

WORKSHOP SPEAKERS



Chuck Black, former F-16 fighter pilot and tactical combat communications engineer, is the author of eighteen novels. His passion is to inspire people of all ages to follow the Lord with zeal and to equip parents, pastors, and youth leaders to accomplish the same. Chuck is devoted to his wife, Andrea, and their six children and multiple grandchildren. Chuck and Andrea

homeschooled their six children for twenty-four years; all six have graduated from college and four have married.



Andrea Black, wife of Chuck, mother of six and grandmother of ten (so far), spent twenty-four years homeschooling her own personal Brady Bunch. When she ran out of children at home, she borrowed other people's and taught 5th and 6th grades at Trinity Christian School. With degrees in English and Speech/Theatre Education, she enjoyed coaching the local Christian school speech team for many years. She credits being an Air Force wife for challenging her to trust completely in Jesus while she waited for and supported her husband. This love for her Savior gives her purpose and passion for a life lived in service to Him!



Llorra Knight is a homeschool mom of fourteen, blessed grandma of twenty-eight, and newly promoted great-grandma. She has homeschooled for nearly forty years in four states and three countries. Llorra was married to Ken, her high school sweetheart, for nearly 45 years, until he graduated to heaven in June of 2021. She now lives in Dickinson, ND with their three

youngest children, her sister and three cats. Llorra is a retired midwife, and she and Ken have written and published several books.



Nancy Bjorkman was a homeschool skeptic who began homeschooling her four children in 1992, and saw it work. Now a mentor to homeschooling families, she has spoken at homeschool conferences where she is known for her enthusiasm, energy, and encouragement. She and her husband own HEPPNER'S LEGACY, a homeschool store in Elk River, MN, where

they minister to the unique needs of families year round.



Rebecca Nyberg homeschooled her five children K-12 at Nyberg Classical Academy, where music and art were a part of every class, summer school was held in the garden, and extracurricular activities centered on livestock and dirt bikes. Her grown children have diversified into a homeschooling mom/rancher, a small business owner/mechanic, a painter/bank teller, a published

author/illustrator, and a welder/inventor.



Theresa Deckert has been homeschooling since 1986... before it was even legal in ND! She and her husband, Jeff, are on the NDHSA Board of Directors and Theresa also serves as the Eastern ND Support Group Coordinator. Her three older children are married with children of their own, and her youngest graduated in 2019. She is now joyfully able to be more involved

with her eleven grandchildren through babysitting and helping with homeschooling. She's grateful for the 2019 legislation now allowing others such as grandparents to be enlisted as tutors!



Troy & Marcy McQuown are miscommunication experts. They've been married for 21 years and have clearly communicated with the other for a combined total of 6 weeks. The unique pair have embraced miscommunication as their special superpower and are determined to help marriages thrive in spite of the

fact that no one has a clue what the other person is even talking about. They somehow figured out how to have 6 children, the oldest in college, bringing them all through home education. They enjoy spending time outdoors, coaching soccer, and are involved in various ministries, not weighed down by the common expectation that clear communication is actually necessary.



Given Hoffman is a millennial, a homeschool graduate, an action/adventure novelist, a speaker and an international blogger on Christian worldview. She has over a decade of instruction in writing and communication and has studied everything from nonverbal communication like body language to business and hostage negotiation. Given is passionate about

teaching and helping parents and teens communicate well and grow in their Christian faith.



Kathy Miiller was a licensed teacher and curricula developer before becoming a homeschool mom. She is an avid proponent of homeschooling through the high school years, a GCDF certified career advisor and founder of Parents Empowering Teens, whose aim is to help parents launch their teens into God-honoring lives that unpack their full potential.



Cindy Sanford has experience in higher education, career advising, ND Job Service and both private and public business. Her passion is connecting workers and employers. Presently she is the Leader of Education Outreach and College Planning at Bank of North Dakota.