

Clergy Summer Seminars @ the Lake



Do you feel a need to sharpen your ministerial skills? Has it been a long time since you engaged in intelligent dialogue about things that really matter in the Pastoral office? Hungry for theology?

This summer, elect to attend one or more of the following two day intensive seminars with colleagues.

The sessions will be held near Dingman's Ferry Pa. in an old stone estate located on a private lake.

June 18-20 CANON AND CREED (Registration deadline June 13)

A look at the use and abuse of the Bible in the Christian tradition and, more specifically, in our own congregations. We will debate how the Catholic Creeds and the Protestant confessions might enhance or jeopardize our teaching and preaching.

Text: (please purchase in advance) Canon and Creed by Robert W. Jenson, Westminster, John Knox Press, Louisville, Kentucky, 2010 (a syllabus will be sent to participants upon registration)

July 16-18 THE GOD WE WORSHIP (Registration deadline July 10)

An exploration of the ways Sunday morning worship informs and molds the faith and piety of the average lay person in the pew. What is really being absorbed by our members? Are they being formed in the way we intend or are they getting misled? How can our liturgies serve in practical ways to strengthen our relationship with our God?

Text: (Please purchase) The God We Worship by Nicholas Wolterstorff, Eerdmans Publishing, Grand Rapids Michigan, 2015 a syllabus will be sent upon registration)

August 20-22 THE SPIRIT IN WORSHIP-WORSHIP IN THE SPIRIT (Registration Deadline Aug. 14)

A chance to take a look at the various ways the Holy Spirit comes to be present in the various traditions on the Christian church. We will be reading and discussing a series of essays collected and edited by Teresa Berger and Brian Spinks in hopes of identifying the gifts and blessings known to enliven the assembly of the faithful all around the world.

Text: (Purchase, please) The Spirit in Worship-Worship in the Spirit, Teresa Berger and Brian D. Spinks eds. Liturgical Press, Collegeville, Minnesota, 2009 (syllabus will be sent)

Sept. 17-19 THE CRUCIFIED GOD (Registration Deadline Sept. 11)

Do you feel like a failure? Have your efforts in ministry caused you less pleasure, more pain? Is attendance down? Are congregants grumpy?

Come to work out a theology of failure for yourself and contemporary Christians today. Discover real blessing and comfort and strength in the process.

Text: (purchase) The Crucified God by Jürgen Moltman
Harper and Row Publisher, NY 1974 (syllabus will be sent upon registration)

Participants will gather Sunday evening in time for a fellowship meal and good night-time discussion. Sessions will disband by noon on Tuesday.

The schedule is as follows:

Sunday:	5:30- 6:30 PM	Arrive and settle in
	7:00	Dinner
	8:30 till?	Fireside chats and introduction of the theme
		(Bring your own night time beverages)
Monday:	8:00 AM	Breakfast
	9:30-11:30	Session One
	Noon	Lunch
	1:30-3:30	Session Two
	4:00-6:00	Recreation or Rest
	6:30	Hospitality
	7:00	Dinner
	8:30-10:30	Session Three by the Fire
Tuesday:	8:00 AM	Breakfast
	9:30-11:30	Session Four and Reflection
	Noon	Depart for Home



All participants will be asked to be prepared to lead discussion in one of the scheduled sessions.

Accommodations: Rooms are comfortable, some with double beds, some twins. Shared baths.

Meals will be provided. We invite you to bring evening time drinks and snacks.

The home boasts all the amenities of the 1920's. The house is tech free but internet is available a short walk away. There is fishing, swimming, boating, mini golf, and lawn games right out the door. Ping pong, pool, and table games are inside.

Costs: Housing \$50. Per night per person
Meals \$10. Per meal
Materials et al. \$60.

Total Seminar Cost \$210.

Convener: Rev. Dr. Deborah Rahn Clemens PhD, Liturgics, adjunct professor at various locations, volunteer missionary and local church pastor since 1984

The Pocono Home is a private estate and not advertised for public use. HOWEVER, all clergy and their families are welcome to come for personal retreat Sunday to Tuesday May through September when seminars are not in session.

Call (609) 744 2281 or (570) 828 2133 (Summer time only), email deborahrahnclemens@gmail.com for information

To Register go to: www.psec.org.