

Pastors Week:  
January 23–26, 2006

Leadership Clinics:  
January 23, 2006

Note: Leadership Clinics are on Monday



# Enacting Our Faith

Rites of Celebration  
and  
Commitment  
in Community



*Associated  
Mennonite  
Biblical  
Seminary*

## General Information

Performing the rites of baptism, communion, weddings and funerals is part and parcel of the pastoral office, and many pastors search for creative ways to renew these rituals. Pastors Week speakers will explore the biblical and theological foundations for doing these rites in particular ways and not in other ways, and will offer practical ideas for how to breathe new life and meaning into these rituals. Workshop leaders will help participants expand learning in aspects of these rites, including how to make communion meaningful for children, foot-washing as a vital practice, funeral planning, using rituals with adolescents, and more.

### Speakers

**Baptism:** Alan Kreider, Associate Professor of Church History and Mission, AMBS

**Weddings:** Irma Fast Dueck, Assistant Professor in Practical Theology and Director of the Institute for Theology and the Church, Canadian Mennonite University, Winnipeg, Man.

**Funerals:** Gayle Gerber Koontz, Professor of Theology and Ethics, AMBS

**Communion:** John Rempel, Assistant Professor of Theology and Anabaptist Studies, and Eleanor Kreider, Adjunct Faculty in Worship and Mission, AMBS

**Preacher at opening worship:** Arthur Paul Boers, Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology, AMBS

### Workshops

The Ordering of Ritual and the Reordering of our Lives—Irma Fast Dueck

Footwashing: A Covenant to Love—Ben Ollenburger

Kids at Communion: First Sitting or Dumpster Diving?—Eleanor Kreider and Rachel Miller Jacobs

Funeral Homes, Funeral Directors, and Burials: What Pastors Should Know—Tim Yoder, Yoder-Culp Funeral Home

The Role of Rituals and Rites of Passage in Adolescent Faith Formation—Bob Yoder and Andy Brubacher Kaethler

Stewardship of Self in Ministry—Congregational and Ministerial Leadership Team of Mennonite Church USA

Praying the Daily Office—Arthur Paul Boers

### Schedule

Pastors Week will begin Monday evening, January 23 and conclude Thursday afternoon, January 26.

Note that **Leadership Clinics are on Monday this year, beginning at 8:30 a.m.**

### Morning prayers

You are invited to join in praying the Daily Office Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings in the Chapel of the Word, Waltner Hall. The Daily Office is a structured prayer time that uses the Psalms and lectionary readings.

### Quiet space

The Chapel of the Word is open for quiet meditation throughout the day. Morning prayers will take place each day from 7:30-8:00 a.m.

### The Pastor as Artist

You are invited to join in celebrating the role of the arts in the lives of ministering people. Tuesday evening, January 24, participants will gather in the AMBS Lambright Center around dessert and coffee to enjoy musical pieces, short readings, dance, poetry, visual arts and more. We invite you to prepare both a work to offer and a few words about how your artistic expression and ministry intersect. Rebecca Slough, AMBS associate professor of worship and the arts, will facilitate. Contact Rebecca to offer your piece or with questions at [rslough@ambs.edu](mailto:rslough@ambs.edu).

### Fees and registration

Registration will be limited to the first 200 paid registrants. See the form on pages 4 and 5 for fees. Registration deadline: Friday, January 6.

**Shoulder-tapping discount:** Bring a pastor-friend who has never attended AMBS Pastors Week and receive a 25 percent registration discount, if you register before January 6.

**First-time attender's discount:** If this is your first AMBS Pastors Week, you are eligible for a 25 percent registration discount, if you register before January 6. See form on pages 4 and 5.

**Scholarship:** A portion of the registration fee may be waived by AMBS for those who need financial assistance. Please include with your registration form a paragraph explaining your need. Meals, housing and transportation are the responsibility of the registrant. Deadline: January 6.

**Grant:** MMA, Goshen, Ind., provides grants to qualified Anabaptist-related congregations in the US for the pastor's continuing education opportunities. Contact your congregation's MMA advocate.

**Refunds:** Before January 6, cancellations will be refunded, less \$25. After January 6, cancellations will be granted credit, less \$25, toward a future Pastors Week.

# Pastors Week Schedule

Monday January 23	Tuesday January 24	Wednesday January 25	Thursday January 26
7:30–8:00 Morning Prayers <sup>1</sup> <i>Chapel of the Word</i>	7:30–8:00 Morning Prayers <sup>1</sup> <i>Chapel of the Word</i>	7:30–8:00 Morning Prayers <sup>1</sup> <i>Chapel of the Word</i>	7:30–8:00 Morning Prayers <sup>1</sup> <i>Chapel of the Word</i>
8:30–9:00 Clinic registration	8:30–8:45 Gathering worship	8:30–8:45 Gathering worship	8:30–8:45 Gathering worship
9:00–3:00 Clinics See page 6	8:45–10:15 “ <b>Baptism</b> ” Alan Kreider	8:45–10:15 “ <b>Weddings</b> ” Irma Fast Dueck	8:45–10:15 “ <b>Communion</b> ” John Rempel and Eleanor Kreider
<b>Preparing Sunday Dinner</b> with Marlene Kropf, Rebecca Slough and June Alliman Yoder	10:15–11:00 Break <i>Chapel Lower Level</i>	10:15–11:00 Break <i>Chapel Lower Level</i>	10:15–11:00 Break <i>Chapel Lower Level</i>
<b>Transitions: The Congregation as Ecology of Care</b> with Nancy Kauffmann, Lloyd Miller and Daniel Schipani	11:00–12:00 <b>Worship</b> Leaders: Alan Kreider and Regina Shands Stoltzfus	11:00–12:00 <b>Worship</b> Leaders: Marlene Kropf and Rebecca Slough	11:00–12:00 <b>Worship</b> Leaders: Eleanor Kreider and John Rempel
	12:00–2:00 Lunch <i>Lambricht Center</i>	12:00–2:00 Lunch <i>Lambricht Center</i>	12:00–2:00 Lunch/Dessert with faculty <sup>4</sup> <i>Lambricht Center</i>
		Women Pastors Luncheon <sup>3</sup> <i>Chapel Lower Level</i>	Hesston Pastoral Ministries Lunch <sup>5</sup> <i>Lambricht Center C-D</i>
	2:00–3:30 <b>Workshops</b>	2:00–3:30 “ <b>Funerals</b> ” Gayle Gerber Koontz	2:00–3:30 <b>Workshops</b>
	3:30 Refreshments <i>Waltner Hall Lounge</i>	3:30 Refreshments <i>Chapel Lower Level</i>	3:40 Drawing for gifts
4:00–6:00 Out-of-town Registration <i>Lambricht Center</i>		3:30–6:00 Free time	3:45–4:15 <b>Closing Sending worship</b> Leaders: Rafael Barahona, Saulo Padilla and friends
5:00–6:30 Pizza provided <i>Lambricht Center</i>	5:00–7:00 Supper <i>(on your own)</i>	6:00 <b>Banquet</b> Entertainment with President Nelson Kraybill— acting serious, for a change <b>Tickets required</b> <i>Lambricht Center Dining Hall</i>	5:15 Dinner and Dialogue at Goshen College <sup>6</sup>
6:15–7:00 Local Registration <i>Chapel Foyer</i>	7:30 The Pastor as Artist <sup>2</sup> <i>Lambricht Center</i>		
7:00–8:30 <b>Worship</b> Preacher: Arthur Paul Boers Worship Leaders: Rafael Barahona, Saulo Padilla and friends	<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p><sup>1</sup> <b>Morning Prayers:</b> See note on page 2.</p> <p><sup>2</sup> <b>The Pastor as Artist:</b> See note on page 2.</p> <p><sup>3</sup> <b>Women Pastors Luncheon:</b> See note on page 6.</p> <p><sup>4</sup> <b>Dessert with faculty on Thursday:</b> See note on page 6.</p> <p><sup>5</sup> <b>Hesston Pastoral Ministries Program reunion lunch:</b> See note on page 6.</p> <p><sup>6</sup> <b>Dinner and Dialogue at Goshen College:</b> See note on page 6.</p> </div>		

# Registration Form

To complete this form online, go to  
[http://www.ambs.edu/pinc/clcenter/pastors\\_week\\_registration.htm](http://www.ambs.edu/pinc/clcenter/pastors_week_registration.htm)

<b>For office use only</b>	
Date	_____
Check #	_____
Amount rec.	_____
Amount due	_____
Date entered	_____

Please type or print clearly

## 1

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of spouse (if registering) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone: Home ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Work ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Congregation \_\_\_\_\_  
 District/Provincial conference \_\_\_\_\_ Denomination \_\_\_\_\_  
 Check here if you want CE credit: Pastors Week  Leadership Clinic

## 2

### Pastors Week registration

Canadians: Pay registration fees on par; fees for meals, lodging, childcare and transportation in US funds.

<input type="checkbox"/> Full-time	Registering before Jan. 6	After Jan. 6
Individual	\$95.00	\$115.00
Couple	\$145.00	\$165.00
College student	\$25.00	\$25.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Part-time: one or two days only	\$60.00	\$70.00

Pastors Week registration subtotal

## 3

### Leadership Clinic registration

Canadians: Pay clinic registration fees at par.

Fee includes noon meal.

<input type="checkbox"/> Preparing Sunday Dinner	Registering before Jan. 6	After Jan. 6
	\$70.00	\$80.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Transitions: The Congregation as Ecology of Care	\$70.00	\$80.00

Clinic registration subtotal

## 4

### Pastors Week meals

Women Pastors Luncheon (Wednesday): \$9.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Banquet tickets: Number of tickets requested \_\_\_\_\_ at \$14.00 each: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Lunch tickets: **Please preregister for meals or plan to eat off-campus.**

    Circle days desired: Tues. Wed. Thurs.

    Adults and children over 6: Number of tickets requested \_\_\_\_\_ at \$5.00 each: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

    Children 3-6: Number of tickets requested \_\_\_\_\_ at \$2.50 each: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

    Children 0-2: free

Pastors Week meals subtotal

## 5

### Transportation

I need transportation from and to South Bend airport:

    Arrive: Flight name \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_ time \_\_\_\_\_ \$25.00

    Depart: Flight name \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_ time \_\_\_\_\_ \$25.00

I need transportation from and to (**circle one**): bus, United Limo, train (arriving in South Bend, Elkhart, or Nappanee). Each of these has a special rate. **Provide all details of your travel schedule.**

There will be additional charges for parking fees and delays.

Transportation subtotal

# 6

## Childcare

Childcare for toddlers (ages 1-2) and preschool children (ages 3-5) is offered mornings and afternoons at the AMBS Cooperative Daycare. No evening childcare will be provided. Reservations must be made by December 1.

I/We will need childcare. Names and ages of children:

\_\_\_\_\_

Indicate schedule and calculate cost

8:15 a.m.–noon: Mon. Tues. Wed. Thurs. (Circle days desired)

\$10.00 x number of days \_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_ number of children \$ \_\_\_\_\_

1:30–4:30 p.m.: Mon. Tues. Wed. Thurs. (Circle days desired)

\$10.00 x number of days \_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_ number of children \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Childcare subtotal**

# 7

## Housing

I have made my own arrangements with: name \_\_\_\_\_  
address \_\_\_\_\_ telephone \_\_\_\_\_

I need housing for nights of  Sun., Jan. 22  Mon., Jan. 23  Tues., Jan. 24  Wed., Jan. 25  
 Thur., Jan. 26  Fri., Jan. 27  Sat., Jan. 28

Please choose which one you would prefer and calculate cost.

AMBS campus lodging: \$29 per person per night x \_\_\_\_\_ nights \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Self-serve breakfast included. Do you wish to participate?  Yes  No

Community homes (includes breakfast): \$29 per person per night x \_\_\_\_\_ nights \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Motel: Make your own arrangements; information supplied upon request

I have special needs related to housing. (Please attach details.)

*Housing accommodations cannot be guaranteed for requests received after January 6.*

**Housing subtotal**

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Calculate the total cost for this entire form. Transfer the subtotals of 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 to the blanks below. Add the columns for the total amount due. *Make check payable to "AMBS."*

Pastors Week registration subtotal (2) *Canadians pay registration fee at par.* \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Leadership Clinic registration subtotal (3) *Canadians pay registration fee at par.* \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Pastors Week meal subtotal (4) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Transportation subtotal (5) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Childcare subtotal (6) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Housing subtotal (7) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total amount due**

*If you are requesting a scholarship, you may send in this form without payment of the registration fee.*

**Refunds:** *Before January 6, cancellations will be refunded, less \$25. After January 6, cancellations will be granted credit, less \$25, toward a future Pastors Week.*

Send form and payment **by January 6** to: Pastors Week  
Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary  
3003 Benham Avenue  
Elkhart, IN 46517-1999

**Registration is limited to the first 200 paid registrants.**

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For more information contact Bev Sawatzky, executive assistant, 574 296-6207 or 1 + 800 964-2627, or by e-mail at bsawatzky@ambs.edu

## Leadership Clinics

Monday, January 23, 2006

Note: Leadership Clinics are scheduled for Monday this year, a change from the previous pattern of these occurring on Friday.

### **Clinic details**

**Registration:** 8:30–9:00 a.m. in Waltner Hall

**Clinic:** 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

**Cost:** \$70 before Jan. 6; \$80 after Jan. 6. Fee includes lunch. Inquire about group discounts.

**Continuing Education Credit:** .4 CEU available

### **Preparing Sunday Dinner**

How can worship leaders collaborate with preachers to plan nourishing worship that sustains the congregation for active lives of ministry and mission? This clinic addresses the steps of planning, preparing and hosting worship, comparing them to steps in serving a meal. It also examines some of the challenges and pitfalls faced by those who collaborate in ministry.

#### **Presenters:**

Marlene Kropf, Associate Professor in Spiritual Formation and Worship, AMBS

Rebecca Slough, Associate Professor of Worship and the Arts, AMBS

June Alliman Yoder, Professor of Communication and Preaching, AMBS

### **Transitions:**

#### **The Congregation as Ecology of Care**

##### *Extreme Cases in the Congregation*

##### *A Pastoral Care Continuing Education Series*

Life transitions sometimes spark crises for individuals and congregational systems, leaving destructive behaviors in their wake. This Clinic explores how pastors can walk with members and congregations who are in transition in ways that are healthy and transformative.

#### **Presenters:**

Nancy Kauffmann, Conference Regional Minister, Indiana-Michigan Conference

Lloyd Miller, Conference Minister, Central District Conference

Daniel Schipani, Professor of Pastoral Care and Counseling, AMBS

## Pastors Week

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### **Meals**

Light lunches are available Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in the Lambright Center. Participants must preregister; if you do not, please plan to eat off campus. Tuesday supper is on your own. All pastors and spouses are invited to Goshen College's Dinner and Dialogue on Thursday evening at 5:15. See below for details.

**Women pastors gathering:** Women pastors are invited to a luncheon on Wednesday, January 25, from noon to 1:50 p.m. Nancy Kauffmann, Indiana-Michigan Conference Regional Minister, will facilitate. Note the fee of \$9.

**Dessert on Thursday noon:** AMBS faculty will share about their current research and work in the church.

### **Hesston College Pastoral Ministries Program:**

Alumni will gather for a reunion lunch in Lambright Center Rooms C-D on Thursday noon.

**Dinner and Dialogue at Goshen College:** Find out why pastors attending last year's Goshen College dinner event declared it an "inspiration and a blessing." Enjoy a complimentary buffet dinner, faculty speakers, worship, dialogue circles with GC administrators and faculty, and coffee with GC students from your conference. Watch for an invitation in late fall. Please call the Church Relations Office at 574-535-7565 or send an e-mail message to [carlafw@goshen.edu](mailto:carlafw@goshen.edu) for more information or to register before January 19.

### **Continuing Education Credit**

Attending Pastors Week earns 1.4 Continuing Education Units (CEUs).

### **Information**

For more information, contact Bev Sawatzky, executive assistant:

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