

School of Ministry sessions are intended for members and leaders of congregations in the greater Des Moines area. All sessions are held on Mondays, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., on the Grand View University campus, Rasmussen Center for Community Advancement Professions, Classroom 120.

school of ministry



fall 2009 sessions

Creating Change in the Congregation: September 14

The Rev. Tim Diebel, senior minister of First Christian Church, Des Moines, will lead a workshop on creating change in a congregation, which will help leaders turn “we’ve never done it that way before” into a positive rather than a negative. Reflecting on one congregation’s “near death experience,” this workshop will consider the emotional toll of decline, the reinforcers of despair, and the patience required to thrive.

Revelation: Images of Hope: October 19

In a world where images from The Book of Revelation are so often used in fearful and destructive ways, The Rev. Carrie Lewis La Plante, associate pastor at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Indianola, Iowa, will lead a workshop that looks at the images of hope that John of Patmos intended for his readers. From that vantage point, participants will be able to see the message of hope that Revelation still holds for us today.

When Christianity didn’t have a Bible: November 9

From The Da Vinci Code to speculation about the lost books of the Bible, there has been a lot of talk about what happened during the early years of Christianity. The Rev. Dr. H. George Anderson, a church historian and former presiding bishop of the ELCA, will describe many answers to the questions about Jesus that arose after the resurrection: Who was right? Who made the decisions? The story will shed light on current discussions about authority and the limits of theological differences in the church.

about us

The Center for Renewal was founded in 2005 as a cooperative ministry between Grand View University and the Southeastern Iowa Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The Center sponsors programs and services designed to renew the saints and the church so that the light of Christ can be more brightly reflected in the world. Members and congregations from all denominations are welcome to participate. In addition to the School of Ministry, the Center for Renewal also provides other events and services designed to renew individuals and congregations. In addition, courses in religion and philosophy at Grand View can be audited or taken for credit through the Center. More information is available at www.renewingchurch.org.

coming in 2010...

Introducing the Book of Psalms: January 18

Dr. Walter (Chip) Bouzard, professor of religion and philosophy at Wartburg College and psalms specialist, will explore the types of psalms that appear in the Bible and ways that these psalms might be better employed in Christian worship and discipleship.

Book of Faith Initiative: Open Scripture, Join the Conversation: February 15

Beth Lewis, president and CEO for Augsburg Fortress, will share the latest information about the rapidly evolving, exciting, Book of Faith initiative. Participants will receive ideas for helping people of all ages truly engage in the first language of our faith, scripture.

The Role of the Seminary in a Rapidly Changing World: March 15

Dr. Duane Larson, president of Wartburg Theological Seminary, will provide updates about emerging models for church leadership formation in our seminaries and the role of the seminary in our changing world.

Seeing Change as Challenge and Opportunity: April 19

The Rev. Sarai Rice, executive director of the Des Moines Area Religious Council, will use three different stories/images for change – schools, squirrels, and improvisational theater – to help participants learn about different kinds of change, how to respond to it, and how to work for it in a congregation.

Connecting Sunday to Monday through Vocation: May 17

Mr. Kent Henning, president of Grand View University, will help participants understand that their “calling” is not only fulfilled through their involvement in church activities or other volunteer service roles, but in their everyday lives.

registration

Name _____

Address _____

E-mail _____

Phone _____

Congregation (name & city) _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____

Please select the workshop(s) you would like to attend:

- September 14 – Creating Change in the Congregation
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Cost: \$10 for each participant per workshop.

Season ticket: Register for all eight sessions in 2009-10 and pay only \$65.

Don't let cost keep you from attending a workshop. Check with your congregation to see if registration money might be available. If not, contact the Center for Renewal about possible scholarship funds.

registration information

Register as early as possible to reserve your seat. To register for the workshops:

- send the attached registration form (or a copy of it) and a check made payable to Center for Renewal, Grand View University, 1200 Grandview Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50316-1599, or
- register and pay online at www.renewingchurch.org under "Workshops and Events," or
- send an e-mail to jwhite@grandview.edu, and either mail a check or bring it with you to the workshop, or
- leave a voicemail at 515-263-6008, and either mail a check or bring it with you to the workshop.

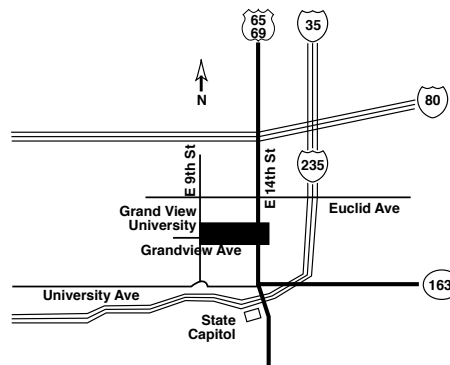
If you find it necessary to cancel a registration, please notify the Center for Renewal as early as possible.

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The Rev. Dwight L. DuBois, director
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directions

Grand View University, Rasmussen Center for Community Advancement Professions: 2800 E. 14th Street, Des Moines. Parking is behind the Rasmussen Center, located off E. 14th Street and Boyd Street.



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