

# Ur-BAM



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*Come join us for a fun day at the first Ur-BAM Summit and interact with these Urbanites.*

Our cities and local towns are full of potential. Aid does not bring transformation to communities, but trade brings lasting change to communities and individuals alike when compelled by the Gospel of the Kingdom. We invite you to come learn and explore with us.

## Meet the Presenters



### Joel Martin

*A World Changing Force: The Moravians*

Joel and Kelsey Martin and their six children live in Philipsburg, PA, and are members of Philipsburg Believers Fellowship. Joel completed Faith Builder's ministry apprenticeship program, graduated from Lancaster Bible College, and completed a degree in Intercultural Studies from Columbia International University. Joel served as General Director for All-Nations Bible Translation for 15 years and now serves on the Administrative team.



### Bryant Martin

*Extend Your Table*

Bryant Martin is from State College, PA where he lives with his wife and 7 children. He grew up in central PA and was involved in a family landscape business. Upon moving to State College in 2015 he began working for All Nations Bible Translation, and that same year he and his wife Lynelle launched Sowers Harvest Café to serve the local community and Penn State University with the vision of being a Kingdom embassy of Jesus in State College. In the last 3 years he and two other cafés launched an alliance called Extend Cafés with the vision of seeing 30 new cafés by 2030. He is passionate about using café spaces — a non-anxious faithful presence — to advance the bleeding edge of the Kingdom. He loves a good book, a great cup of coffee, and engaging conversations.



### Earl Rissler

*What I Wish I Would Have Known*

Earl & Lisa Rissler have 9 children and live in Philipsburg, PA. Earl grew up in Lancaster County and moved to Buffalo Valley in 2005 where he owned & operated a bike shop for 18 years. In 2023 they moved to Philipsburg for a church plant and started Sowers Market.



### Manny Mercado

*Entrepreneurship Vehicles • Playing Basketball!*

Manny lives in the city of Reading, PA with his family. They run a real estate and coffee shop business in their city as a way to connect and serve. He is excited about the Kingdom of God and how we can use vehicles like entrepreneurship to have spiritual impact in our communities.



### Wendall Martin

*Where is the Farm?*

A disciple of Jesus living with his family in Pittsburgh, PA. He enjoys good coffee on the front porch, hikes in the woods, and bringing new life to old houses.



### Benuel Blank

*Hospitality as Mission*

Benuel, his wife Miriam, and their five children live in Baltimore city. He does kitchen and bathroom remodels and flips houses as a way of income. They grew up in the Amish community, stepped out in 2018, and have been part of a church plant in Baltimore since 2024.



### Austin Shank

*Love the World by Loving Your Family*

A lifelong urbanite passionate about empowering urban community through church, school, and careers.



### Manny Lantz

*Urban Homesteading*

Manny & Lydia are part of a small house church in Baltimore, MD. Their lively household buzzes with the creative energy of 7 boys, ages 2-16. Manny was raised on a farm and is currently a licensed house renovator. He is also a keeper of about 100,000 bees.



### Stephen Stoltzfus

*I Have an Urban Farming Dream*

Stephen and Sarah Rose Stoltzfus, along with their four boys, are from Lancaster County. Over the past year, God has been calling their family to prepare for a potential move to an urban setting. Growing up, Stephen had a deep passion for business. However, the Lord intervened and redirected that drive — shaping it into a desire to glorify his Maker by using what he learned in the business world as a platform for Kingdom work.



### Hector Troyer

*Where Do We Go From Here*

Hector is a contractor, author, and visionary — one of the men behind Ur-BAM. With years of experience in remodeling, market gardening, farmers markets, and urban living, he is passionate about giving the Gospel real, life-giving hands and feet in unreached communities.

# Summit Schedule

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## Opening Message

9:00 - 9:15 AM

**Michael Esh**  
Opening Devotional

9:15 - 10:00 AM

**Joel Martin**  
A World Changing Force: The Moravians

*Sacrifice and fearlessness galvanized their young men and women for the spread of the Gospel. Furthermore, their willingness to labor, "working with their own hands" enabled them to send many more workers to the field. What was the secret to their success?*

## Urban Business Discussion

10:15 - 10:30 AM

**Bryant Martin**  
Extend Your Table

*Two modes often at the heart of Kingdom advance since the beginning of the church are business and the table. Join Bryant as we explore this theme and discuss how you could do that — and make a living — in your community.*

10:30 - 10:45 AM

**Earl Rissler**  
What I Wish I Would Have Known

*Earl will be speaking about the ups and downs of starting a business in a new community. Also the potential of using business as a face to the community.*

10:45 - 11:00 AM

**Manny Mercado**  
Entrepreneurship Vehicles

*Manny is excited about the Kingdom of God and how we can use vehicles like entrepreneurship to have spiritual impact in our communities. He currently has a coffee shop and a real estate business.*

11:00 - 11:30 AM

Q & A

11:30 - 12:30 PM

Lunch — Food Trucks

## Urban Life Discussion

12:30 - 12:45 PM

**Manny Mercado**  
Playing Basketball!

*Manny lives in the city of Reading, PA with his family. He enjoys playing basketball in his spare time.*

12:45 - 1:00 PM

**Wendall Martin**  
Where is the Farm?

*Bringing life to our street corner with our family and plants. Using our skills to make other people's homes places where they can thrive.*

1:00 - 1:15 PM

**Benuel Blank**  
Hospitality as Mission

*Benuel will be speaking about life in the city with a family, how our children are a huge asset, and the effects it has on a community when the gospel is simply lived out.*

1:15 - 1:30 PM

**Austin Shank**  
Love the World by Loving Your Family

*"The best thing you can do for your kids is love their mother" was something my late father said often and he showed us by example what that meant and what good that did for ourselves and our neighbors.*

1:30 - 2:00 PM

Q & A

## Urban Farming Discussion

2:30 - 2:45 PM

**Manny Lantz**  
Urban Homesteading

*Manny Lantz will be about the question; Is homesteading feasible in urban areas where property sizes are not measured in acres, but in sq ft?*

2:45 - 3:00 PM

**Stephen Stoltzfus**  
I Have an Urban Farming Dream

*Stephen will be sharing a little of what he has seen with Harmony Acres and the current food system in the US. Along with that he plans to share some vision of how we as people with farming background could use these resources as a platform for the kingdom of God in urban spaces.*

3:00 - 3:15 PM

**Speaker TBD**  
Community Gardens in Coatesville

3:30 - 4:00 PM

**Hector Troyer**  
Where Do We Go From Here

*After a day of vision and inspiration, one question remains: What about you? Now the challenge is to move from ideas to action. What practical next steps can you take to bring faithful presence, honest work, and kingdom impact into real neighborhoods and real lives?*