



AMBS Announcements

July 2008

Seminary Sampler

Invite someone you know with gifts for ministry to come to Seminary Sampler at AMBS on November 7. This campus-wide open house is planned to give people a taste of seminary life and to answer questions about financial aid, housing, resources—and study, of course. There is no charge to attend and a small travel subsidy is available. You can send someone an electronic invitation by going to this link:

www.ambs.ca/sampler/share

Advent and Lent worship planners

Explore ideas for prayers, children's time, dramatic readings, music and visual elements for the Advent and Lent seasons. Presenters: Marlene Kropf, Rosanna McFadden and Rebecca Slough.

www.ambs.ca/adventplanner and www.ambs.ca/lentplanner

Extreme Situations in the Congregation

Two events are scheduled in the *Extreme Situations in the Congregation: A Pastoral Care Continuing Education Series*. See complete details by following the link below. You also may call 574.296.6269 or send a message to ChurchLeadership@ambs.edu.

- **Pastoring in the Context of Addictions**, Nov. 20, with Brice Balmer, D.Min., chaplaincy director of House of Friendship, Kitchener, Ont.
- **Transitions: The Congregation as Ecology of Care**, Jan. 26, 2009, with Daniel S. Schipani, Ph.D., Psy.D.; Nancy Kauffmann, D.Min.; and Lloyd Miller, M.Div. (*This is scheduled as a Leadership Clinic at the beginning of Pastors Week.*)

www.ambs.ca/workshops

Pastors Week, Jan. 26–29

Diana Butler Bass, author of *Christianity for the Rest of Us*, will share findings about how mainline churches are finding renewal as they respond to cultural change, rather than experiencing decline as we sometimes assume. Join Dr. Bass and other pastors in exploring spiritual and structural change and practices that make for renewal. Worship and workshops fill out the week, January 26 to 29, 2009. See complete details, a schedule and a secure registration form at:

www.ambs.ca/pastorsweek

Anabaptist prayer book featured in Leadership Clinic, Jan. 26

Take our moments and our days: A daylong workshop on Jan. 26, 2009, will introduce the Anabaptist prayer book and explore ways to use it in congregational life. We will hear from groups that have prayed these prayers (bring your stories!) and will practice adapting services, such as for youth groups, groups for whom literacy is a barrier, and multicultural groups. Led by Eleanor Kreider, John Rempel, Barbara Nelson Gingerich and Mary Schertz.

www.ambs.ca/leadershipclinics

Funded sabbaticals at AMBS

Applications for fall 2009 funded sabbaticals at AMBS are due September 5. We are especially encouraging pastors who serve in racial/ethnic congregations to consider this opportunity. See more and complete an online application at:

www.ambs.ca/pastorsabbatical

!Explore: Summer 2008 photos

See scenes from the summer 2008 experience of !Explore: A Theological Program for High School Youth. The 15 youth studied with AMBS professors, did service projects, learned spiritual practices and then completed internships in their own congregations, working with their pastors. Canadian participants were Ben Borne, Saskatoon, Sask.; Rachel Driedger, Elmira, Ont.; Deborah-Ruth Ferber, Leamington, Ont.; Max Kennel, Steinmann, Ont.; Krista Loewen, Langley, B.C.

www.ambs.ca/explore/2008-views