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7:00pm Tom Long Preaches

Saturday, February 25

9:00am Registration and Snacks

9:30am Workshop Session "A"

11:00am Keynote

12:00pm Lunch

1:00pm Workshop Session "B"

2:30pm Workshop Session "C"

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