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RESOURCING PASTORS FOR MINISTRY

**Christians are Made, Not Born:  
Transforming Faith Formation**

**February 11-12, 2020**  
at Canadian Mennonite University

*All plenary sessions in the CMU Chapel, 600 Shaftesbury Blvd.*

**Keynote Resource: Dr. Andy Root;** Professor and Carrie Olson Baalson Chair of Youth and Family Ministry, Luther Seminary (St. Paul, Minnesota)

## Tuesday, February 11, 2020

### Morning

- 8:30-9:15 AM Welcome, Morning Worship with Bible study
- Bible Study I: "Ephesians as Formational Document" – **Tom Yoder Neufeld;** Professor Emeritus, Religious Studies & Theological Studies, Conrad Grebel University College
  - Worship leader – **Janet Brenneman;** Associate Professor of Music, CMU
- 9:15-10:10 AM Plenary session: "Forming Faith: Lessons from Dietrich Bonhoeffer" – **Andy Root**
- Moderator: **Andrew Dyck;** Assistant Professor of Christian Spirituality and Pastoral Ministry, CMU
- 10:10-10:40 AM Coffee and Fellowship
- 10:40-11:25 AM Q&A, Small Group Discussion Time
- 11:30-12:00 PM Prayer and Praise Chapel with CMU students
- 12:00-1:00 PM Lunch

### Afternoon

- 1:00-3:20 PM Learning Labs Stimulated by Congregational Faith Formation Stories
- Moderator: **Sheila Klassen-Wiebe;** Associate Professor of Bible, CMU
  - 1:00-1:50 – Five stories of congregational faith formation
    1. Faith Formation through Wind Groups – **Denver Wilson;** Pastor, Mclvor Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba
    2. Moving Youth Ministry out of the Silo – **Corey Hildebrand;** Pastor of Family Ministries, Emmanuel Mennonite Church, Winkler, Manitoba and **Dan Doerksen,** Family Ministries Pastor, Winkler Mennonite Brethren Church, Winkler, Manitoba
    3. Faith Formation in an Intergenerational Congregation – **Margaret Ewen Peters;** Pastor, Fiske Mennonite and Herschel Ebenfeld Mennonite, Fiske and Herschel, Saskatchewan
    4. Faith Formation and the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults program – **Gilles Urquhart;** Deacon, St. Emile Parish, Winnipeg, Manitoba
    5. Faith Formation and Refugee Ministry – **Adam Robinson;** Associate Pastor, Douglas Mennonite Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba

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- 2:00-2:50 – Join a Learning Lab based on one of the five stories. A facilitator will guide conversation driven by the question: “What might our congregation do or adopt stimulated by the story?”
- Learning Lab Facilitators:
  1. **Tim Wiebe-Neufeld**; Executive Minister, Mennonite Church Alberta
  2. **Ryan Siemens**; Executive Minister, Mennonite Church Saskatchewan
  3. **Jason Dyck**; Director of Church Ministries, Mennonite Brethren Church of Manitoba
  4. **Rick Neufeld**; Director of Leadership Ministry, Mennonite Church Manitoba
  5. **Terry Schellenberg**; Vice-President External, CMU
- 3:00-3:20 PM – Plenary sharing of learnings from Learning Labs

3:20-3:50 PM Break in Marpeck Commons

3:50-5:10 PM Plenary session: “Faith Formation in a Secular Age: Examining the Changes Impacting Ministry”  
(I) – **Andy Root**

- Moderator: **Karl Koop**; Professor of History and Theology,

## **Dinner and Evening**

5:30-7:00 PM Formation Fest: Tales, Tunes, and Tasty Plates  
In addition to partaking of a tasty dinner, we will hear a variety of faith formation stories, shared through word and song.

- Producer: **Kathy Giesbrecht**; Associate Director of Leadership Ministries, Mennonite Church Manitoba
- Moderator: **Charlie Peronto**; Residence Director, CMU
- Faith Formation Stories:

7:00 PM Optional – Those interested are invited to gather for fellowship and informal conversation about how information technology (IT) might be used in faith formation, and legal or procedural questions around using IT and social media in ministry.

- IT Resource: **David Balzer**; Assistant Professor of Communications and Media, CMU

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## Wednesday, February 12, 2020

### Morning

- 8:30-9:15 AM      Worship and Bible Study
- Bible Study II: "Ephesians as Formational Document" – **Tom Yoder Neufeld**
  - Worship leader – **Janet Brenneman**
- 9:15-10:30 AM    Plenary Session: "Resilient by Design: Wounds and the Wisdom of Faith" – **Lynda Loewen**; Instructor of Psychology, CMU
- Moderator: **Dan Epp-Tiessen**; Associate Professor Emeritus of Bible, CMU
- 10:30-11:00 AM    Coffee and Fellowship
- 11:00-12:00 PM    Panel Discussion: Conversation about Faith Formation with students in CMU's graduate course "Equipping the Saints: Education and Formation for Christian Discipleship"
- Moderator and Course Instructor: **Irma Fast Dueck**; Associate Professor of Practical Theology, CMU
  - Panel participants: **Justin Eisinga**; Eucharist Church, Hamilton, Ontario; **Stefan Klassen**; Crossroads Mennonite Brethren Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba; **Kim Muehling**; Fort Garry Evangelical Mennonite Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba; **Kim Rempel**; St. Agatha Mennonite Church, St. Agatha, Ontario
- 12:00-1:15 PM    Lunch

### Afternoon

- 1:15-2:45 PM      Plenary Session: "Faith Formation in a Secular Age: Examining the Changes Impacting Ministry" (II) – **Andy Root**
- Moderator: **Gerald Gerbrandt**; President Emeritus and Professor Emeritus of Bible, CMU
- 2:45-3:15 PM      Closing Worship and Communion Service
- Leaders: **Karen Schellenberg**; Interim Pastor, Charleswood Mennonite Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba and **Dave Lunn**; Youth Pastor, Westside Community Church, Morden, Manitoba; **Janet Brenneman**

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