



Being the Church in the Pacific Northwest

A CONTINUING CONVERSATION ON THEOLOGY AND PASTORAL LIFE

JUNE 2008 >> JUNE 2009

Theologically Rich, Sacramentally Grounded, Socially Engaged

NATIONALLY ACCLAIMED SPEAKERS



Dr. Dorothy Bass



Dr. Gordon Lathrop

JUNE 16-19, 2008

PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY CAMPUS

“Being the Church in the Pacific Northwest: Reclaiming Faith Practices for a New Millennium”

The perennial spring of mission and reform remains the Christian assembly gathered around the proclamation and interpretation of the Word of God and the celebration of the sacraments of life. Participants will consider faith practices, flowing from this lively spring, which nourish congregational life and foster life-long Christian formation in a secular and highly mobile Pacific Northwest culture. Particular attention will be given to the theological, psychological, and sociological dimensions of faith formation through practices ancient and contemporary.

JUNE 15-17, 2009

PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY CAMPUS

“Being the Church in the Pacific Northwest: Fostering A Public Voice on Critical Issues”

Join ordained and lay congregational leaders for a three-part ecumenical conference on pastoral life and the challenges of claiming a theologically rich, sacramentally grounded and socially engaged legacy in the Pacific Northwest.

>> ASK DIFFICULT QUESTIONS

>> REFLECT ON YOUR EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE

>> CONTRIBUTE TO DISCUSSIONS OF PASTORAL LIFE IN A CHALLENGING REGIONAL CULTURE

WELCOME TO A NEW VENTURE:

Pacific Lutheran University's Summer Conference on Pastoral Theology - a continuing conversation, over three summers, on pastoral practice in the Pacific Northwest. Rooted in Lutheran and ecumenical sources, participants will reflect critically on the theological, sacramental, and ethical foundations that support presiders at worship, preachers, teachers, and promoters of service in public life. Each gathering will include diverse methods of exploring a particular summer theme:

>> INTERACTIVE PRESENTATIONS BY EXPERTS IN THE FIELD

>> GUIDED SMALL GROUP STUDY SESSIONS

>> SHORT CLASSES ON THEME-RELATED TOPICS

>> DISCUSSION BY PASTORAL LEADERS

Each summer gathering will be followed by an online summary of proceedings, sustained resources for ongoing reflection, and updates on future events related to summer themes.

SESSIONS WILL BE HELD ON THE CAMPUS OF PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY (www.plu.edu). Financial assistance will be available.

Hosted by the Institute for Clergy and Congregational Renewal – Congregation Relations, Pacific Lutheran University.

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