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61ST SUMMER PASTORS' SCHOOL

JUNE 4 - 9, 2017

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Dear Colleague:

You are cordially invited to apply for admission to the 2017 Omaha Presbyterian Seminary School for Pastors. The School is open to all Presbyterian Church (USA) clergy and commissioned ruling elders in the thirteen Midwest states served by the Foundation. This year we are celebrating the 61st anniversary of this lifelong learning event.

The two institutional sponsors of the School are Hastings College and the Foundation. We have established an excellent working relation with the college that allows us to offer the best possible leadership education and training event for the Church and its servants.

We invite you to read carefully the enclosed description of the 2017 School. You will note that the event has been shortened by a day to better accommodate our participants' schedules. If you want to join us this summer, complete and return the enclosed application form or apply online. Our enrollment is limited.

We believe that you will find the study, fellowship, worship, and recreation available at the School both nurturing to your spirit and a great asset to your ministry. We hope to see you at Hastings!

In Christ,



The Reverend Dr. Gary S. Eller, President

2017 SUMMER PASTORS' SCHOOL

ATTENDANCE LIMITED APPLY TODAY!

Ordained Clergy and Commissioned Ruling Elders who actively serve the Church in one of the 13 states within the Foundation's service area are invited to apply for registration to the 61st Summer Pastors' School. 2017 participation will be limited to 50 persons. Applicants will be notified of acceptance status by May 22, 2017.

OPSF service area includes the states of Colorado, North Dakota, Iowa, Oklahoma, Kansas, South Dakota, Minnesota, Utah, Missouri, Wisconsin, Montana, Wyoming & Nebraska.

LODGING AND TRAVEL

Lodging consists of modern air conditioned dormitory rooms. Both double and private rooms are available for an additional fee. Food, lodging, bedding and towels are included. Use of the campus pool, exercise room, internet access, library and tennis courts are included. Fees are required to play golf in the Hastings area. Hastings College is a non-smoking campus and no alcohol is permitted.

Consideration for reimbursement for travel for those in ministry in outlying states will be reviewed upon receipt of a written request. Send requests to opsf@opsf-omaha.org.



FACULTY FOR SUMMER PASTORS' SCHOOL



**REV. DR.
GARY NEAL HANSEN**

"Kneeling with Giants: Finding a Prayer Life that Fits"

We will look at and practice classic approaches to the life of prayer from across the dividing lines of

Christian traditions. You will discover ways to let prayer be what it is intended to be: life-giving practices that help you speak to God, listen to God, and dwell in ever-closer communion with God.

Gary Neal Hansen (Ph.D., Princeton Theological Seminary) is author of the award-winning book *Kneeling with Giants: Learning to Pray with History's Best Teachers* (InterVarsity Press, 2012). After five years as a pastor and seventeen years as a seminary Professor of Church History, he moved to Pittsburgh in 2016 when his wife was appointed to the faculty of the University of Pittsburgh. He now works as a writer, retreat and conference speaker, and spiritual director, as well as teaching online courses through his website, GaryNealHansen.com.



**REV. DR. SAMUEL
HAMILTON-POORE**

"Adventures in Prayer"

Over the course of several sessions, we will explore a variety of prayer practices that have helped Christian people grow in their

relationship to God and neighbor. These sessions will also include an introduction to Christian practices of contemplation and contemplative living—attending to the movement of God in our lives, the life of the church, and the life of the world.

Sam is a pastor/Teaching Elder in the Presbyterian Church USA. He has served Presbyterian, Lutheran, and UCC congregations in North Carolina, Missouri, and Iowa. Sam is also the former director of the Program in Christian Spirituality at San Francisco Theological Seminary. His wife, Terry, is also a Presbyterian pastor. They have three adult children and one grandchild. Sam is author of *Earth Gospel: A Guide to Prayer for God's Creation*.



**Rev. Dr.
Anna-Case Winters**

"Theology at the Edge of Scientific Advancement"

The fascinating discoveries and advances in science today evoke wonder and provoke questions. How do we

think about God as Creator within a "Big Bang" cosmology? How do we think about God's purposes with us in light of the scientific picture of the end of the world? We will address these and many more questions through our sessions together.

Rev. Dr. Anna Case-Winters is an ordained Presbyterian minister and is Professor of Theology at McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago. She is author of three books: *God's Power: Traditional Understandings and Contemporary Challenges*, *Reconstructing a Christian Theology of Nature: Down to Earth*, and *A Theological Commentary on the Book of Matthew*. Dr. Case-Winters is currently engaged in research and writing projects that relate theology to science, eco-justice issues, and the church in the world today. She is a member of the American Academy of Religion, past president of the American Theological Society, Midwest Division and has served as chair of the General Assembly Code of Professional Ethics Committee. Dr. Case-Winters has served the wider church in many other varied capacities.

DIRECTOR & ADJUNCT FACULTY



**DR.
MARCIA MCFEE**

**2017 Summer Pastors'
School Preacher**

Dr. Marcia McFee is a professor, worship designer, author, preacher and ritual artist. Drawing on a first career in professional dance

and musical theater and equipped with a Master's in Theology and a Ph.D. in Liturgical Studies, she understands the role of any worship artist in the Church as that of creating extraordinary portals through which communities journey with the Spirit. The task is at once deeply theological and wonderfully artistic. Connecting worship professionals and volunteers to their passion and depth of spiritual leadership is her aim in teaching and consulting as well as equipping them with skills to carry this out. She travels extensively, teaching and holding worship planning retreats (www.marciamcfee.com). Dr. McFee has designed and led worship for regional, national and international gatherings of several denominations (UMC, UCC, PCUSA, MCC, UUA) for the last 20 years. She is the creator and visionary of the Worship Design Studio (www.worshipdesignstudio.com), an online experience of coaching, education, inspiration and a design application that currently serves over 700 congregations. She is the author of the new best-selling book, *Think Like a Filmmaker: Sensory-Rich Worship Design for Unforgettable Messages* as well as *The Worship Workshop*.



**MS. KILI
WENBURG M.A.**

Spiritual Director

Kili Wenburg is a native of Beaver City, NE. She has been married 17 years to her high school sweetheart, Justin, and they have two children: Carter

(age 13), and Selah (age 10). Kili earned a B.A. in Mathematics from Nebraska Wesleyan University and a M.A. in Theology from Creighton University, where she also later completed a certification in Spiritual Direction and Directed Retreats. Before becoming a full-time mom, Kili served as Director of Adult Education in the First Presbyterian Church in La Crosse, WI, and also worked as an Adjunct Professor at Viterbo University in La Crosse, WI. For the past five years, she has been seeing clients and offering retreats through her private Spiritual Direction practice, *Meaning on the Journey*.

Kili calls it "a dream come true!" to join the church staff as Director of Adult Education and Spiritual Formation. As such, she enjoys providing events, programs, relationships and conversations focused on growth in integration of mind/heart/spirit and growth in love of God/neighbor/self.

Ms. Wenburg is available for 45-minute appointments to Summer Pastors' School participants. Sessions are available at no cost and are held in the Hazelrigg Student Center at Hastings College. Call, text or email her at (402) 469-3004 or wenburg@charter.net.



Dr. Robin R. Koozer is Professor of Music/Department Chair and Development Associate at Hastings College.

After graduating from Hastings College, he earned his Master's degree and then attended Arizona State University for his D.M.A. Before joining the Hastings faculty in 1989, he was Associate Director of Choral Activities at the University of Northern Colorado. While at Hastings, he was named Nebraska's Outstanding Young Educator. He serves as a planning director and the coordinator at Hastings College for the week and coordinates special events.



Dr. Gary S. Eller is President of the Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation, the successor organization of the Presbyterian Theological Seminary at Omaha. He received his M.Div. from Princeton Theological Seminary and earned his Ph.D. from Vanderbilt University. He is a lecturer in Theology at Creighton University and the University of Nebraska Omaha. He is a member of the Committee on Theological Education of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and has served churches in Tennessee, North Carolina, Florida, West Virginia, and Nebraska.

2017 DAILY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, JUNE 4

2 - 4:30 pm
Registration at
Hazelrigg Student
Center

Daily Worship,
Lectures and
Discussion Groups are
in Perkins Auditorium
and Fuhr Hall.

Meals are served in
the Hazelrigg Student
Center.

MONDAY - THURSDAY JUNE 5-8

7 am Breakfast	12:15 pm Lunch
8 am WORSHIP	1:30 - 2:45 pm CLASS
9 am Pre-class break	3 - 4 pm Discussion
9:15 - 10:30 am CLASS	6 pm Dinner
10:45 am Beverage Break	
11 am - 12:15 pm CLASS	

FRIDAY, JUNE 9

7 am
Breakfast

8-8:45 am
CLASS

9 - 9:45 am
CLASS

9:45 am
Beverage Break

10 - 10:45 am
CLASS

11 am
**WORSHIP/
COMMUNION**

12 noon
Lunch & Departure

CD Ministry

The CD Ministry Team tapes the faculty sessions and other events. The CD Ministry Team leader is the Reverend Larry Langer who faithfully guides the technical crew and tapes the individual sessions. All participants will receive a complimentary USB Thumbdrive with all 2017 Summer Pastors' School recordings.

Book Exchange

We encourage you to bring any relevant books, robes, stoles, or other liturgical items that you wish to share with other School participants. These will be strictly donation/exchange. There will be NO monetary transactions.

Talent Show

Individuals are invited to share their musical and dramatic skills during the evening of light-hearted entertainment. Please bring instruments, music, dramatic or humorous reading materials, etc. as needed to share your talent with the group.

Recognition Dinner

All Summer Pastors' School Attendees are invited to a seated dinner in celebration of the school and its participants. Appropriate attire required.

LIFELONG LEARNING EVENTS

The following events have been awarded grants from the Omaha Presbyterian Seminary.

These events, workshops and seminars cover a wide range of topics and offer spiritual benefits as well as educational. Perhaps one is right for you!

2017 Retreat for Congregational Leaders

Scheduled for November 2017 at Highlands Presbyterian Camp & Conference Center, Allenspark, CO

Sponsored by Presbytery of Denver Leadership Work Group

Classes presented by San Francisco Theological Seminary

Scheduled for May, July & September 2017 at Glacier Presbyterian Center, Lakeside, MT

Sponsored by Presbytery of Glacier

2017 Clergy Retreat

Schedule for November 2017 at St. Crispin's Conference Center at Wewoka, OK

Sponsored by Presbytery of Indian Nations

Adaptive Leadership & Resiliency for Pastoral Leaders

Scheduled for Spring 2017 at Heartland or Windemere Retreat Center, Missouri

Hosted by Missouri Union Presbytery

Synod School 2017

July 23-28 at Buena Vista University at Storm Lake, IA

Hosted by Synod of Lakes and Prairies

Selah

Scheduled for April 2017 at Synod of Mid-America office, Parkville, MO

Sponsored by Synod of Mid-America

Great Plains Wee Kirk Conference

Scheduled for May 2017 at Calvin Crest Retreat Center, Fremont, NE

Sponsored by Calvin Crest

Presbytery Church Renewal Retreat

October 20-22 at Hermit Basin Retreat Center at Westcliffe, CO

Sponsored by Presbytery of Pueblo

For more details about these events, visit us at

www.omahapresbyterianseminary.org or the event sponsor's websites.



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