

Pittsburgh Theological Seminary Continuing Education Spring/Summer 2011 Events

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Benedict and Francis: Their Lives and Legacies

A Spiritual Formation Certificate Elective: Weekend Format

Bernard Tickerhoof, TOR, Institute for Contemporary Franciscan Life, St. Francis University, Loretto, Pa. / Two of the most significant figures in the history of Christian spirituality lived in Central Italy. Not only are they important, but their lives are fascinating, and definitely instructive for our own understanding of faith in Christ. This course will explore their lives and rich insights into faith, and it will illuminate their overwhelming influence on later Christian history. Getting closer to Benedict and Francis is guaranteed to deepen your own walk with Jesus Christ in the world. / Thurs., March 17, 7:00 p.m. - Sun., March 20, 3:00 p.m., 2011 / \$350 (includes most meals) / 2.5 CEUs plus certificate credit

A Workshop Series for Church Educators: Where is God in the Dry Places?

Journey Inward; Journey Outward

Bonnie Thurston, Author, Spiritual Director, Former Professor of New Testament, PTS / Christian educators need strong support to serve effectively and to avoid burnout. This on-going series of workshops provides an opportunity for all those engaged in directing education in congregations to grow both spiritually and professionally. The keynote presentation and individual workshops provide practical guidance to help Christian educators work successfully and find satisfaction in that work—week in and week out! / Tues., March 22, 2011 / 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. / \$25 / 0.4 CEUs

Getting Ready for Tomorrow's Church: Missional and Global Perspectives on Christ's Church

Summer Leadership Conference

Lois Y. Barrett, Director, Great Plains Extension, and Associate Professor, Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary; **Jin S. Kim**, Senior Pastor, Church of All Nations Minneapolis, Minn.; and **Jehu J. Hanciles**, Associate Professor of the History of Christianity and Globalization, Fuller Theological Seminary. Now in its 71st year, this annual conference provides spiritual enrichment and growth for clergy and church members. Keynote presentations and in-depth workshops enrich participants' own lives and their service in their home congregations. / Sun., June 5, 7:00 p.m. – Wed., June 8, 5:00 p.m., 2011 / Early Registration (by April 1) \$105; Regular Registration (by May 15) \$130; and Later Registration \$145 / 1.8 CEUs

Poetry as Prayer and Parable

Spiritual Formation Certificate Elective: Weeklong Format

Kristine Haig, Co-Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Morgantown, W.Va., and former Director of the PC(USA) Office of Spiritual Formation / Because of poetry's unique ability to engender and express religious experience, both the writing and the reading of poetry can be a form of prayer and a powerful spiritual exercise. In this course we will contemplate poetry's sacramental and parabolic nature / Sun., Jun 19, 7:00 p.m. - Fri., June 24, 12:00 p.m., 2011 / \$350 / 3.0 CEUs plus certificate credit

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