



AMBS Announcements

September 2009

Open House, November 14

Invite someone you know with gifts for ministry to come to the AMBS Open House on Saturday, November 14, 2009. This event gives people a taste of seminary life and information about financial aid, housing and resources.

You can send someone an electronic invitation by going to this link:

www.amsb.ca/open-house/share



Advent and Lent worship planners

Explore ideas for scripture presentations, visual elements, movement and rituals, prayers and music for the Advent and Lent seasons. Presenters: Marlene Kropf, Rosanna McFadden and Rebecca Slough.

- Advent Planner, Oct. 3, 2009
- Lent Planner, Jan. 13, 2010

www.amsb.ca/adventplanner and www.amsb.ca/lentplanner

Extreme Situations in the Congregation

Three 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@amsb.edu.

- **Pastoring in the midst of financial crisis**, Nov. 5, 2009, with Lynn A. Miller
- **Life flows on: Pastoring families of individuals who face chronic mental illness**, Jan. 25, 2010, with Gayle Gerber Koontz (*This is scheduled as a Leadership Clinic at the beginning of Pastors Week.*)
- **Online pornography: Ending up someplace we didn't intend to go**, June 3, 2010, with Keith Graber Miller and Mary Lehman Yoder

www.amsb.ca/workshops

Pastors Week, January 25–28

"Known to us in breaking bread": Luke's Gospel, in its themes of hospitality and mission, speaks into our deepest longings. Jesus' table fellowship with its permeable boundaries nurtures insiders and outsiders, faithful disciples and lost souls. This week will look in depth at three Luke texts of table fellowship—wondering about them, pondering ministry in light of them, embodying them in rituals and worship.

Presenters: Mary H. Schertz and Rachel Miller Jacobs

Worship leaders: James and Barbara Nelson Gingerich

Workshops:

Hosting the stranger with Jim Loepp Thiessen

Worship is the invitation to radical hospitality with Leonard Dow and Anne Hess

Reading the Bible with youth with Rachel Miller Jacobs

Re-reading the Bible with Jesus in the center with Jennifer Davis Sensenig

Missional leadership: Ministry re-imagined, culture re-engaged with David B. Miller

"Ancient future" communion with Alan and Eleanor Kreider



Pastors Week (continued)

Workshops (continued):

Internet resources for pastoral ministry, my favorites with Eileen Saner

Becoming one financially with Beryl Jantzi

See complete details, a schedule and a secure registration form at:

www.ambs.ca/pastorsweek

Leadership Clinics, January 25

Day-long workshops before the start of Pastors Week focus in three areas:

- **Life flows on:** Pastoring families of individuals who face chronic mental illness (See above)
- **Gathering for new pastors,** with Rebecca Slough, Linford King and Karen Martens Zimmerly
- **Ministry and money,** with Beryl Jantzi

www.ambs.ca/leadershipclinics

“Reclaiming the Bible as the people’s book” with John Bell, February 22

This interactive workshop will look at how the Bible moved from being a book open to all to a treatise only a select few can understand. The workshop aims to enable the Bible to become more of a vital, sustaining resource for congregational life. Presenter John Bell is an ordained minister of the Church of Scotland, a member of the Iona Community, and a musician and composer known as a gifted teacher of scripture.

www.ambs.ca/programs-institutes/clc/workshops/reclaiming-the-bible



Mission Lectureship to feature African researcher

Dr. Victor S. Molobi, senior researcher with the Research Institute for Theology and Religion at the University of South Africa, will present the 2009-2010 Shenk Mission lectureship, October 30–31.

This lectureship, held at AMBS, is part of a conference in which Mennonite mission specialists will reflect on a half-century of experience with African Initiated Churches and New Religious Movements. For more information, visit:

www.ambs.ca/missionlectureship