

About the Leaders

The Rev. Daniel T. Moser is currently serving as Transitional Minister at Olivet Schwenkfelder United Church of Christ in Norristown, PA.

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Both are graduates of the Calvin Seminars in Christian Scholarship program, *Imaginative Reading for Creative Preaching*, under the direction of Dr. Cornelius Plantinga, Jr., President of Calvin Theological Seminary, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

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Sabbath Reading for Preachers

August 18-20, 2009
Kline Center
Alburtis, Pennsylvania

We believe...

We believe that renewal in our congregations begins with the care and renewal of pastors – those charged with the spiritual care and feeding of congregations.

We believe that if the church is to have a future in this radically different postmodern world it will be a future we discover through the poets and visionaries, the artists, writers, and preachers. It will unfold out of Sabbath time and experiments in new orders of servanthood, out of prayer and worship and charity in the old rich sense of that word. It will be disclosed in quiet solitude, in small group gatherings around the Word, and in the midst of the world's cries of pain.

We believe that the age of the church planner is rapidly drawing to a close and the future of the Church will unfold out of the recovery of Sabbath.

We invite you to...

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An Alban Institute video on pastor/parish relations committees points out that pastors have few free weekends and almost never have the "3-day weekends" others enjoy on a regular basis.

We invite you to experience a "long weekend" of Sabbath-keeping and renewal in the middle of the week. We will gather in the beautiful new Kline Building of the Mensch Mill Retreat Center. Surrounded by rolling hills and forests, it's a perfect place to come away. Many cell phones don't even work there! You will spend three days with 13 other colleagues. It will be a time of nourishing rest and reflection, beginning with breakfast on Tuesday morning and ending mid-afternoon on Thursday.

Our time together will include reflections on four works of literature chosen by the leaders. We will examine these books together to savor the writers' craft, to enter into the story, and hear what it has to say to us as preachers and human beings.

All participants will receive these reading materials in advance of our time together. Participants must covenant to give themselves the gift of time to read the books before they arrive.

Participants Will Receive

Because of the generous funding support by The Center for Excellence in Preaching at Calvin Theological Seminary, Grand Rapids, Michigan, the cost of the event is only \$150 per person.

This registration fee includes:

- Weekend-long program
- Housing (A limited number of private rooms are available for an additional \$25.)
- All meals
- All reading materials



How to Apply

Who May Apply

Persons involved full-time in church ministries.

How to Apply

To apply, an applicant must submit the following:

- 1) the application form (attached)
- 2) a letter telling us about yourself and why you would be interested in or how you could benefit from this event

The application deadline is

May 30, 2009. Participants will be selected after the application deadline. Incomplete and/or late applications will not be considered. Applicants will be notified of their status by June 15, 2009. The fee of \$150 will be due upon acceptance to the program.

Applications may be sent to:

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Application

Applicant Information

Name_____

Place of Employment_____

Position or Title_____

Discipline or Area of Study_____

Complete Preferred Mailing Address_____

Daytime Phone_____

Fax_____

Email_____

Professional Reference #1

Name_____

Complete Mailing Address_____

Daytime Phone_____

Email_____

Professional Reference #2

Name_____

Complete Mailing Address_____

Daytime Phone_____

Email_____