

Seminar Number: 1 **North Campus** **B222**
Title: *Transition into Ministry: Forming Pastors for the Present and Future Church*

Presented by: Muriel Bechtel and Marianne Mellinger

Description: Learn how Mennonite Church Eastern Canada is attempting to assist beginning pastors to make the critical transition from seminary to their first formal ministry role so that they and the congregations they serve can thrive. Mentoring, coaching and group retreats are at the core of this promising new three-year formational program.

Seminar Number: 2 **North Campus** **Large Boardroom**
Title: *Ministry at the Crossroads: How do we Develop and Support our Leaders?*

Presented by: Dr. Dieter J. Schonwetter

Description: In order to better understand the current dynamics of pastoral retention and attrition among Mennonite Church Canada pastors, the findings of the recent Pastoral Trends study will be presented and used to guide an interactive session on how we as congregational members can develop our future and support our current leaders.

Seminar Number: 3 **North Campus** **B222**
Title: *Pastoral Formation: Church and Post-Secondary Schools in Partnership*

Presented by: Abe Bergen and Others

Description: Pastor formation includes calling, educating and sustaining. Congregations, conferences and church institutions play important roles in this process. Representatives from AMBS, CMU, Grebel and CBC will discuss ways that these institutions can be proactive and collaborative when developing leaders needed by the church.

Seminar Number: 4 **North Campus** **B126**
Title: *Congregations: Good Soil for Thriving Pastors*

Presented by: Gary Harder

Description: What makes congregations fertile ground for pastoral formation? We want to tell stories and hear stories of churches which have been fertile soil for growing pastors. We want to look at Biblical frameworks for a healthy congregation-pastor relationship. We want to look at the covenantal nature of this relationship.

Seminar Number: 5 **South Campus** **Lecture Hall**
Title: *Anabaptists Lead with Grace and Authority*

Presented by: Nelson Kraybill

Description: Learning to lead is a life-long discipline. With Bible stories, insights from Anabaptism, and personal reflection, Nelson Kraybill will share what he is learning about leadership that empowers God's people to address problems and embrace opportunities.

Seminar Number: 6 **South Campus** **Lecture Hall**
Title: *Values Based Leadership: Five Practices of Effective Leaders*

Presented by: Nelson Kraybill and Lee Weaver Schmucker

Description: Exemplary leadership is built on a foundation of credibility. Explore a framework of five practices that build credibility in the context of Jesus' leadership and congruency with one's values. Consider how these practices apply to your formal or informal leadership experience. This is a series of two seminars.

Seminar Number: 7 **North Campus** **C244**
Title: *Bridging Faith and Culture: A Case Study of Forming Counter Cultural Faith with Aboriginal Sacred Teachings that Reflect the Wisdom of Christ*

Presented by: Norman and Thelma Meade, Neill and Edith von Gunten, and Elsie Rempel

Description: Christians are called to challenge the cultural divisions in our societies because Christ has freed us for unity. This case study, which emerges from the new resource *Reaching Up to God our Creator*, focuses on

Christ-centered Aboriginal teachings for healing divisions between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Christians.

Seminar Number: 8 **South Campus** **C09**
Title: Faith that Weathers Life's Transitions

Presented by: Alissa Bender and Gladys Bender
Description: Life stages and transitions bring different sets of faith challenges, opportunities, doubt, and growth. Enter into an inter-generational conversation about transitions through life's stages and the fostering of a counter-cultural faith within the family and church community. This is a companion to Seminar Number 9 presented by Marianne Mellinger and Justina Heese.

Seminar Number: 9 **South Campus** **C09**
Title: Faith that Weathers Life's Transitions

Presented by: Marianne Mellinger and Justina Heese
Description: Over 60% of all of life's major transitions happen after age 65. These transitions affect one's identity and one's community and call for a reshaping of one's generative response. This practical workshop will offer a model for the church that assists seniors to not only age well but to age faithfully. Hear personal stories and share your own! This is a companion to Seminar Number 8 presented by Alissa Bender and Gladys Bender.

Seminar Number: 10 **North Campus** **C167**
Title: I Love to Tell the Story

Presented by: Dave Bergen
Description: Every Christian has a story to tell and thus we each have the potential to inspire the faith of others. How do ordinary Christians become more aware of God's movement throughout their lives? How can we employ our own good news stories to help shape the faith of our families, friends and neighbours? This workshop will focus on identifying the personal life-transforming experiences and relationships that help form our faith, and will explore how knowing our own stories more intimately can influence the faith of others.

Seminar Number: 11 **North Campus** **C244**
Title: Story-telling as Faith-forming: What is 'Anabaptist-Mennonite' about my family history?

Presented by: Marlene Epp
Description: We will explore and tell stories of our personal and family histories as they illuminated moments of Anabaptist/Mennonite identity (migration, escape, food, miracles, peacemaking, for example) that shaped who we are today, and think about how these stories might benefit future generations.

Seminar Number: 12 **South Campus** **Chapel**
Title: GodSpace: Creating a New Rhythm for Your Life

Presented by: Christine Sine
Description: Christine will help you explore a range of spiritual practices to enrich your everyday life.

Seminar Number: 13 **South Campus** **Chapel**
Title: Living on Purpose: Discovering God's Best for Your Life

Presented by: Tom and Christine Sine
Description: Christine and Tom will present a way your church can enable members not only to discover God's call on their lives, but also to create a way of life that is more festive and that makes a little difference in the world.

Seminar Number: 14 **South Campus** **Chapel**
Title: Joining the New Conspirators: Creating the Future One Mustard Seed at a Time

Presented by: Tom Sine
Description: Tom will take you on a tour of what God is doing through a new generation and show you imaginative new ways God can use your mustard seed to be a difference and make a difference in these uncertain times.

Seminar Number: 15 **South Campus** **Chapel**
Title: *Creating Community with a Difference in Uncertain Times*

Presented by: Tom and Christine Sine

Description: Christine and Tom will show how to create new expressions of community from small groups with a mission to new co-housing communities that seek to both embody the values and advance the purposes of God's new order in these uncertain times.

Seminar Number: 16 **North Campus** **C167**
Title: *Church for Our Times*

Presented by: Mary Schertz

Description: A current stream of Christian faithfulness known as New Monasticism is producing a grassroots ecumenism and prophetic witness within North American churches. It focuses on radical rebirth or conversion grounded in God's love and drawing on the rich tradition of Christian practices that have long formed disciples in the simple Way of Christ. This workshop will explore how this approach is being embraced by Mennonites and is leading them to practice hospitality, countercultural witness, sharing of economic resources, living in community, submission to Christ's body, formation in the way of Christ, creation care, peacemaking and a disciplined contemplative life.

Seminar Number: 17 **North Campus** **B226**
Title: *Land, Spirituality and Christian Community*

Presented by: Marcus Rempel, Lorne and Lill Friesen

Description: Land, spirituality and Christian community: each one a grand and daunting theme in its own right, and yet, at every meal, all three connect - or disconnect. How do we respond to a world gone mad with food shortages and food systems largely controlled by multinational corporations? We are called to model healthy, spiritual lifestyles in the context of community. Lorne and Lill Friesen of Shekinah Retreat Centre and Marcus Rempel of Ploughshares Community Farm share dreams and adventures toward field-to-fork integrity and integration.

Seminar Number: 18 **North Campus** **Laudamus Auditorium**
Title: *Anabaptist Creation Care Challenge - Setting Priorities for Action and Reflection*

Presented by: David Neufeld; Joanne Moyer, Dave Hockman-Wert

Description: Come hear what the Mennonite Creation Care Council is doing. Share you creation care priorities for the church and help design a congregational commitment plan. This interactive workshop will provide you with an opportunity to discuss strengths of our Anabaptist tradition, to acknowledge some of our "Achilles' Heels", and to help envision what an Anabaptist Creation Care Challenge could look like.

Seminar Number: 19 **North Campus** **Laudamus Auditorium**
Title: *Ecological Prayer Walk*

Presented by: Lisa Enns Bogoya, David Neufeld

Description: Individuals, households and communities all depend on the ecological goods and services the Good Lord has provided through Creation. We also know that the size of the "footprints" we leave on the earth is a product of our lifestyles and the society in which we participate. A small part of this workshop will look at some of the latest research about our ecological footprints. The bulk of the workshop will be spent learning about and experiencing a guided prayer walk in an outdoor Labyrinth designed for the Summit. This will provide a unique opportunity to prayerfully reflect upon our call to tend the Garden that God has placed us in.

Seminar Number: 20 **North Campus** **Laudamus Auditorium**
Title: *The Spiritual Significance of Land and Water*

Presented by: Norman and Thelma Meade, Joanne Moyer, David Neufeld, and Others

Description: The workshop will offer understandings and personal insights into creation care from persons who

traditions go back thousands of years in North America. First person experiences will be shared of the spiritual significance of land and water and also water issues facing northern communities that connect to southern peoples in Canada and the United States. The workshop also will provide some time for interaction and sharing from workshop participants.

Seminar Number: 21 **North Campus** **B132**
Title: *Pandemic Preparedness: The Church Gets Involved*

Presented by: Lois Nickel and Others
Description: When a pandemic arrives, will we as the church be ready to respond as God's faithful people: adapting and engaging the community around us with compassion, healing and hope? Dr. Dan Nafziger, an infectious disease specialist, and Pam Driedger, a theologian and pastor give us a compelling motivation to prepare.

Seminar Number: 22 **North Campus** **B132**
Title: *Church and State: Apart Yet Engaged - A Mennonite Challenge*

Presented by: Harry Huebner
Description: What are our current theological assumptions about our Christian witness to the state? What are the practical implications? Are there new theological insights that would call for reassessing our current political theology? To what extent should the church separate itself from the work of the state; how should we engage the state?

Seminar Number: 23 **North Campus** **Large Boardroom**
Title: *Can Christians be Cheeky to Military Recruiters?*

Presented by: Matthew Bailey-Dick
Description: In the face of military recruitment and justified warfare, Christians wonder what to do and what to say. Join us for a workshop adventure in pacifist callisthenics and gospel-based non-violence. Join the breathtaking project of birthing a peaceful world. John the MCC project known as "Rock the Talk"!

Seminar Number: 24 **North Campus** **B132**
Title: *The Once Churched: Who are They and What Happened?*

Presented by: Betty Pries and Others
Description: Some people who once faithfully attended our churches no longer do. Those who grew up in the church often find themselves disconnected in later years. Why are the once-churched no longer part of the church? This panel discussion will seek to understand this phenomenon and equip the church to respond

Seminar Number: 25 **South Campus** **C06**
Title: *Looking Back to Move Forward – Part 1 of 4*

Presented by: Derek Suderman
Description: Anticipating changes ahead? Concerned about passing on faith to the next generation? Wondering how we fit in a multi-faith, multicultural world? These questions speak powerfully to our situation today, and are also among the burning issues reflected in Deuteronomy. Come and explore Deuteronomy in this four-part interactive study with Derek Suderman, Assistant Professor of Old Testament at Conrad Grebel University College.

Seminar Number: 26 **South Campus** **C06**
Title: *Law as Discipleship Training? – Part 2 of 4*

Presented by: Derek Suderman
Description: See description under Seminar Number 25.

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Title: The Original "People's Summit": A Call to "Choose Life" – Part 3 of 4

Presented by: Derek Suderman

Description: See description under Seminar Number 25

Seminar Number: 28

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Title: Embodying Wisdom in a Watching World: From Deuteronomy to Jesus to Today – Part 4 of 4

Presented by: Derek Suderman

Description: See description under Seminar Number 25