS. THE PLATFORM

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Follow our best practices to set yourself up for a sane statement season! Checklists, fix views and a large bar of chocolate. Success favors the prepared ;)

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ONLINEGIVING

"Get Into The App! Learn more about how Online Giving's Ministry Platform integrated mobile application works for your church."

CATHOLIC ROUNDTABLE

MinistryPlatform is used by all denominations! This roundtable is designed for our catholic churches – whether you are on the platform yet or not – to share with one another specific needs of the catholic church and how they are being met in MP.

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ALIGNING TECHNOLOGY AND SOFTWARE ROADMAPS TO OUR MINISTRY VISION AND STRATEGY

Learn how to make sure your church's ministry vision and strategy can drive how you use your technology to disciple people.

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CHECK-IN SUITE WARP SPEED: CLASSROOM MANAGER

Classroom Manager is now part of Check-In Suite. Haven't used it yet? Check out how this valuable tool manages your classes and attendance. New features include load-balancing rooms.

POCKETPLATFORM

PocketPlatform was built from the ground up specifically for MP churches with the logged in congregant in mind. This new platform simplifies app management by allowing you to control all of your app content through MP, measure engagement and delivery truly dynamic and targeted content to your congregation via the power of MP. If any of this sounds exciting to you, come see us in the Sponsor Loft and talk to us! We'd love to learn more about how we can partner with you and your church!

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HIGHER GROUND

You might know us for our hosting, but we are more than just a hosting company. Higher Ground provides a full suite of IT services to churches of all sizes. In this session you will learn about our hosting as well as other services we provide for both MinistryPlatform and your church's internal IT infrastructure.

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WARP SPEED: STEWARDSHIP VIEWS

Are you lost in a vortex of Stewardship views? Well, we do have almost 100 of them! Learn about some favorite, handy, and must-use views from veteran users.

WARP SPEED - MANAGE CONSISTENT COMMS ACROSS YOUR CONGREGATION

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Our panel of experts will share how they've changed the drudgery of data cleanup into the joy of efficient minor changes by using View Notifications.

POWER BI (SESSION NOT REPEATED ON THURSDAY)

Let's talk about all the ways you can use MP to manage your facilities - in OR out of the box! Bring your expertise to share and your questions to be answered! We'll chat about what things out of the box have been successful, what customizations you and others have done, what we all wished we'd known when we started, challenges we've overcome, etc.

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BLACKPULP

Are you interested in building a new website for your church? Finding out more about MinistryPlatform widgets and integrations? Building an internal application to make your staff more efficient in their use of MinistryPlatform? Creating a custom report or executive dashboard? Come see Blackpulp and we will help you get the job done right.

Wednesday Sessions – 4:15 pm

BACKGROUND CHECK COMMUNICATIONS AND MANAGEMENT

Utilize MP to help you manage your background checks! Using the background check tool, appropriate group roles, and views, you can simplify your background check procedures.

LEVERING WI-FI ENGAGEMENT

Come be part of some exciting brainstorming about how churches can leverage Wi-Fi presence data. The Front Porch team will be present to collect and share ideas on how the church can leverage this data to understand the ever evolving attendance patterns of the congregation.

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With great power comes great responsibility! Giving the right permissions to the right people can be daunting and somewhat nerve-racking if you're not confident you know what you're doing. Come listen and engage with our panel of experts to hear about what approaches other churches take to make this a stress-free task on their list.

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PUSHPAY

The church has come a long way in the past decade. Things like text giving, recurring giving, and mobile-friendly giving forms have gone from being cutting edge to commonplace. Join the team at Pushpay for a look at some of their newest tools and for a conversation about what's NEXT for giving in the church. Text "Enter2win" to 77977 for a chance to win an Amazon Echo Spot!

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DO I NEED A COACH?

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COOL SOLUTIONS GROUP

The developer of eSpace offers the only full suite of facility and event management software on the market...and it integrates with MinistryPlatform! From event scheduling to work order management to life cycle planning to major system integrations to...ready...worship planning. We have your "planning" needs covered.

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READY MADE SOLUTIONS AND CLOUD SERVICES

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ONLINEGIVING.ORG

Fully Integrated giving, what's that? Find out if your church giving is living up to its full integration potential with Ministry Platform. What is a chatbot?