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for a while*

OMAHA PRESBYTERIAN SEMINARY FOUNDATION

60TH SUMMER PASTORS' SCHOOL

JUNE 5 - 11, 2016

Shared history... Sustained purpose

125 YEARS OMAHA PRESBYTERIAN SEMINARY FOUNDATION, 60 YEARS SUMMER PASTORS' SCHOOL

Dear Colleague:

You are cordially invited to apply for admission to the 2016 Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Summer 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 60th anniversary of this educational event.

In Mark 6:31 it states “Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he [Jesus] said to them, ‘Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.’” We believe that the upcoming Summer Pastors’ School will be such an opportunity- a time to *Awaken, Rekindle, Enliven* and yes, to *Rest*.

The two institutional sponsors of the School are the Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation and Hastings College. We have entered into a cooperative agreement 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 2016 School. If you want to join us this summer, complete and return the enclosed application form, scan the QR code provided or visit our website at... omahapresbyterianseminaryfoundation.org/2016-Summer-Pastors'-School.html

This year we are celebrating the 60th Anniversary for the Summer Pastors’ School as well as the 125th collective Anniversary of the Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Omaha and the Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation - “Shared History and Sustained Purpose”. It is a special year indeed.

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

Grace and peace,



The Reverend Dr. Gary S. Eller, President



2016 SUMMER PASTORS' SCHOOL

DATE AND TIME

June 5 - 11, 2016, Hastings College, Hastings, Nebraska

Hastings College is located on the northeast corner of Hastings in Adams County, Nebraska. Hastings has a population of 25,000 people and is approximately 150 miles west of Omaha and about 20 miles south of Grand Island and the Interstate 80 corridor.

THOSE WELCOME TO ATTEND

Ordained Clergy and Commissioned Ruling Elders who actively serve the Church in one of the 13 states within the Foundation's service area. Those states include 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.

THE OMAHA PRESBYTERIAN SEMINARY FOUNDATION

cordially invites:

MEMBERS OF THE FOUNDATION'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS

AND COUNCIL OF ADVISORS, PARTICIPANTS IN THE

2016 SUMMER PASTORS' SCHOOL,

AND HONORED GUESTS TO AN EVENING MEAL

AND PROGRAM CELEBRATING THE

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
OMAHA PRESBYTERIAN SEMINARY
AND FOUNDATION

AND THE

60TH ANNUAL SUMMER PASTORS' SCHOOL

ON

FRIDAY, JUNE 10TH, 2016

HAZELRIGG STUDENT CENTER OF HASTINGS COLLEGE,

HASTINGS, NEBRASKA

AWAKEN + REKINDLE + ENLIVEN

FACULTY FOR SUMMER PASTORS' SCHOOL



**REV. DR.
JAMES B. AYERS**

*Insights from Matthew for
Present Day Discipleship*

*We will look in
detail at six pericopes
from Matthew, and
see how these address
Matthew's first century*

audience, and our 21st century setting

James Ayers – Jay – has been an ordained Presbyterian minister for 33 years, having served churches in Kansas, Massachusetts, and Kentucky. He has a Ph.D. in historical theology from Boston College, and has written four books and more than 250 journal and magazine articles. From 1995 through 2008 he wrote the Q&A column for Presbyterians Today magazine. He currently serves as Renewal Pastor at Bethel Presbyterian Church, Wichita, Kansas. Over the last 13 years he has served as translator for 24 church mission projects in Latin America. He has taught “The New Testament Doctrine of Evangelism” at Alliance Biblical Seminary in the Philippines, “Introduction to the Theology of Karl Barth” at Phillips Seminary in Tulsa, and “Early Church History” for Fuller Seminary in Houston.

He enjoys gardening and cooking. He has bicycled across the country and in 37 states. He and his wife Micaela have two grown children.



**REV. DR.
NANCY J. RAMSAY**

*Graceful Improvisation: Faith
Resources and Perspectives on
Aging Across the Lifespan*

*In these presentations
we will address
theological, biblical,
medical, cultural,*

*and relational practices that offer resources for
effective religious leadership in the formation of
congregants as well as for pastoral responses to the
aging issues of individuals and families.*

Dr. Ramsay serves as Professor of Pastoral Theology and Pastoral Care at Brite Divinity School. She began her service at Brite in June of 2005. Prior to that time she served as the Harrison Ray Anderson Professor of Pastoral Theology at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY. She holds a BA from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, a D.Min from Union Theological Seminary in Virginia, and a Ph.D. from Vanderbilt University. She is active in the Society for Pastoral Theology and is a member of both the Association of Practical Theology and the International Association of Practical Theology. She holds clinical memberships in the American Association of Pastoral Counselors and the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists where she also has supervisor status. She is an ordained clergywoman in the Presbyterian Church (USA). Currently she serves on the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board. Nancy's research and publication interests include current constructive issues in Pastoral and Practical Theology, pastoral perspectives on aging, grief and loss, gender, intimate violence, interfaith practices, and addressing forms of difference treated oppressively such as, sexuality, gender, race and class.



**REV. DR.
MARK E. SUNDBY**

*The 10 Keys to Highly
Effective Ministry*

*What are the keys to
highly effective pastoral
ministry? Based
on over forty-five
years of experience*

*as an organization, the staff at North Central
Ministry Development Center has identified
ten core competencies. In this workshop, you'll
learn about these ten competencies, investigate
the research behind them, and identify specific
action steps you can take to better develop them
in your own ministry. As a bonus, Mark will
dig into the archives of North Central to conduct
a bit of research on candidates and pastors in
the Midwest to see how they score across these
ten competencies, and he will offer ideas for
additional training and research. This workshop
will include a mix of brief lectures, video, self-
inventories, case studies, and discussion.*

Mark is a licensed psychologist and an ordained pastor in the Wisconsin Conference of the United Methodist Church. Mark received his doctorate in counseling psychology from the University of Minnesota and his masters of divinity degree from the University of Chicago Divinity School. He has served in the local church, worked in a university counseling center, and taught at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. Mark is currently Executive Director at North Central Ministry Development Center located in New Brighton, MN.

DIRECTOR & ADJUNCT FACULTY



**REV. DR.
Thomas G. Long**

Dr. Long's research interests are contemporary homiletical theory, biblical hermeneutics and preaching. His most recent book, *What Shall We Say? Evil, Suffering, and the Crisis of Faith*,

explores questions of God and human suffering, and was named "2011 Book of the Year" by the Academy of Parish Clergy. Long's 1989 book, *The Witness of Preaching*—now in its second edition—is one of the most widely used texts on preaching, appearing on class reading lists in seminaries across the country and world. In 2010, *Preaching* magazine named *The Witness of Preaching* one of the 25 most influential books in preaching for the last 25 years. Long's *Preaching from Memory to Hope* was named as one of the "top ten books for parish ministry published in 2009" by the Academy of Parish Clergy. The author of 21 books to date, Long is a frequent contributor to *The Christian Century* and the *Journal for Preachers*, and a popular presenter at preaching conferences worldwide. He is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA).



**Ms. Kili
Wenburg,
MA, 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 BA in Mathematics from Nebraska Wesleyan University and a MA 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 a 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 coordinator of Summers Pastors' School at Hastings College.



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.

2016 DAILY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, JUNE 5

2-4:30 p.m.
Registration at
Hazelrigg Student
Center

6 p.m.
Opening Banquet

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

Meals are served in the
Hazelrigg Student
Center
Dining Hall.

MONDAY-FRIDAY JUNE 6-10

7 a.m.
Breakfast

8 a.m.
Worship

9 a.m.
Pre-class Break

9:15-10:30 a.m.
Class

10:45 a.m.
Beverage Break

11:00-12:15 a.m.
Class

12:15 p.m.
Lunch

1:30-2:45 p.m.
Class

Monday-Thursday
3:00-4:15 p.m.
Discussion

6 p.m.
Dinner

Friday Evening
2:45 p.m.
Free Time

6 p.m.
Anniversary
Celebration Banquet
(See page 8)

SATURDAY, JUNE 11

7 a.m.
Breakfast

8:00-8:50 a.m.
Class

8:55 – 9:45 a.m.
Class

9:50 a.m.
Beverage Break

10:05 – 10:55 a.m.
Class

11:00 a.m.
**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. Team members work together to copy and label each participant's daily order.

CD recordings are sold at cost with checks due and payable to the Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation (OPSF) prior to the close of the School.

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.

SUMMER PASTORS' SCHOOL STARTS AT THE SEMINARY

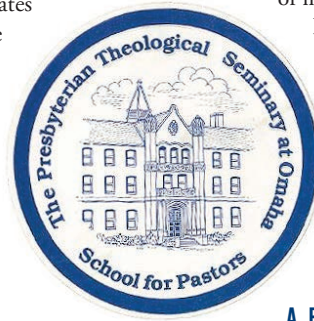
The Presbyterian Theological Seminary at Omaha developed the Summer Pastors' School as a form of continuing education for their graduates who were serving local churches. When the Seminary closed, the following appeared in The Omaha Seminary Record, Volume XXV No. 2, July 1943:

“One of the most important contributions by the Seminary to this area [continuing education for actively-serving pastors] has been the Summer Schools conducted for 13 years at Hollister, Missouri, and one year at Colorado Springs CO, at which 739 students were enrolled.”

SUMMER PASTORS' SCHOOL GOES ON AS THE FOUNDATION EVOLVES

In 1957, a Summer Pastors' School was held at the Eppley Conference Center at the University of Omaha, jointly sponsored by the Council on Theological Education and the Board of Trustees of the Omaha Theological Seminary. It was promoted as “in-service education at the graduate professional level.”

The School was so popular—pastors who attended in 1957 were unanimous in their praise—that enrollment was enlarged from 30 to 65 in 1958. General Assembly minutes of 1962 include a notation that “a very effective program of in-service training is being carried on...through the funds of the Presbyterian Seminary at Omaha.”



SPS MOVES TO HASTINGS COLLEGE

After the 1975 tornado leveled the motel where faculty and students were housed for the Summer Pastors' School, it became difficult to find accommodations on the University of Omaha campus. Hastings College invited SPS to its campus and the School was moved there in 1980.

A BRIEF RELATIONSHIP WITH DUBUQUE SEMINARY

In 1989, the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary offered to take responsibility for SPS and make continuing education credits (CEUs) or graduate level course credits available to participants. Publicity for the Summer Pastors' Schools held from 1990 to 1994 describe a joint venture involving UDTs, Hastings College, and the Foundation.

SUMMER PASTORS' SCHOOL: SHARED HISTORY WITH SEMINARY (1930-1942); SUSTAINED PURPOSE WITH FOUNDATION (1957-2016)

1930-1942

The Presbyterian Theological Seminary at Omaha holds Omaha Summer Pastors' Schools at Hollister MO and at Colorado Springs CO.

1957



A Summer Pastors' School is held at the University of Omaha jointly sponsored by the Council on Theological Education and the Board of Trustees of the Seminary.

1980

The Summer Pastors' School is moved to the campus of Hastings College in Hastings NE.



1990-1994

The Summer Pastors School is part of the Continuing Education program of the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary.

2016

The 60th Annual Summer Pastors' School of the Presbyterian Seminary Foundation is set for Sunday, June 5, through Saturday, June 11, 2016



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The Presbyterian Theological Seminary at Omaha was founded in 1881 by action of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

Records show that 732 men and 53 women were among its students. The women took classes in preparation for employment as church secretaries.

1943-1991: "...a period of silent growth of a root system destined to nurture a new institution to carry forth the mission and purpose of the former seminary."

—Howard B. Dooley, honored leader during this period and a 1942 graduate of the Seminary.

1991: "The newly formed Foundation continues to pursue the Seminary's ideal of leadership formation for the Church, but is designed to avoid costly duplication of Seminaries."

—Dr. Howard B. Dooley, 1st President of the Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation.

"Throughout the transition [from Seminary to Foundation] there has been a change of method without a change of mission."

—John A. Harling, 1991 Chairman of the OPSF Board of Directors.