

SHAPED BY GOD'S STORY: WORD AND SPIRIT IN THE BOOK OF ACTS

SPEAKER



Loren Johns is Associate Professor of New Testament at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, IN. He is passionate about studying and teaching the Bible. His primary areas of research include the role of the Bible in the church, New Testament Greek, the letters of Paul, the Johannine literature, the development of the biblical canon, and eschatology. Prior to coming to AMBS in 2000, he served as a pastor, theology book editor and college Bible professor.

Loren will speak on "Shaped by God's Story: the Bible and Anabaptist Interpretation" on Friday night, drawing from Acts 2. On Saturday, he will present two seminars: *The Anabaptist Approach to Scripture and Sexuality in the Bible from Anabaptist Perspectives*. Saturday night worship will focus on, "Shaped by God's Story: The Work of the Discerning Community," from Acts 10 and 15.

The early church, as described in the book of Acts, used the Old Testament scriptures, the life, teachings, death and resurrection of Jesus and their recent experiences of the Holy Spirit to shape their witness and life together. The Anabaptists used these principles of Spirit and Word, along with the Rule of Paul and the Rule of Christ to discern "what the Spirit is saying to the churches."

Worship planners are pastors from some of our I-70 Kansas churches: Roger and Cynthia Neufeld Smith (Topeka); Richard and Barbara Krehbiel Gehring (Manhattan); Christina Litwiller (Salina); and Joanna Harader (Lawrence).

Come to WDC Assembly prepared to listen, to study, to learn, to fellowship!

LODGING - Make your own arrangements. Bethel College dorm rooms are available (2 single beds per room, \$20/per night/per room) - call Shirley Dietzel at 316-284-5202. Area motels are also available.

MEALS - Register for meals by July 19. Meals cannot be purchased after that date.

CHILD CARE/CHILDREN'S PROGRAM (More info will be sent to parents who register their children.)

0-2 years olds: Nursery provided.

3-5 year olds (pre-K): Childcare and playtime.

Elementary (completed K - 5th grade): Children's activities.

There is no Jr. High or High School youth program planned this year.

WHAT TO BRING

Bible, waterbottle

Special donation if you register to attend the Church Planting Dreamer Lunch

Western District Conference

PO Box 306, 2517 N Main

North Newton KS 67117

316-283-6300

Email: wdc@mennowdc.org

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Year of the Bible

READ IT STUDY IT PRAY IT LIVE IT

Western District Conference Annual Assembly

August 2-3, 2013

Bethel College, North Newton, KS

SCHEDULE

Friday, August 2 (All events are at Bethel College Memorial Hall unless otherwise specified.)

- 1:00 pm - Registration begins
- 2:00-4:30 - The WDC Balcony View, Clarence Rempel; Church Farewells; “Big Read” Challenge, Marlene Bogard; Immigration and New Church Testimonies, Gilberto Flores
- 5:00-6:30 - *Supper (Schultz Student Center)
 - OR *Mennonite Women Supper (Bethel College Mennonite Church [BCMC] Fellowship Hall)
 - OR *Pastor/Spouse Supper (Shalom Mennonite Church, 800 E 1st St, Newton)
- 7:00 - Worship/Communion, “Shaped by God’s Story: The Bible and Anabaptist Interpretation”, Loren Johns
- 9:00 - Ice Cream on the Plaza; Sister Church Partnerships, AMBS Alumni Gathering

Saturday, August 3

- 8:00 am - Table Leaders meeting
- 8:30-8:50 - Morning Praise and Intro to the Day
- 9:00-10:30 - Delegate Opening, “Polity: How We Discern, Decide and Do” - Terry Shue, Mennonite Church USA Leadership Development
- 10:45 - Seminar A (locations will be announced)
- 12:00 pm - *Lunch (Schultz Student Center)
 - OR *Church Planting Dreamer Lunch “Imagine Your Community Ready for Harvest”, Matthew 9:37 (BCMC Fellowship Hall)
- 1:30 - Delegate Session: Budget, Elections, New Church Reception, Mennonite Church USA report, Breaktime sponsored by Everence
- 3:30-4:45 - Seminar B (locations will be announced)
- 5:00 - *Supper (Schultz Student Center)
- 7:00 - Worship, “Shaped by God’s Story: The Work of the Discerning Community”, Loren Johns
- 9:00 - Watermelon on the Plaza; Bethel College Alumni Gathering

*Meal registrations must be **received** by July 19. Meals cannot be purchased after this date.

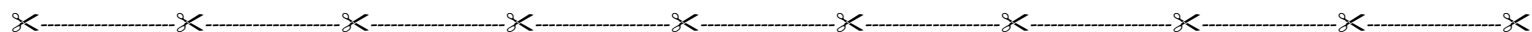
SEMINARS

Pick two - indicate your choice #'s on the Registration Form.

- 1) **History, Hooks and Heilsgeschichte: Learning the Bible So It Sticks.** (Michele Hershberger, Hesston College)
- 2) **Four Ways the Bible Makes Sense: Finding Community Amidst Diversity.** (Doug Miller, Tabor College)
- 3) **Anabaptist Approach to Scripture.** Seminar A only! (Loren Johns, AMBS)
- 4) **The Bible and MC USA (in moderation).** (Patty Shelly, MC USA Moderator Elect, Bethel College)
- 5) **What the Bible Says About the Mission of God.** (Lois Barrett, AMBS —Great Plains)
- 6) **Immigration Reform: Where it Stands and How You Can Help.** (Tammy Alexander, MCC Washington DC)
- 7) **Sexuality in the Bible from Anabaptist Perspectives.** Seminar B only! (Loren Johns, AMBS)
- 8) **Multi-Cultural Bible Study: Explore the Scriptures Through Different Lenses.** (Ron Moyo, Carola Ratzlaff, Moises Romero, Cleo Koop)
- 9) **The Biblical Foundation for Holistic Stewardship.** (Jeanette Roberts, educator/librarian; Pete Flaming, Everence Church Relations)
- 10) **Exploring the 12 Scriptures Project, Houston Style.** (Marty Troyer, Houston Mennonite Church)

CHURCH PLANTING DREAMER LUNCH

Are you ready to imagine, support and pray for church planting? Register for this special lunch on Saturday, August 3 at 12 noon at Bethel College Mennonite Church Fellowship Hall. You will be invited to give a donation for church planting.



REGISTRATION FORM

Send Registration Form and payment **BY JULY 19** to: WDC Annual Assembly, PO Box 306, North Newton KS 67117 (or register and pay online: www.mennowdc.org)

Registrant #1 _____ Delegate #__ Seminar A #__ Seminar B Spanish translation needed. I can provide translation.

Registrant #2 _____ Delegate #__ Seminar A #__ Seminar B Spanish translation needed. I can provide translation.

Address/City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____ Congregation _____

Child #1 _____ Age _____ Grade Completed _____ Child #2 _____ Age _____ Grade Completed _____

REGISTRATION FEE (Register by July 19 for lowest cost.)

Adult	_____ x \$60 (before July 20) / \$75 (after July 19)	= \$ _____
Discount Adult (if traveling 100+ miles one way)	_____ x \$40 (before July 20) / \$55 (after July 19)	= \$ _____
Child (age 0 through 5th grade)	_____ x \$20 (before July 20) / \$35 (after July 19)	= \$ _____
Discount Child (if traveling 100+ miles one way)	_____ x \$10 (before July 20) / \$25 (after July 19)	= \$ _____

MEALS (Register for meals by July 19. Meal registrations cannot be made after that date.)

Friday, August 2 Supper	_____ x \$14/Adult	_____ x \$10/Age 5-12	_____ x \$0/Age 0-4	= \$ _____
Saturday, August 3 Lunch	_____ x \$11.75/Adult	_____ x \$8.40/Age 5-12	_____ x \$0/Age 0-4	= \$ _____
Saturday, August 3 Supper	_____ x \$14/Adult	_____ x \$10/Age 5-12	_____ x \$0/Age 0-4	= \$ _____
Optional Meals (Register for optional meals by July 19. Meal registrations cannot be made after that date.)				
Friday, August 2 Mennonite Women Supper	_____ x \$14/Adult	_____ x \$10/Age 5-12	_____ x \$0/Age 0-4	= \$ _____
Friday, August 2 Pastor/Spouse Supper	_____ x \$0/Pastor/spouse/child			= \$ _____
Saturday, August 3 Church Planting Dreamer Luncheon	_____ x \$11.75/Adult	_____ x \$8.40/Age 5-12	_____ x \$0/Age 0-4	= \$ _____

CONTRIBUTION TO HELP OTHERS ATTEND

TOTAL ENCLOSED

= \$ _____

Report Book: Read it at www.mennowdc.org. If this is not possible, reserve a copy to pick up at Annual Assembly: English Spanish