



SYNOD STUDY CONFERENCE

ALL LAY LEADERS ARE WELCOME!

Evangelism: God's Way

February 6 - 9, 2012

Monday evening through Thursday noon

Radisson Hotel and Conference Centre

511 Bow Valley Trail, Canmore

(Telephone number: 403, 678-3625)

Dr. John Bowen

John P. Bowen is Associate Professor of Evangelism and Director of the Institute of Evangelism at Wycliffe College in Toronto, and is a frequent guest lecturer at conferences, synods and clergy conferences across the country. He is a leader of the annual Anglican Church Planting Conference and in the Canadian Fresh Expressions initiative.

John is author of "Evangelism for 'Normal' People: Good News for Those Looking for a Better Way" (2002), "The Spirituality of Narnia: The Deeper Magic of C. S. Lewis" (2007) and "Growing Up Christian: Why Young People Stay in Church, Leave Church and (Sometimes) Come Back to Church" (2010) and editor of "The Letters of Vincent Donovan" 1957 - 1973 (2011). He has a Doctor of Ministry from McMaster University. His first degree was in English from Oxford University where he was the last student to have been tutored by C.S. Lewis. He hates sauerkraut.

INSIGHT: Recapturing the Vision (First Session)

- What is the Gospel?
- What is our understanding of church?
- How does Gospel and church flow into discipleship?

FORESIGHT: The Once and Future Church (Second Session)

- How do we renew existing churches?
- How do we plant new church (which may not look like old churches)?

Thursday Morning Speaker, The Rev. Dr. Larry Kochendorfer

The Rev. Dr. Larry Kochendorfer was born and raised in Alberta by parents who taught him, by example, the gift of servanthood. He values the gift of family and community that he has experienced in his recent trips to Colombia, the companion synod to the Synod of Alberta and the Territories.

Although his love of music led him to consider this as a full-time career, circumstances led him to enroll at CLBI where the call to ordained ministry was confirmed. This is also where he met his lovely wife, Cathy.

Following two years at CLBI, he entered University of Alberta, Augustana Faculty (at that time Camrose Lutheran College) and was a member of the first graduating class with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music and Psychology in 1985. He entered Lutheran Theological Seminary in Saskatoon in 1985 and graduated with a Master of Divinity degree in 1989. In 2008, he graduated from the Robert E. Webber Institute for Worship Studies, Florida, with a Doctoral of Worship Studies degree where his doctoral thesis focused on renewing baptismal spirituality. He loves sauerkraut.

Thursday Morning Presentation - Gathered and Sent - Sent and Gathered

The *sending* of gathered worshipers into the active mission of God is a pivotal moment in worship when we turn from adoration to action. In this final moment of corporate worship, the gathered become the sent - we are not dismissed, as if worship were adjourned - we are sent forth in the enactment of God's mission in the local community and the world. The sending portion of the liturgy, however, is often overlooked as insignificant or inconsequential. Focusing on an underlying theme of worship and mission, this presentation will seek to restore the sending to its ritual potential.

Visiting Bishop - Bishop Jessica Crist

The Rev. Jessica Crist is Bishop of the Montana Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. A resident of Great Falls, she is married to Turner Graybill, a retired attorney. They are members of Bethel Lutheran Church in Great Falls, Montana. They have two children—Rhiannon, who is a doctoral student in Hebrew Bible at UC Berkeley, and Raphael, who is a Rhodes Scholar studying Political Science at Oxford. Bishop Crist grew up in Pennsylvania and is a graduate of Yale College and Harvard Divinity School.

Prior to assuming the office of Bishop, Pastor Crist served as Associate to the Bishop for 5 years, and Director of the Northern Rockies Institute of Theology for 18 years. She served congregations in Great Falls, Montana, and Cambridge, Massachusetts, and started in ministry as a campus pastor. She served on the Transition Team that helped put together the Montana Synod from the predecessor churches, and was elected Synod Secretary at the Constituting Convention. She served in that capacity for 12 years. She has worked with the Montana Association of Churches for many years, including serving as President, and as part of the teaching staff for the Lay Ministry Institute.

FEES:**Registration fee does NOT cover your accommodations.**

- \$225 all adult participants, including lay leaders, retired, rostered and spouses
(Includes Tuesday - breakfast and lunch; Wednesday - breakfast and lunch; Thursday - brunch; speaker's honourarium and expenses, worship supplies, northern subsidy, hotel assembly room costs and committee expenses)
- \$15 per child's meal (required for children age 10+)
- \$75 students registered with Committee for Theological & Leadership
- \$95 daily rate (includes lunch and some conference costs)

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Payment for your accommodations is NOT covered by the conference registration fee. The Conference will again be held at the Radisson and that hotel has offered a rate of \$109. (two queen-sized beds, double or single occupancy) per room. To reserve your room, call the Radisson at (403) 678-3625 or toll-free at 1-800-263-3625 and be certain to tell them that you're part of the Lutheran block.

REGISTRATION:

Please return the enclosed registration sheet and the registration fee to the Synod Office **by January 10!**

The conference registration desk opens at 4:00 p.m., Monday afternoon.

If you must cancel 'at the last minute' please let us know by calling the synod office. We cannot reimburse you after January 20. Remember also to cancel your room reservation if you'd made one.

Our newcomers may be identified by a differently-coloured nametag. Our opening reception will provide opportunity to introduce yourself and welcome these colleagues to our Synod.

MEALS:

Your registration fee includes breakfast and lunch on Tuesday and Wednesday, and brunch on Thursday. Supper is on your own on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. If you want a fruit plate alternative for Thursday's brunch or if you have allergies of which we need to be aware, please notify the Committee before January 10 by calling 780, 439-2636.

If you are interested in joining others for dinner on Monday after your register, please e-mail Pastor Faith Brace (fbrace@telusplanet.net) and she will arrange for a group reservation at a nearby restaurant and advise you of the meeting venue.

Children under the age of ten may join you for breakfast or lunch at no extra cost. There is a charge of \$15 for children over the age of ten.

TRAVEL:

Subsidy is available for those flying from the Yukon or the Northwest Territories. If your flight arrives in Edmonton or Calgary en route to Canmore, please make your own travel arrangements with one of the other participants.

FUNDING:

Three funding sources may be considered:

- Congregation or employing agency, as per letter of call
- Continuing Education Plan
- Personal

WORSHIP:

Pastors Julianne Barlow and Tim Posyluzny will be Study Conference Chaplains. Holden Evening Prayer will be offered Monday evening; A Service of Holy Communion will be held on Wednesday evening; and, on Tuesday evening, a Service of Healing (*explanation follows*) -

Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord (I James 5:14)

Based on the rite in the Book of Occasional Services, the chaplains will lead our church family in a time of prayer and laying on of hands, asking for God's healing presence in our lives.

Opening worship on Monday evening will again be held at St. Michael's Anglican Church in Canmore (709 _ 7th Street Canmore). Reception will follow.

OUTDOOR OPPORTUNITIES:

Local hotels have a great deal of information about local events and activities, so please refer to the pamphlets available in their lobbies. Please remember

- to bring warm outdoor clothing;
- bring swim suits, exercise clothing;
- there is an extra fee if you plan to enter Banff National Park.

There will be a Walking Tour of Canmore for all newcomers and oldtimers. To join the group, gather at the front door of the Conference Centre at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday. This will be led by knowledgeable guides, Pastors Faith Brace and Renita Falkenstern.

If you are planning to do a specific activity and wish to have company, please put a note of invitation on the bulletin board.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and USE of SPACE:

Anyone wanting to schedule meetings, make presentations or announcements is asked to contact Pastor Faith Brace of the Conference Planning Committee for approval at least one month prior to the conference.

Groups choosing to acquire separate meeting space for their own agenda must make reservations directly with the hotel, arranging for payment before leaving. We encourage the use of posters, and handouts for sharing these announcements.

Please remember to turn off your cell phones when you enter the plenary sessions!

MISSION DEVELOPERS CONVERSATION

Larry Kochendorfer, Assistant to the Bishop, will be meeting for one hour with those **who have participated in an ELCA Mission Developer Training event**. The purpose of this conversation is to reflect on and gather information regarding the value of this training event for future participation from our Synod. Please meet in the plenary session area on Tuesday afternoon (February 7) at 1:30 p.m.

SINCERE THANKS TO:

- The Conference Planning Committee: Pastor Faith Brace, Cathy Kochendorfer, Pastor Tim Wray; Sharon Villetard is the staff liaison.
- All of the conference presenters!
- Refreshment Break Sponsors: Lutheran Theological Seminary and Augsburg Fortress
- Good Samaritan Society, The Bethany Group, and Bethany Care Centre will again host the welcoming reception

Your evaluation forms were carefully considered in developing the plans for this year's Conference. We hope that the arrangements reflect that input; however, we are not always able to implement all of the suggestions offered.

This annual gathering provides time to offer your support to ministry colleagues; to give yourself a necessary break in routine; to experience worship from a different perspective; and the privilege of considering the insights of some respected keynote presenters.

Join us!

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	Monday - Feb. 6	Tuesday - Feb. 7	Wednesday - Feb. 8	Thursday - Feb. 9
<i>Morning</i>		8:00 - 9 Breakfast Buffet 9:15 Worship 9:30 Announcements 9:35 <i>“Insight”</i> - John Bowen	8:00 - 9 Breakfast Buffet 9:15 Worship 9:30 Announcements 9:35 <i>“Foresight”</i> - John Bowen	9:15 Opening Prayer 9:20 Brunch 9:45 Gathered & Sent - The Rev. Dr. L. Kochendorfer
<i>Noon</i>		12:30 Lunch (provided) Free Time	12:30 Lunch (provided) Free Time	11:30 Godspeed & Departure 12:00 Check-out
<i>Afternoon</i>	4 Registration Meet Pastor Faith and John Bowen for dinner Coffee will be available	1:30 Mission Developers Conversation		
<i>Evening</i>	7:30 Welcome Holden Evening Prayer - <i>St. Michael's Anglican Church</i> Reception - all are welcome	7:00 Bishop's Hour with Bishop Jessica Crist 8 :00 Healing Service	7:30 Eucharist Service	