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Dr. Loren L. Johns,
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Understanding Revelation for today



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Pastors Week • Jan. 23-26, 2012 • Leadership Clinics • Jan. 23

The biblical book of Revelation has a reputation for inspiring fear and fanaticism more often than anticipation and adoration. In the midst of end-times predictions and their accompanying hype it is easy to miss the ways in which this final book of the Bible reveals Christ, provides keys to ethical discernment, challenges the prevailing powers of empire in our time and affirms our hope for the future. What exactly ought we to learn from John's vision on the Isle of Patmos? How ought this mysterious message to shape our preaching, teaching and daily life nearly two millennia later?

Pastors Week Schedule

Monday, January 23	Tuesday, January 24	Wednesday, January 25	Thursday, January 26
7:30-8:00 Morning Prayers	7:30-8:00 Morning prayers	7:30-8:00 Morning prayers	7:30-8:00 Morning prayers
8:30-9:00 Registration for Leadership Clinics	8:30-8:45 Gathering music 8:45-9:45 Worship Sermon: Iris de León-Hartshorn	8:30-8:45 Gathering music 8:45-9:45 Worship Sermon: Safwat Marzouk	8:30-8:45 Gathering music 8:45-9:45 Worship Sermon: Willard Metzger
	10:30-12:00 Teaching session: Dr. Loren L. Johns	10:30-12:00 Teaching session: Dr. Loren L. Johns	10:30-12:00 Teaching session: Dr. J. Nelson Kraybill
	12:00-2:00 Lunch (ticket required) - Lunch for newcomers - Hesston PMP Reunion	12:00-2:00 Lunch (ticket required) - Join an Affinity Group	12:00-1:50 Lunch (ticket required) - Dessert with Faculty
	2:00-3:30 Workshops	2:00-3:30 Workshops	2:00 Final session
4:00-6:00 Out-of-town registration for Pastors Week	3:30 Refreshments Free time	3:30 Refreshments 4:00 Fireside chat with Dr. Sara Wenger Shenk Free time	3:00 Sending worship
5:00-6:30 Pizza supper, please register	5:00-7:00 Dinner (on your own)		
6:15-7:00 Local registration		6:00 Banquet (ticket required)	
7:00-8:30 Worship and keynote address: Dr. Loren L. Johns	7:00 p.m. Pastor as Artist		7:00 Dessert reception for pastors at Goshen College

About the topics and speakers

The week will feature Dr. Loren L. Johns, AMBS professor of New Testament, teaching on the book of Revelation. He will look at reading Revelation in comparison and contrast to popular notions of eschatology and explore the ethical implications of Lamb Christology in Revelation, particularly from an Anabaptist perspective. Dr. J. Nelson Kraybill, AMBS president emeritus, also will lead one session, examining the nature of worship and allegiance in Revelation. Workshops will include topics such as eschatology and Anabaptism, the Left Behind series, biblical storytelling from Revelation, and various leadership themes.

Loren L. Johns, professor of New Testament at AMBS, holds a Ph. D. from Princeton Theological Seminary in Biblical Studies, New Testament, with a concentration in the Apocalypse of John. His dissertation is titled *The Lamb Christology of the Apocalypse of John: An investigation into its origins and rhetorical force* (Mohr Siebeck, 2003). He has

published numerous articles and edited several books. His primary areas of research include the Johannine literature, the Dead Sea Scrolls, the development of the biblical canon, eschatology, New Testament Greek and the letters of Paul. Prior to coming to AMBS in 2000, he served as a pastor, overseer, theology book editor and college Bible professor.

J. Nelson Kraybill is president emeritus of AMBS and lead pastor at Prairie Street Mennonite Church in Elkhart, Ind. He holds a Ph.D. in New Testament from Union Theological Seminary in Virginia. His dissertation was entitled *Imperial Cult and Commerce in John's Apocalypse* (Sheffield Academic, 1996). He is author of numerous articles and several books, including his most recent *Apocalypse and Allegiance: Worship, Politics, and Devotion in the Book of Revelation* (Brazos Press, 2010). Prior to coming to AMBS in 1997, he served as a missionary in London, England, and a pastor in Vermont.

Worship sessions

AMBS Campus Pastor Janeen Bertsche Johnson, M.Div., will lead daily worship sessions. Preachers include Iris de León-Hartshorn, M.A., director for transformative peacemaking for Mennonite Church USA; Safwat Marzouk, Ph. D. candidate, AMBS assistant professor of Old Testament; and Willard Metzger, D. Min., general secretary of Mennonite Church Canada.

Workshops

**Left behind by the book of Revelation?
The end-times in Anabaptist-Mennonite
perspective**

Presenter: Loren Johns, Ph.D.

**Worship, politics and devotion in the
book of Revelation**

Presenter: J. Nelson Kraybill, Ph.D.

**“Grant that the wrathful dragon may not
entirely devour our poor little flock”:
Anabaptism and the end times**

Presenter: Lois Barrett, Ph.D.

The drama of Revelation

*Presenter: Allan Rudy Froese,
Ph.D. candidate*

**Re-forming Anabaptism: Recent North
American experiments in discipleship**

Presenter: Joanna Shenk, M.A.

The monster as other

Presenter: Safwat Marzouk, Ph.D. candidate

**God’s got a place in the country:
Missional purpose in rural context**

*Presenters: David B. Miller, D.Min., and
Nina Lanctot, M.Div.*

Five leadership practices

*Presenters: Linford King, D.Min., and Lee
Schmucker, M.B.A.*

Pastoral care in interfaith situations

Presenter: Daniel Schipani, Ph.D., Psy.D.

Affinity Group lunch, Wed., noon

Participants may join a group of pastors who hold a similar role. When you register, indicate your choice or write in a group.

Pastors Week banquet, Wed., 6 p.m.

Pre-registration is required.

Dessert with faculty, Thurs., noon

During dessert at Thursday’s lunch, AMBS faculty will discuss current research and work in the church.

**Dessert reception for pastors at
Goshen College, Thurs., 7 p.m.**

Goshen College will host a dessert reception and short program for pastors at College Mennonite Church. All Pastors Week participants are welcome. Contact the GC Church Relations office: 574-535-7119 or churchrelations@goshen.edu

Childcare

Care for children ages 1-5 is offered Monday evening as well as mornings and afternoons Tuesday through Thursday. Reservations must be made by Dec. 1.

Contact us

If you are unable to register online please call the AMBS Church Leadership Center office at 574-296-6269 or email churchleadership@ambs.edu

Registration

Individual: \$125 before Jan. 5, \$155 after Jan. 5.

Registration is limited to the first 200 paid registrants. Information is available at www.ambs.edu/pastorsweek concerning discounts for couples, part-time attenders, students, first-time attenders, and “shoulder-tappers”; and details about scholarships and refunds.

Lodging

AMBS guest house lodging is available, first-come, first-served. Submit requests by Jan. 5.

For a list of local hotels, visit www.ambs.edu/pastorsweek

Transportation

Submit requests for transportation to and from airports and train stations by Jan. 5. Email churchleadership@ambs.edu for details.

Continuing Education Units

Participants who attend all plenary and workshop sessions earn 1.4 CEU.

Meals

Light meals are available for Monday supper and Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday lunches. Participants must pre-register. Tuesday supper is on your own.

Lunch for newcomers, Tues., noon

Participants at AMBS for the first time are invited to a complimentary lunch. Please pre-register.

Hesston College Pastoral Ministries Program lunch, Tues., noon

Alumni will gather for a reunion lunch with Tim Lichti, director of the Pastoral Ministries Program.

Pastor as Artist, Tues., evening, 7 p.m.

Join in celebrating the role of the arts in the lives of ministering people. Tuesday evening, participants will gather around dessert and coffee to enjoy musical pieces, short readings, dance, poetry, visual arts and more. We invite you to prepare both a work to offer and a few words about how artistic expression and ministry intersect. Contact Rebecca Slough, AMBS academic dean and associate professor of worship and the arts, to offer your piece or with questions at rslough@ambs.edu

Find registration, fees and event details at www.ambs.edu/pastorsweek

Leadership Clinics

Monday, January 23, 2012 (One Clinic begins with dinner Sunday evening—see below.)

- To register for both Pastors Week and a Leadership Clinic, visit www.ambs.edu/pastorsweek
- To register for a Leadership Clinic only, visit www.ambs.edu/workshopregistration
- Fees:
 - \$75 before Jan. 5
 - \$65 each for three or more from one congregation before Jan. 5
 - \$85 after Jan. 5
- For more information and help with registration contact the AMBS Church Leadership Center at churchleadership@ambs.edu or 574-296-6269

Turning disgust, demoralization and depression into empowerment for ministry CEU: .4

Presenter: Gregory A. Hinkle, Ph.D., executive director, Samaritan Center, Elkhart, Ind.

9 a.m.–3 p.m. Registration and hot drinks at 8:30 a.m.

The same altruistic and selfless ideals that propel a person into ministry can also make that person vulnerable to three Ds of burnout (disgust, demoralization and depression). Clergy tend to have both unrealistically high self-expectations and a great reluctance to turn to others for help. Explore ways to transform depletion and isolation into renewed sources of energy, purpose, meaning and connection.

Gathering for new pastors CEU: .8

Presenters: Linford King, D.Min., Mennonite Church USA denominational minister, and Karen Martens Zimmerly, M.Div., Mennonite Church Canada denominational minister and director of leadership development

Session 1: Sunday, 6 p.m. Dinner and first session

Session 2: Monday, 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Session 3: Thursday, noon, Lunch and wrap-up

Pastors in their first years of ministry face many questions: Is this church and community a good fit for me? How do I best minister in this context? How do I navigate the unspoken and spoken expectations? Is pastoral ministry truly my calling? In this clinic pastors in their first three to four years of ministry can talk with each other and with leaders from Mennonite Church Canada and Mennonite Church USA.

Immigration and the congregation CEU: .4

Presenters: Iris de León-Hartshorn, M.A., director of transformative peacemaking, Mennonite Church USA; Saulo Padilla, M.A., director, Immigration Education Office of Mennonite Central Committee; and Andre Gingerich Stoner, M.A., director of interchurch relations, Mennonite Church USA

9 a.m.–3 p.m. Registration and hot drinks at 8:30 a.m.

Explore questions that arise as congregations become more welcoming: What does it mean to be a church that includes differing cultural and racial identities? How do we learn about and deepen convictions on an issue? When is it appropriate to speak into the political arena? Facilitators will share experiences in working at immigration issues in the congregation and community and will invite participants to share from their own engagement with immigrants and immigration-related issues.

God's story, worship and the arts CEU: .4

Presenter: Rebecca Slough, Ph.D., academic dean and associate professor of worship and the arts, AMBS

9 a.m.–3 p.m. Registration and hot drinks at 8:30 a.m.

Christian worship tells and retells God's unfolding story forming a people of faith. The arts can open our thoughts, emotions and bodies to the depths of God's story unfolding in our lives. During this workshop we will study a biblical text together then create pieces of visual, musical, dramatic or movement art that can draw worshipers deeper into God's continuing story.



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