

General Information

Holden Village is a retreat center in the Cascade Mountains above Lake Chelan. Housing is provided in lodge rooms holding 2-4 persons with bathrooms at the end of the hallway. Linens/towels are provided. You need to bring toiletries. Special diets or housing needs (e.g. ground floor, near bathroom) can be accommodated. Indicate needs on registration form.

Registration is limited to 225 persons. Others will be placed on a waiting list and added if cancellations occur. For further information and questions, check the LENS website at www.lensnw.org or call John Rosenberg (360.606.9114) or email rosenbergjohn@comcast.net.

Cost is \$260 per person. This covers room, meals, cost of conference and regular round trip boat fare to and from Fields Point. Conference is limited to 225 persons on a first-paid, first-served basis. Registrations with full payment are due **August 25th**.

Scholarships of up to \$35 are available based on need. Please indicate need for scholarship assistance on registration form.

Transportation

Aside from hiking across the Cascade Range, Holden is reached by boat on Lake Chelan connecting to a bus from Lucerne up to the village. Boat service leaves Fields Point on Monday, September 24th at 9:45 AM. Arrival one hour prior to departure is required. There is a parking fee of \$18 for three days parking at Fields Point. Carpooling is encouraged. On Thursday, September 27th, the boat leaves Holden/Lucerne at 2:30 PM and returns to Fields Point at around 4:45 PM. Round trip boat fare is included in the resitration fee.

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Communicating the Gospel in the Post-Modern World

16TH HOLDEN THEOLOGICAL CONFERENCE - HOLDEN VILLAGE, CHELAN, WASHINGTON



September 24-27, 2007

Welcome!

Ever since the early church took the message of Jesus from rural Galilee to the urban centers of the Roman world, it has faced the challenge of communicating the Gospel in changing cultural and contextual circumstances. The postmodern world of the 21st Century presents unique challenges and opportunities for communicating the Gospel, especially for those who are called upon to lead worship and preach. Understanding the postmodern world is not a luxury for sociologists and cultural historians. Being in conversation with that world and hearing the questions that are being asked is essential for anyone who desires to communicate the Gospel in meaningful ways. Join speakers Michael Burk and Maria

Erling, worship leader Mark Douglass, along with friends and colleagues at beautiful Holden Village for a stimulating conversation in what is considered by many to be the most beautiful month of the year in the Pacific Northwest.



Abbreviated Schedule

Monday, September 24

- 9:45 Depart Fields Landing on the Lady of the Lake II
 3:00 Opening Worship
 8:00 **Worship in a Consumer Culture**
 – Michael Burk
 9:30 Fireside with speakers

Tuesday, September 25

- 8:30 Morning Prayer
 9:00 **Strength in Diversity**
 – Maria Erling
 10:45 **Confessions from the Call Committee**
 – Michael Burk
 AFTERNOON FREE
 7:30 Vespers
 8:00 **Church and culture in dialog**
 – Maria Erling
 9:30 Fireside with speakers

Wednesday, September 26

- 8:30 Morning Prayer
 9:00 **Can there be a coherent view of worship among Lutherans?**
 – Michael Burk
 10:45 **Immigration, migration, and Mom's New Job**
 – Maria Erling
 AFTERNOON FREE
 7:30 Holden Eucharist
 9:30 Fireside with speakers

Thursday, September 27

- 8:30 Morning Prayer
 9:00 **Worship in a Church open to the world**
 – Michael Burk
 10:45 **Practicing Global Hospitality**
 – Maria Erling
 1:45 Depart from the Village
 4:45 Arrive at Fields Point



The Rev. Dr. Burk directs the ELCA Churchwide worship ministry. He travels extensively in support of that work and to represent the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America on matters related to worship. As the churchwide executive for worship, he directed the development of the new primary resource, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*.

Burk is a graduate of Wartburg College (B.A.), Wartburg Theological Seminary (M.Div.), and the University of Iowa (M.A. and Ph.D.). With advanced degrees in American Cultural Studies, Dr. Burk is particularly interested in the culture of the church and in the ways the ministry of word and sacrament inform issues facing the church and engage individual believers within it.

Dr. Burk is a member of the Consultation on Common Texts, the North American Academy of Liturgy, and the American Academy of Religion. In addition to his responsibilities as an executive in the churchwide organization, he provides worship leadership for both the Conference of Bishops and the Church Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. He lives with his family in Mt. Prospect, Illinois, and is a member of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Arlington Heights, Illinois.



Michael Burk

The Rev. Michael Burk is Executive for Worship and Liturgical Resources in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.



The Rev. Dr. Maria E. Erling has taught the History of Christianity in North America and Global Mission at the Seminary since 1999. During the pursuit of her doctoral degree from Harvard University she conducted research in congregational life and immigration in New England. She has served parishes in New England and supervised urban ministry for the New England Synod. She also served the synod as its ecumenical officer.

Dr. Erling has served on the executive board of the Augustana Heritage Association and in recent years on the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's (ELCA) Archive Advisory Committee. She has addressed the conference of bishops of the ELCA on ministry and ecumenical matters, and has participated in the orientation sessions for newly elected bishops.

Dr. Erling is currently working on a book project with Mark Granquist on the history of the Augustana Evangelical Lutheran Church, one of the predecessor bodies of the Lutheran Church in America spanning the 19th and 20th centuries. She lives in Gettysburg with her husband John Spangler, who serves on the seminary staff and their two daughters, Marta and Johanna.

Maria E. Erling

Mark Douglass is in training as a developer for the Wilderness Way Community, a new mission start in

Portland, OR. He studied music at Pacific Lutheran University (BM, 1991) and theology at the Graduate Theological Union (MA, 1997). He has worked in various forums as a worship and music leader, including two years at Holden Village (1991-93) and most recently at Central Lutheran Church in Portland (1998-2006). Along with his fiddle-playing wife, Betsy Branch, he offers music for concerts and festivals throughout the Pacific Northwest.



Mark Douglass

