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Winter & Spring 2007

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The Continuing Education office at Calvin Theological Seminary is excited to offer another year of programming for pastors, teachers, church leaders and members. We hope you will consider our workshops, seminars, conferences and courses in your plan for lifelong learning. Please note that the most up-to-date information about our events can be found on our website. Go to www.calvinseminary.edu and link to Continuing Education. We will be updating information and adding events throughout the year as soon as they are confirmed, so please check the website often! We also are eager to hear your ideas for continuing education events as you "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." — II Peter 3:18

— *Kathy Smith and Betsy Steele Halstead*
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JANUARY 2007

LECTURE

Free, no registration required.

**7:30 p.m., Thursday,
January 11, 2007**

Grand College Chapel
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Sister Helen Prejean, best known for her book *Dead Man Walking: An Eyewitness Account of the Death Penalty in the United States*, will be our guest lecturer for the evening. She is also the author of *The Death of Innocents: An Eyewitness Account of Wrongful Executions*, in which she tells the story of two men whom she accompanied to execution and whom she believes to have been innocent. In addition to her work with death row inmates, Sister Helen is also the founder of "Survive," a victim's advocacy group in New Orleans that gives support to the families of murder victims. She is a powerful and compassionate speaker with an important story. Co-sponsored by the Dean of the Chapel, the Communication Arts & Sciences Department, and the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship.

LECTURE

Free, no registration required.

What's the Deal with Pornography?
**7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.,
Thursday, January 18, 2007**

Calvin College Chapel
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Craig Gross, founder of *XXXchurch.com*, the largest anti-porn website on the internet, will address the effects of porn and the radical approach his ministry takes to spread their message. Co-sponsored by the Josiah Initiative, Calvin Seminary Student Senate, and Calvin College.
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Seminars in Christian Scholarship

The application deadline for most of the summer events is **January 26, 2007**. See page 10 for listings.



CALVIN SYMPOSIUM ON

WORSHIP

WORD MUSIC VISION ACTION

Thursday – Saturday, January 25–27, 2007
Calvin College and Calvin Theological Seminary
Grand Rapids, Michigan

- 7 extended seminars and over 70 workshops on every aspect of public worship
- worship planners, pastors, musicians, artists, scholars and worshipers in dialogue
- attendees from 30 denominations and 10 countries
- over 70 presenters (featuring 20 Calvin College and Calvin Theological Seminary faculty and staff) and guests:

theologians and educators

Frank Burch Brown, Doug Gay, Eric O. Jacobsen, Reggie Kidd, Pedrito Maynard-Reid, Hughes Oliphant Old

preachers

Carol Bechtel, Ellen Davis, Scott Hoezee, Stephen Breck Reid, Paul Scott Wilson

musicians

Horace Boyer, John Ferguson, Keith & Kristyn Getty, Bob Kauflin, Tony McNeill, Rory Noland, Pablo Sosa, Paul Westermeyer

visual and dramatic artists

Jeff Barker, Todd Farley, Linda Witte Henke, Toon Overvoorde, Joel Tanis, Mark Torgerson

Registration and program information on the web:

www.calvin.edu/worship



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for the study and renewal of worship

FEBRUARY 2007

SPE COURSE

Registration required.
The Theology and Practice of Pastoral Ministry
Monday–Friday,
February 12–16, 2007
Fleetwood Christian
Reformed Church
Surrey, British Columbia



Led by **Duane Kelderman** and **Kathy Smith** of Calvin Theological Seminary, the thesis of this course is that strong pastoral identity is the key to sustaining pastoral excellence. Today's church has witnessed a breakdown of consensus regarding the role of the pastor. This course is a study of the theology and practice of pastoral ministry with a view to creatively engaging changing views of the church and its ministry in our contemporary culture, and enhancing the practice of pastoral ministry. The course will integrate this theological understanding of pastoral ministry with the basic practices of pastoral ministry: worship, preaching, teaching, evangelism, pastoral care, and congregational leadership. Co-sponsored by the Sustaining Pastoral Excellence program of the Christian Reformed Church.
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CONFERENCE & HYMN FESTIVAL

Registration required.
Faith Engaged: Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs
9:00 a.m.–2:45 p.m.,
Saturday, February 24, 2007
Trinity Christian College
Palos Heights, Illinois

Engaging our faith through the arts will be one theme of this conference. **John D. Witvliet**, director of the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, will be the plenary speaker. Worship and a choice of sectionals will also be included in the day's events. Sunday afternoon, February 25, will feature a hymn festival "Remembering the Deeds of the Lord." Co-sponsored by the Church Connection Initiative at Trinity Christian College, the Music Department of Trinity and the Making Connections Initiative of Calvin Theological Seminary.
Contact Jane Voss: Jane.Voss@trnty.edu

HENRY INSTITUTE LECTURE

Free, no registration required.
Doing Good in the World:
How Congregations Make a Difference
3:30–5:00 p.m.,
Monday, February 26, 2007
Calvin College Meeter Center Lecture Hall

Nancy T. Ammerman, professor of Sociology of Religion at Boston University's School of Theology will be the guest presenter. Her many writings include *Pillars of Faith: American Congregations and their Partners*; *Congregation and Community*; *Bible Believers: Fundamentalists in the Modern World*. Co-sponsored by the Henry Institute of Calvin College.
Visit: www.calvin.edu/henry

The Preachers' Oasis application
deadline is **March 1, 2007**.
See page 11 for listing.



COURSES OPEN TO VISITORS – SPRING 2007

Classes begin Monday, February 26, and run through Thursday, May 10, 2007.

Heidelberg Catechism

Wednesdays — Nine evenings
6:30–9:15 p.m.

Lyle Bierma

A study of the historical background and theology of the Heidelberg Catechism.

RCA-CRC Relations

Thursdays — Nine evenings
6:45–9:30 p.m.

James DeJong

A seminar on the relationship between the Christian Reformed Church and the Reformed Church in America.

Theology of Dutch Neo-Calvinism

Tuesdays — Nine evenings
6:30–9:15 p.m.

John Bolt

An examination of the key themes in the theology and ethics of Abraham Kuyper and Herman Bavinck. The nineteenth-century background and influence on subsequent twentieth-century Reformed theology in the Netherlands and North America will also be considered.

Prayer Ministry

Tuesdays — Nine evenings
6:30–9:15 p.m.

Roger Greenway

A study of prayer as it relates to personal spiritual growth and church ministry based on biblical, theological, and historical foundations. Contemporary concepts and practices are evaluated with a view to guiding the church in prayer ministry.

Theology of Worship in the Reformed Tradition

Thursdays — Nine afternoons
1:30–4:15 p.m.

John D. Witvliet

A study of prominent theological writings from the Reformed tradition on the nature and purpose of public worship. The course will include study of documents by Zwingli, Calvin, Hodge, Nevin, Barth, and von Allmen, with an examination of how the enduring themes in these writings might be reflected in the practice of public worship in today's cultural environment.

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MARCH 2007

WORSHIP PLANNERS

RESOURCE NETWORK

Free, no registration required.

7:30–9:00 p.m.,

Thursday, March 8, 2007

Calvin Seminary Chapel
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Alison Adam, a member of the Iona Community in Scotland and currently based in London, England, will share her passion for congregational song and participative worship, helping congregations and churches to develop and invigorate the worshiping life of their community. Co-sponsored by the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship.
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CONFERENCE

Registration required.

Parenting

9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.,

Saturday, March 10, 2007

Granite Springs Church
Sacramento, California

Ron Nydam, professor of Pastoral Care at Calvin Theological Seminary, will lead this workshop on parenting for congregational members and church leadership teams. He will address "Reaching the Hearts of Children: The Critical Variable in Parenting," "Parenting Young Children," "Parenting Adolescents," and "Good Adoptive Parenting."

Contact Granite Springs Church:
grace4world@yahoo.com

LECTURE

Free, no registration required.

The Political Role of Evangelicals in Mexican Democracy: From 1991 to the Recent Presidential Elections of 2006

3:30–5:00 p.m.,

Monday, March 12, 2007

Calvin College Meeter Center Lecture Hall
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Mariano Avila, professor of New Testament at Calvin Theological Seminary, will lecture on the role evangelical churches in Mexico have played in Mexican politics during the last ten years. He will evaluate the contribution of evangelical leaders to the formation of a democratic society in Mexico and look at the lessons learned in comparing them to similar situations in Peru, Chile, and Brazil. Possible scenarios to be faced in the near future will also be discussed. Co-sponsored by the Nagel Institute for the Study of World Christianity.

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CONFERENCE

Registration required.

Raise Your Praise—Again!

9:00 a.m.–3:45 p.m.,

Saturday, March 24, 2007

First Christian Reformed Church
London, Ontario

This workshop will focus on worship and its renewal. **Kathy Smith**, director of Continuing Education at the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship and Calvin Theological Seminary, will be the plenary speaker. The Christian theater company, **Friends of the Groom**, will then lead the participants in learning about renewal of worship through the arts of dramatic reading, storytelling, and drama. Both guests will participate in the Sunday morning worship service, March 25, 2007.

Contact Linda Fletcher:
sfletcher@sympatico.ca

LECTURE

Free, no registration required.

**3:30–5:00 p.m.,
Monday, April 23, 2007**

Calvin College Meeter Center Lecture Hall

Gerardo Marti, assistant professor of Sociology at Davidson College in North Carolina, will be the guest presenter. He will draw on his recent book *A Mosaic of Believers: Diversity and Innovation in a Multiethnic Church*, which describes the Mosaic Church, an influential and innovative congregation that meets in multiple gatherings at different locations in the Los Angeles area. Co-sponsored by the Sociology Department of Calvin College and the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship. Visit: www.calvin.edu/worship

SPRING PREACHING CONFERENCE

Registration required.

**Preaching, Pain, and Pastoral Identity
Wednesday, April 25, 2007**

Calvin Seminary Chapel
Grand Rapids, Michigan



Michael P. Knowles, George F. Hurlburt Chair in Preaching at McMaster Divinity College, and **Ron Nydam**, professor of Pastoral Care at Calvin Theological Seminary, will lead this day-long conference aimed at what it means to proclaim “Christ crucified” from an awareness of what it means to be suffering, hurting, and wounded pastors and preachers. Visit: www.calvinseminary.edu

COURSES OPEN TO VISITORS – SUMMER 2007

History of Christianity in China

May 21–June 1, 2007

Daniel Bays

This course will be a survey of the premodern, modern, and recent patterns of the story of God’s kingdom in China.

Imagination in Teaching and Preaching

May 21–June 1, 2007

Robert DeVries

This course is a development and application of the thesis that a belief, if it is to touch the heart, must be made credible to the imagination. Course activities focus on preaching and teaching.

New Church Development in North America

May 21–June 1, 2007

James Osterhouse

This course introduces new church development and its procedures. A study is made of the various strategies and approaches used to develop new congregations in North America, along with an examination of the principles and methods used. Specific attention is given to preparing students to participate in new church development projects.

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BIBLE & MINISTRY CONFERENCE

Registration required.

**Hearing and Reading Genesis: Texts of Order, Disorder, Deceit, and Destruction
7:00 p.m., Thursday–5:30 p.m., Friday,
June 7–8, 2007**

Calvin Theological Seminary
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Plenary speakers at this fourth Bible and Ministry Conference focusing on the themes

of Genesis will be: **Terence E. Fretheim**, Elva B. Lovell Professor of Old Testament at Luther Seminary, **Sidney Greidanus**, professor of Old Testament emeritus of Calvin Theological Seminary, **Russell R. Reno**, associate professor of Theological Ethics at Creighton University, **John H. Walton**, professor of Old Testament at Wheaton College, and **Michael J. Williams**, professor of Old Testament at Calvin Theological Seminary. Visit: www.calvinseminary.edu

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Theology and Practice of Pastoral Ministry

June 4–8, 2007

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Reformed World and Life View

June 4–14, 2007

John Cooper

A study of the biblical and theological foundations, philosophical articulations, and specific implications of the Reformed world and life view developed in the neo-Calvinist tradition of Abraham Kuyper.

Preaching the Parables of Jesus

June 4–14, 2007

John Rottman

A course in communicating the parabolic teaching of Jesus in sermon form, including a study of representative sermons and the homiletical principles involved.

Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, and Other Occasional Services

June 25–29, 2007

John D. Witvliet

A study of biblical, theological, and pastoral dimensions of celebrations of baptism, marriage, funerals, and other occasional services such as ordinations, dedications, and commissioning services.

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Seminars in Christian Scholarship

Joel Carpenter, Director

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Teaching Hymnology

June 25–29, 2007

Bert Polman, Calvin College

Co-sponsored by the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship.

Liturgical Identities: Global, National, Ecclesial

June 25–July 20, 2007

Michael L. Budde, DePaul University

D. Stephen Long, Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary

Co-sponsored by the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship.

Imaginative Reading for Creative Preaching

July 9–20, 2007

Cornelius Plantinga, Jr., Calvin Theological Seminary

Co-sponsored by the Center for Excellence in Preaching.

Transforming Voices: Worship and Preaching Among Afro-Christian Women

July 23–27, 2007

Michelle R. Loyd-Paige, Calvin College

Barbara Omolade, Calvin College

Charsie Randolph Sawyer, Calvin College

Co-sponsored by the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship.



JULY 2007

WORKSHOP

Application required — due March 1, 2007.

The Preachers' Oasis: Developing Gifts, Refining Skills Monday–Friday, July 9–13, 2007

Prince Conference Center
Grand Rapids, MI



Randall Bytwerk, professor of Communication Arts and Sciences at Calvin College, **Scott Hoezee**, director of the Center for Excellence in Preaching at Calvin Theological Seminary, and **Mary Hulst**, associate professor of Communications at

Calvin College will lead this week long workshop for preaching pastors. All preachers benefit from having some time away from the pressures of sermon preparation and delivery. This time is designed to give pastors just such a break while also providing an opportunity to reflect on the preaching task with an eye toward getting better —deepening the gifts God has given to us and refining the skills by which we employ those gifts for proclamation and ministry. Co-sponsored by the Center for Excellence in Preaching, Workshops in Communication, and the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship. Application deadline is March 1, 2007. Visit CEP: <http://cep.calvinseminary.edu>



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