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Breakout Speaker Application Guide

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First, THANK YOU for your interest in applying to be a Breakout Speaker at the Children's Pastors Conference 2027 (CPC27), organized by the International Network of Children's Ministry (INCM). We hope you find all you need to know as you prayerfully consider this opportunity.

Second, why is your prayerful application to be a Breakout Speaker at CPC27 so important?

CPC is the largest independent event uniquely designed to help leaders thrive in children's ministry. This annual gathering is an expression of all that INCM stands and strives for in our vision and mission. The 100+ Breakouts offered at CPC offer top-notch training for newbie to seasoned veteran leaders and leaders serving on small campuses to mega churches throughout the nation and even around the world.

CPC27 Basics

- January 5-7, 2027
- The Omni Resort at Championsgate in Orlando, Florida
- One-hour breakout timeframe

CPC27 Breakout Application Key Dates

- April 1, 2026 - Breakout Speaker Application OPENS
- May 31, 2026 - Breakout Speaker Application CLOSES
- August 2026 - Decisions Emailed Out

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CPC BREAKOUT SPEAKER QUALIFICATIONS

APPLICATIONS
ARE DUE BY
MAY 31, 2026

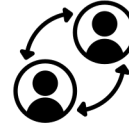


PERSONAL

relationship with Jesus and active discipleship as His follower.

INTENTIONAL

engagement in the Children's and/or Family Ministry community either online, locally, or abroad.



COMPETENCY

in knowledge and application of the topic you hope to teach.

EXPERIENCE

training Children's and/or Family Ministry leaders outside of your church either in-person or online.



PASSION

for Children's Ministry leaders and the discipleship of kids and families.

ENGAGING

communicator on-stage and one-on-one.



POSITIVE

reputation within the Children's Ministry leader community.

PREPARING TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION

Here are some items to gather together and organize beforehand so you can most efficiently complete and submit your CPC27 Breakout application online.

Personal Information ➤

- BIO**
A 50-word professionally edited bio.
- HEADSHOT**
A high-quality 200 x 200 pixels (Ratio 1:1) recent headshot.
- VIDEO - NEW applicants only**
(has not spoken at CPC in the past 3 years)
2-minute introduction video detailing your role in children's ministry and what you love most about the children's ministry leader community. The video does not have to be professionally shot; phone shot and edited is sufficient.
- REFERENCES - NEW applicants only**
(has not spoken at CPC in the past 3 years)
The name, email, and phone number of a person (not family member) who can vouch for your speaking ability.

Breakout Submissions ➤

(maximum of 3 breakout submissions)

- TITLE**
Titles should be clear to the goal of your breakout, concise in wording, and creative in peaking interest to attend.
- DESCRIPTION**
A 75-word description that identifies the “why” of your breakout and the main learning objectives. Unclear and long descriptions will significantly and negatively affect the scoring of your application.
- TAKEAWAY**
What is the primary takeaway an attendee will walk away from your breakout with?
- CATEGORY/EXPERIENCE LEVEL**
Please [click here](#) to review the Breakout Categories. Select the category and experience level that best applies to your breakout's content.

QUICK TIP

Prepare the Breakout Submissions information on a separate document before opening the application. This will make it easy to copy and paste into the online application.

RESOURCE PROVIDERS AND COACHING

Information for Resource Provider Applicants >>

INCM defines a Resource Provider as a person who works for an organization that supports the Children's Ministry community through an organizational partnership with INCM via year-round initiatives or as an exhibitor at CPC. This includes:

- Contracted employee that represents the organization throughout the year.
- Sponsored speakers
- Paid staff members

INCM desires to support Resource Providers who also hope to teach and coach at CPC27. Both are additional and intentional ways to connect with the community and offer tools and resources. However, please note that acceptance as a Breakout Speaker does not automatically guarantee acceptance as a Resource Provider. Likewise, your acceptance as a Resource Provider does not automatically guarantee acceptance as a Breakout Speaker either. Both processes are submitted and reviewed by separate departments of INCM.

Any Resource Provider applying to be a Breakout Speaker should indicate as such on his/her application. Thank you!



Coaching Opportunities >>

During CPC27, attendees have the opportunity to schedule a free, 30-minute coaching appointment where they connect one-on-one with a ministry expert who will coach them through a specific ministry issue.

If you are interested in becoming a coach at CPC27 please complete the ["Interest Form" here](#).

OUR PROCESS

Each Breakout application is reviewed by our Breakout Selection Committee comprised of trusted children's ministry practitioners, trainers, and/or academics.

1) Review of NEW applicants' (have not spoken at CPC in 3 years) video and reference call.

2) Scoring of breakout topics based upon relevance, clarity of focus, applicability and transferability, value of takeaway, and overall helpfulness to the INCM community.

3) Review of speakers' level of speaking ability, competency, passion, and engagement and involvement in the INCM community.

Notifications will go out to all speakers in August 2026.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



Do I receive any compensation for speaking at CPC27?

Yes, should you be chosen to speak, compensation details will be outlined in your agreement.



Would any of my travel costs be covered?

Unfortunately no. With the number of speakers we are blessed to have at CPC27, it is not feasible for INCM to cover travel, meal, and accommodation expenses for all.



What if I want to collaborate with other speakers for a breakout?

If you would like to co-teach a breakout with another speaker(s), please email Liza and you will receive your next steps.



Can I participate in the rest of the conference beyond my breakout?

All CPC27 Breakout Speakers will receive complimentary access to all of CPC27, and we highly encourage each speaker to participate as much as possible.

THANK YOU!

We are beyond grateful for your heart to be a Breakout Speaker at CPC27! Know that our heart is to help all of our INCM community attending CPC27 to grow in the skills, knowledge, leadership, and attitudes they need as children's ministry leaders to do what God has called them to do.

We are praying for you as you consider your topics. Please pray for our INCM team as we plan for CPC27, an event and experience unlike any other before!



If you need anything at all as it relates to CPC27 and the Breakout Speaker application, please do not hesitate to reach out to Liza Gant, INCM Training Director
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