

Rooted & Grounded



A Conference on Land and Christian Discipleship



AMBS

Anabaptist Mennonite
Biblical Seminary

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE *(asterisk indicates events that are available to virtual registrants)*

Thursday, October 14, 2021

- 12:15-1:00 Registration for Immersion Experience Participants Location: Lambright Center Lobby
- 1:00-5:00 Immersion Experiences (extra cost to cover transportation, entrance fees, and brown bag lunch)
Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center
Camp Friedenswald
Urban Gardens of Elkhart
Regenerative Activities in the Elkhart River Watershed
- 4:30-6:30 Registration Location: Lambright Center Lobby
- 5:00-7:00 Dinner (served from 5:00-6:00)
- * 5:30-6:30 Introduction of "Mennonite Farmers: A Global History of Place and Sustainability"
Royden Loewen, University of Winnipeg Senior Scholar and Professor Emeritus, will host a global group of historians to discuss his book, a history of the environment and geographical place for seven global Mennonite communities. Location: Lambright Center Room H and online
- * 7:00-8:30 Worship and Keynote Address by Laura Meitzner Yoder Location: Sermon on the Mount Chapel and online

Friday, October 15, 2021

- * 8:30-8:45 Morning Worship Location: Sermon on the Mount Chapel and online
- * 8:45-9:45 Keynote Address by Timothy Eberhart and Conversation Location: Sermon on the Mount Chapel and online
- 9:45-10:15 Morning Break with AMBS community Location: Waltner Hall Lounge
- * 10:20-10:50 Papers (2 options) or Workshops (2 options)
- * "Black Prey, White Predator: Fannie Lou Hamer's Revolutionary Practical Theology in the U.S. Wilderness." Paper by Karen Crozier, Jewel of Justice Entrepreneur. Location: Wadsworth Room (Waltner Hall) and online (presented virtually)
- * "Stewardship, Settler Colonialism, and Solidarity." Paper by Luke Beck Kreider, Lecturer in Christian Ethics at Yale Divinity School. Location: Sermon on the Mount Chapel and online
- "Towards a Regenerative Future: Shared Stories in the Garden." One-hour workshop led by Ruth Mischler, Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center of Goshen College Professor. Location: Lambright Center Room H
- "Sowing for an Outrageous Yield: Opening Mark 4 from the Field." One-hour workshop led by Ben Parker Sutter, AMBS Student, and Rachel Miller Jacobs, AMBS Professor. Location: AMBS Garden (north of Dyck Guesthouse)
- 10:50-11:00 Transition Time
- * 11:00-11:30 Papers (3 options) or Continue Workshops
- "What is Pastoral Ecology? Considering a New Approach to Pastoral Ministry." Paper by Douglas Kaufman, Center for Sustainable Climate Solutions Director of Pastoral Ecology. Location: Chapel of the Sermon on the Mount

* "Re-Baptizing Christianity in Land and Ancestry: Learning from Filipino Indigenous Struggles in the Face of Colonization, Christianization, and Dispossession." Paper by James W. Perkinson and S. Lily Mendoza, Ecumenical Theological Seminary, Oakland University (Rochester, MI). Location: Wadsworth Room (Waltner Hall) and online (presented virtually)

* "Geography and Christian Mission: Mennonite-Run Residential Schools as a Case Study." Paper by Anthony G. Siegrist, Ottawa (ON) Mennonite Church Pastor. Location: Waltner Hall Room 116 (or Sermon on the Mount Chapel) and online (presented virtually)

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11:30-11:45 Transition time

* 11:45-12:15 Chapel with AMBS Location: Sermon on the Mount Chapel and online

12:15-1:30 Lunch (served from 12:15-1:00) Location: Lambright Center Dining Hall

* 1:30-2:00 Papers (4 options)

* "The Role of Agrarian Cultures in Land Revitalization." Paper by S. Roy Kaufman, Mennonite Church USA Retired Pastor & Author. Location: Waltner Hall Room 116 and online (presented virtually)

"Hovering Spirit: A Vision for Regenerative Watershed Institutions." Paper by Jamie Pitts, AMBS Professor. Location: Sermon on the Mount Chapel

"Hope and Resilience of the Potawatomi: The Arts and Spirituality of Surviving from the Removal." Paper by Andios Santoso, AMBS student. Location: Lambright Center Room H

* "Practicing Lament and Learning to Listen: Possibilities for Relationship with the Land." Paper by Marta Bunnett Wiebe, Mennonite Central Committee Manitoba Staff. Location: Wadsworth Room (Waltner Hall) and online (might be presented virtually)

2:00-2:10 Transition Time

* 2:10-3:10 Workshops (3 options, 1 of them virtual)

"Trees and Humans: Rooted and Reaching." Led by Allan Rudy-Froese, AMBS Professor. Location: Courtyard of Waltner Hall

"Who Has Ears to Hear, Let Them Hear": Becoming Familiar with Our Membership in the Creation through Practices of Care and Notice." Led by Jonathan Schramm, Merry Lea Environmental Center of Goshen College Professor. Location: Tent outside Lambright Center Dining Hall

* "Where and How Can I Plant Trees to Help Restore God's Earth?" Led by Steve Thomas, Mennonite Men Director and Certified Arborist. Location: Wadsworth (Waltner Hall) and online

3:10-3:30 Afternoon Break Location: Waltner Hall Lounge

* 3:30-5:30 Imagination Conversations Location: Lambright Center Dining Hall and online

The Imagination Conversation time is a carefully designed set of processes for all participants to gather their ideas and hopes for regenerative communities in response to the input from the conference. We will work individually – and then collectively – with the gifts of imagination, which will yield a vision and course of actions towards healing and renewal. The goal is to capture and articulate the rich meaning found in the conference in realistic and attractive ways that can be communicated and acted on in our home communities.

- 5:30-7:00 Dinner (served from 5:30-6:15) Location: Lambright Center Dining Hall
- * 5:45-6:45 Panel Discussion, "Moving the Story: Climate Change Across America."
Doug Graber Neufeld, Center for Sustainable Climate Solutions director and EMU professor, will lead a discussion with young adults who participated in the 2021 Climate Ride. Location: Lambright Center Room H and online
- * 7:00-8:30 Reports from Imagination Conversations, Keynote Speakers' Reflections, and Evening Worship
Location: Sermon on the Mount Chapel and online

Saturday, October 16, 2021

- * 8:30-9:00 Morning Worship and Blessing Location: Sermon on the Mount Chapel and online
- * 9:15-10:15 Workshops (4 options, 2 of them virtual)
- * "Farmed Animal Welfare: The National Discussion." Led by Trevor Bechtel, Pastor of Shalom Community Church, Ann Arbor. Location: Waltner Hall Room 214 and online
 - "Community Gardens as a Place of Encounter and Transformation." Led by Andrew Hudson, AMBS Student. Location: AMBS Garden (north of Dyck Guesthouse)
 - "Why Wild Church? An Experiential Workshop Introducing Wild Communion's Watershed Gathering." Led by Christina Knecht, Wild Communion Leader, AMBS Student. Location: Courtyard of Waltner Hall (between Lounge and Chapel)
 - * "John Stott on Creation Care: An Anglican-Mennonite Conversation." Led by Laura Meitzner Yoder, Wheaton College Human Needs & Global Resources Program Professor, and Ryan Juskus, Postdoctoral Fellow, Program for Leadership and Character and Program in Environment and Sustainability, Wake Forest University. Location: Wadsworth (Waltner Hall) and online
- 10:15-10:30 Break Location: Waltner Hall Lounge
- * 10:30-11:50 Affinity Groups with Facilitators
- Academics Location: Wadsworth Room (Waltner Hall)
 - College Students Location: Lambright Center Room H
 - Pastors & Congregational Members Location: Courtyard (if nice) or Chapel Basement
 - Farmers & Gardeners Location: Tent outside Lambright Center Dining Hall
 - Environmental Educators Location: Waltner Hall Room 116
 - Artists, Musicians, & Poets (bring things to share) Location: Sermon on the Mount Chapel
 - * General group for online participants Location: Online*
 - Center for Sustainable Climate Solutions Advisory Board Location: Waltner Hall Room 214
- 11:50 End of Conference -- Safe Travels!