

Our Story in God's Story

2010 WNLT



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Western National Leadership Training Event

October 6-8, 2010
Presbyterian Church, Jackson WY

Theme: Our Story in God's Story

PLENARY SPEAKER The Rev. Dr. Laura S. Mendenhall
Dr. Mendenhall is Senior Philanthropy Advisor at the Texas Presbyterian Foundation and former President of Columbia Theological Seminary

WORKSHOPS/LEADERS

1. **How God Saves Us**—The Rev. Dr. Gregory Anderson Love, Associate Professor of Systematic Theology at San Francisco Theological Seminary
2. **The Homiletical Landscape of the American West**—The Rev. Dr. Kristin Saldine, Assistant Professor of Homiletics, Austin Theological Seminary
3. **God's Mission: From Everyone to Everywhere**—Dr. Bonnie Sue Lewis, Assistant Professor of Mission and Native American Christianity, University of Dubuque Theological Seminary
4. **Resting in God's Story: Spiritual Practices for Congregations**—The Rev. Marci Auld Glass, Pastor, Southminster Presbyterian Church, Boise, ID
5. **Committee On Ministry Training**—The Rev. Gary Weaver, Executive Presbyter, Pueblo Presbytery
6. **Committee on Preparation for Ministry Training**—The Rev. Dr. Dave Tomlinson, Professor of Ministry, Emeritus, San Francisco Theological Seminary

CLP TRACK

Historical Theology—Dr. Ken Sawyer, Associate Professor of Church History, McCormick Seminary

NATURE TRIP—The Rev. Doug Melius, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Sheridan, WY.

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We hope to see
you in Jackson!

Register and
mark your
calendar now!

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Registration closes
August 25

The Western National Leadership Training Event seeks through education and worship to develop the leadership skills of laity and clergy in the PC(USA), thus preparing the local church and presbytery to meet the challenges of a changing world. The conference features leaders from the Presbyterian Church (USA) and its sponsoring Presbyterian seminaries.

GENERAL INFORMATION

To Register

Complete the registration form on page 7, attach a check to cover registration fees (see below) and mail to:

SYNOD OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS
7061 S. University Blvd., Ste 206
Centennial, CO 80122

Additional registration forms are available online at www.synodrm.org/wnlt or by contacting the Synod office.

You may also register on-line at www.synodrm.org.

A confirmation will be mailed to you after your registration is processed. Please notify the Synod office of any error in your registration.

Registration Deadline is August 25.

Registration Fees

\$60 (registration form with check
postmarked by August 2, 2010)
OR

\$75 (registration form with check
postmarked by August 25, 2010)

+
\$42 (per person if registered for Field Tour)

Registration covers all event activities (except the field tour) and lunch on Friday.

Non-Participating spouse/friend refers to an accompanying spouse/friend who DOES NOT plan to attend workshops. Non-participants are welcome to attend worship and plenaries, and may register for the field tour (for which there is a charge of \$42.)

Commuter Registration is available for those living in the Jackson area or arranging their own lodging.

Packing—Be mindful that Jackson, at an elevation of 6,200 feet, is a high, arid climate. Weather in early October is generally temperate, but can be extremely variable. Although the drive from/to

Jackson can be beautiful, be aware that snow can make driving difficult. Layered clothing is recommended for Jackson; be prepared for rain or snow.

Travel Information—American, Delta, Northwest, Skywest and United airlines serve Jackson. Shuttle service in Jackson is limited; contact WNLT staff no later than September 22 if you need transportation from the airport to your hotel. If you are driving, Jackson is about ten hours from Denver or five hours from Salt Lake City. A street map showing the location of The Presbyterian Church of Jackson and registrant's hotel will be sent to all WNLT participants. If you need shuttle service from the airport, be sure to indicate your needs in the **Travel Arrangements** box on the registration form. The Lexington provides shuttle service to registered guests.

Lodging—Participants should make reservations directly with hotels. Group rates are available at the Lexington at Jackson Hole (formerly the Trapper Inn—\$86 or \$99), 888-771-2648, and Parkway Inn & Spa (\$99), 307-733-3143.

Meals—Registration fee includes reception on Wednesday, lunch on Friday and snack breaks. All other meals are at participants' expense.

Program Location



The Presbyterian Church of Jackson Hole
1251 South Park Loop Road
Jackson, WY 83001
303-734-0388 www.pcjh.org

Questions? Direct questions about the program or registration to The Synod of the Rocky Mountains, 303-477-9070 or 888-702-5968.

Our Story in God's Story

PLENARY SPEAKER LAURA S. MENDENHALL



The Rev. Dr. Laura S. Mendenhall serves as Senior Philanthropy Advisor for the Texas Presbyterian Foundation. She was president of Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA, from 2000 to 2009.

Dr. Mendenhall is also an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA). She has served churches in Texas, Florida and California.

She has served at all levels of the church and is a sought-after preacher and conference speaker.

Dr. Mendenhall's research interests include the role of the sacraments in the life of the church, the use of daily prayer in structuring Christian community, and strategies for faithful proclamation of Christian stewardship.

Laura is married to The Rev. Dr. Charles M. Mendenhall III, Senior Major Gifts Officer, Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services, and they have two grown sons.

PLENARY SESSIONS

PLENARY 1

We Don't Have Enough to be Part of God's Story

Wednesday, October 6
7:30 p.m.

PLENARY 2

Making a difference in God's Story

Thursday, October 7
10:15 a.m.

PLENARY 3

Transforming our Story into God's Story

Friday, October 8
10:00 a.m.

WORSHIP/BIBLE STUDY LEADERS

Wednesday, October 6, 7:30 p.m.

The Liturgists:
Dr. Kristin Saldine
The Rev. Dr. Gregory Love

The Preacher:
The Rev. Dr. Laura S. Mendenhall

Music Support from
The Presbyterian Church of Jackson Hole

Thursday, October 7, 8:30 a.m.

Bible Study – 8:30 a.m.
Dr. Bonnie Sue Lewis

Morning Prayer – 9:15 a.m.
Dr. Kristin Saldine

Friday, October 8, 8:30 a.m.

Bible Study – 8:30 a.m.
Dr. Bonnie Sue Lewis

Morning Prayer – 9:15 a.m.
The Rev. Dr. Gregory Love

Friday, October 8, 4:45 p.m.

Worship with Holy Communion

The Liturgists:
The Executive Leaders of
the presbyteries

Music Support - PCJH

SCHEDULE AND WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

WNLT SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6

- 6:30-7:15 p.m. Registration/Fellowship
7:30-8:45 p.m. Gathering Worship & Penary 1

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7

- 8:30-9:45 a.m. Morning Prayer/Bible Study
9:45-10:15 a.m. Break
10:00 a.m. Bus departs for field trip (return for dinner)
10:15-11:45 a.m. Plenary 2
11:45 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Lunch
2:00-3:30 p.m. Workshop Series 1
CLP Track Session
COM Training 1
3:30-4:00 p.m. Break
4:00-5:30 p.m. Workshop Series 2
CLP Track Session
COM Training 2

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8

- 8:30-9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer/Bible Study
9:30-10:00 a.m. Break
10:00-11:30 a.m. Plenary 3
11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Lunch
1:00-2:30 p.m. Workshop Series 3
CLP Track Session
CPM Training 1
2:30-3:00 p.m. Break
3:00-4:30 p.m. Workshop Series 4
CLP Track Session
CPM Training 2
4:00 p.m. Field trip bus returns
4:45-6:00 p.m. Closing Worship with
celebration of the Lord's Supper

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

How God Saves Us—Gregory Anderson Love
The Christian faith claims that God saves us; in particular, it says that Jesus “died to save us from our sins.” However, the traditional view that Jesus “took our punishment on the cross” is repugnant or unbelievable to many in the pews. In this workshop, Dr. Love affirms fully that Jesus saves us from our sins, a powerful act that includes Good Friday; yet God is the God of life, not of death, and God’s saving means are non-violent. Presented are three models describing how the non-violent God saves us through the cross of Christ. These models will give new clarity and energy to your experiences of Lent and East, whether you are in the pew or the pulpit.

The Homiletical Landscape of the American West—Kristin Saldine
Preachers serve congregations that have unique contexts, cultures, and stories. For many churches in the western states, these stories often include a “western” sense of identity. In this workshop we will explore some of the unique characteristics of preaching in the West and explore tools to help us think about, and preach about, God’s story in our story in the places we minister.

God’s Mission: From Everyone to Everywhere—Bonnie Sue Lewis
While the church is the focus of mission, our Triune God is the one who calls and sends us forth. God calls and sends all the baptized to participate in God’s mission, whether across the street or across the globe. This means God is calling and sending even those we consider “mission churches” as well as those not on the “mission committee!”

Resting in God’s Story: Spiritual Practices for Congregations—Marci Auld Glass
We will explore ways that spiritual practices can help us see our story in God’s story. While the written word can often provide meaningful imagery, some spiritual practices can allow you to enter God’s story in new ways by utilizing your other senses as well. We will take some time to experience a number of spiritual practices and will also learn how to share them in our congregation or with other groups. You are welcome to bring your Bible and a journal, if you have one.

EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS

WORKSHOPS OFFERED IN EACH SERIES

Thursday, October 7

2:00-3:30 p.m. Workshops Series 1
How God Saves Us

The Homiletical Landscape of the American West

4:00-5:30 p.m. Workshops Series 2
God’s Mission: From Everyone to Everywhere

Resting in God’s Story: Spiritual Practices for Congregations

Friday, October 8

1:00-2:30 p.m. Workshops Series 3
God’s Mission: From Everyone to Everywhere

The Homiletical Landscape of the American West

3:00-4:30 p.m. Workshops Series 4
How God Saves Us

Resting in God’s Story: Spiritual Practices for Congregations

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY TRAINING

Gary Weaver

Thursday, October 7

The *Book of Order’s* ten responsibilities of a presbytery’s Committee on Ministry can be overwhelming to a conscientious new member. In this two-part workshop, we will compact those duties into three main areas and discover ways of organizing the committee for optimum effectiveness. We will also explore the numerous tools and resources available to Committees on Ministry.

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY TRAINING

Dave Tomlinson

Friday, October 8

This workshop will focus on the care, support and nurture by the CPM from the candidate’s point of view. Areas covered include a quick review of the *Book of Order’s* requirements, development and use of Presbytery’s CPM Manual, supportive ways to relate to candidates at far-flung distances, communication with the candidate’s seminary, the ordination examinations, and helpful ways to assess readiness for ministry.

OTHER EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS

COMMISSIONED LAY PASTOR TRACK (CLP)

Historical Theology—Ken Sawyer

CLP Sessions:

Thursday, October 9

Session 1: Revisiting the Early Church:
Gnostics, Apologists, and Martyrs

Session 2: God’s Story of Renewal:
Reformations of the 16th Century

Friday, October 10

Session 1: Tracing the Story Over the Past
100 years

Session 2: Connecting Our Stories with
God’s Story

GEOLOGICAL/THEOLOGICAL FIELD TOUR

Doug & Matt Melius

Thursday, October 9

The human story of Jackson Hole has been told by fur trappers, rustlers and J. D. Rockefeller. It includes dams and one armed rebellion against the U. S. government. The human story is brief but curious. The geologic story is told in floods, faulting, ash flows and glaciers. This geologic story is much deeper, but most of us need a new vocabulary to read it. Before we head out on the bus we will have a brief geologic primer. Plan to spend a day out under the Temple of the Blue Dome, wandering through the evidence these stories have left behind. We will also spend time in silence so that the great story behind creation can speak. Dress for some off trail walking on a fall day in the Rockies.

LEADERS' BIOS

The Rev. Marci Auld Glass is pastor of Southminster Presbyterian Church in Boise, ID. Marci came to appreciate spiritual practices as a youth director while helping youth discover and cultivate their relationships with God. She also firmly believes that labyrinths help extroverts to get in touch with their spiritual side. She and her husband, Justin, have two sons, Alden and Elliott.

Dr. Bonnie Sue Lewis is Associate Professor of Mission and Native American Christianity at the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary. A native of California and an Elder in the Presbyterian Church, she is a graduate of Whitworth University and Fuller Seminary. She began her teaching career at a mission school in Guatemala in 1976. Since completing her doctorate at the University of Washington in 1997, she has been on the faculty of the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary. Bonnie Sue is co-editor of *Mission in a Global Context* and author of *Creating Christian Indians: Native Clergy in the Presbyterian Church*.

The Rev. Dr. Gregory Anderson Love is Associate Professor of Systematic Theology at San Francisco Theological Seminary. Prior to teaching seminarians, Dr. Love taught college students at St. Olaf College. Also a Presbyterian pastor, Dr. Love brings together the best of contemporary Christian theology with the issues of Christians in the pews. He is married to Julie, a Presbyterian pastor, and they have a seven-year-old daughter, Claire. Dr. Love's most recent book, *Love, Violence, and the Cross: How the Nonviolent God Saves Us through the Cross of Christ* (Cascade Books), looks at different understandings of God's salvation in Christ.

The Rev. Doug Melius has spent his working life divided between geology and pastoring. For the past 13 years he has served as Senior Pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Sheridan, WY. Doug has led field trips in five states across the West. Some have been for professional geologists, but more recently they have been for the interested but uninitiated. This is the third time Doug has lead this particular field tour. He will be assisted for the first time by his son, Matt Melius, a working geologist. This pleases Doug no end! We will see what Matt thinks.

The Rev. Dr. Kristin Saldine is Assistant Professor of Homiletics, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Prior to joining the faculty in 2006, Kristin was Minister of the Chapel and the Associate Director of the Joe R. Engle Institute of Preaching at Princeton Theological Seminary. Kristin attended Whitworth College and San Francisco Theological Seminary. An ordained PC(USA) minister, Kristin served churches in Three Rivers, CA, Portland, OR, and Anacortes, WA. She received her Ph.D. from Princeton Theological Seminary in 2004. Kristin's academic interests include preaching, worship, and the history of American preaching. She works in an area she calls the "homiletical appropriation of geo-rhetoric," an interdisciplinary method through which theology, visual rhetoric, and philosophical geography provide

a means to understand the contextual and imagistic power of preaching. Kristin has published in *Call to Worship*, *The Abingdon Women's Preaching Annual*, *Feasting on the Word*, *Insights*, and *Lectionary Homiletics*.

Dr. Ken Sawyer is Associate Professor of Church History, McCormick Theological Seminary. Dr. Sawyer has been part of the McCormick Seminary community since 1980. He served as a staff librarian for nearly two decades, and began teaching part time in 1988, and full time in 1993. Ken was born in Sacramento, CA and lived with his family on several Air Force bases until attending college at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, then seminary and doctoral work in Chicago. He received a Ph.D. in the history of Christianity from the University of Chicago Divinity School with a dissertation on the life and devotional theology of 17th century puritan pastor Increase Mather. His teaching and research has been in reformation topics, reformed theology, and Presbyterian history, with side trips into the history of Christianity in Egypt, and the uses of technology in theological education. Ken is a Presbyterian layperson and teaches adult education classes throughout the region. He is also a veteran teacher of Sunday School for four-year olds. Ken has been married to Patricia Cloud for 25 years and has three grown daughters.

The Rev. Dr. David Tomlinson is Adjunct Professor at San Francisco Theological Seminary (Southern California) and currently resides in Pasadena, CA. Formal education includes a B.A. (Augustana College), B.D. and Th.M. (Princeton Theological Seminary) and D.Min (McCormick Theological Seminary). Pastoral ministries include calls in Trenton, NJ, Virginia City, NV, Hartford County and Fallston, MD. In Fort Collins, CO and Denver, CO he served as Executive Director and Synod Executive respectively. In Anaheim, CA he was Executive Presbyter and in Pasadena, Vice President, Professor and Acting President, SFTS. He also held positions at Princeton Theological Seminary. Dr. Tomlinson served on many denomination committees and councils—including the special national task force charged with reviewing our church's ordination examination process—spanning 40 years of service in communities he has called home.

The Rev. Gary Weaver is Executive Presbyter of the Presbytery of Pueblo in Pueblo, CO, and has provided Committee on Ministry training for most of the presbyteries in our Synod. He holds degrees from the University of Kansas, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, the University of New Mexico, and has pursued a Doctor of Ministry degree from McCormick Theological Seminary. Gary is a certified mediator. Previous to his present position, he served churches in California, Utah, Pennsylvania, New Mexico, and Arizona. Gary and his wife, Kathleen, have been married for 45 years and have two grown daughters.

Registration Form

INSTRUCTION #1 - Your info and fees

- Each **workshop participant** must complete a separate registration form.
- Spouse/friend **not participating in workshops** should complete box below.
Additional forms available online at www.synodrm.org/wnltr/registration or by calling the Synod office.

REGISTRANT INFO	PLEASE PRINT	FEES ENCLOSED (Check appropriate areas)
Name _____		_____ \$60 by August 2
Mailing Address* _____		OR
_____		_____ \$75 by August 25
Daytime phone _____		_____ Field Tour \$42 for participant
Cell phone _____		_____ Field Tour \$42 for non-participant
E-mail address (Please Print) _____		\$ _____ Total enclosed
<i>*Registration confirmation materials will be sent to this address.</i>		

INSTRUCTION #2 - Your educational choices

Mark your workshop or educational event choices in the schedule below.

___ **CLP TRACK** (Thursday and Friday; no other options may be selected)

___ **FIELD TOUR** (Thursday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; no other Thursday option may be selected)

(Mark your workshop choices in each series. If your workshop choice is filled, you will be assigned to other one in that time slot.)

THURSDAY WORKSHOPS		FRIDAY WORKSHOPS	
Series 1	___ 2 p.m.—How God Saves Us OR	Series 3	___ 1 p.m.—God's Mission: From Everyone to Everywhere OR
	___ 2 p.m.—Homiletical Landscape of American West		___ 1 p.m.—Homiletical Landscape of American West
Series 2	___ 4 p.m.—God's Mission: From Everyone to Everywhere OR	Series 4	___ 3 p.m.—How God Save Us OR
	___ 4 p.m.—Resting in God's Story		___ 3 p.m.—Resting in God's Story
OR			
___ 2 & 4 p.m.—COM TRAINING #1 & 2		___ 1 & 3 p.m.—CPM TRAINING #1 & 2	

NON-PARTICIPANT SPOUSE OR FRIEND	Please Print	TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS (Registrant & Non-participant)
Name _____		Yes No
Mailing Address _____		___ ___ I will be arriving by car
_____		___ ___ I am flying and will need WNLT to provide transportation to hotel
Daytime phone _____ Cell _____		Carrier & Flight # _____
Email _____		Arrival date _____ Arrival time _____
		Departure date _____ Departure time _____
		___ ___ I am commuting to WNLT

INSTRUCTION #3 - Submit Registration

Attach check to completed form and send to Synod of the Rocky Mountains, 7061 S University Blvd, Ste 206, Centennial, CO 80122—OR YOU MAY REGISTER AND PAY ON-LINE AT SYNODRM.ORG.