

Ring Lake Ranch Sessions

1969

Dr Richard A Baer, Jr. : Conservation: The Church's Neglected Responsibility
Prof. Kenneth Burton: Nature, Man and God
Rev. Douglas Wasson: The Challenge of Leisure
Dr. Clarence Snelling: Being With is Listening

1970

Fr Denis Hines: The Wilderness as an Invitation to Contemplation
Prof. Clarence H. Snelling: Creativity and Conflict
Prof. Roy J. Enquist: Creation and the Anxiety of Freedom
Prof Kenneth Burton: Imagination and the Spirit

1971

Paul L. Holmer: Happiness and the Religious Life
Fr. Denis Hines: The Christ-Orpheus Theme of Redemption as Transformation-Metamorphosis
Richard R. Niebuhr: Wilderness as a Symbol of the Human Spirit and of God
Sister Therese Monaghan OP: The Playful Christian
Rev Gilbert H. Calkwell: Black-White Dialogue: Where so we go from here, Chaos or Community

1972

Dr Clarence Snelling: Joining the Creative Process
Fr. Denis Hines: Man in the Wilderness Context
Dr Richard R. Niebuhr: The Lamp of the Body is the Eye
Dr Gregor Goethals: American Environment and American Imagination
Sr Therese Monaghan: The Attempt to Regain Playfulness

1973

Dr Clarence Snelling: Edges of Discovery
Fr Denis Hines: God as Wilderness
Sr Paula Schmidt: Moving Within Images of the Quest
Dr Richard R. Niebuhr: American Religion and American Images
Prof. Kenneth Burton: Poetry and Patterns of Piety
Brother Henry Wolozen OFM Conv: Afternoon sessions: Dynamic Christian Living

1974

Dr Clarence Snelling and Mary Wilcox: Logic and Discovery in Learning
Sr. Colette Ackerman: Journey to Wholeness/Holiness
Dr Albert Blackwell: Religious Invitation of Nature
Dr Richard R, Niebuhr: The Mystic Life
Fr. Denis Hines: God as Community

1975

Kent Richards: Weeping and Laughter-the Movement of Worship
Fr. Denis Hines: The Christ and the Buddha
Joan Guntzelman: Aging and Death
Sr Mary Luke Tobin: Thomas Merton- Solitary Explorer
Clarence Snelling: The Center, The Circle, and The Cross

1976

Clarence Snelling: Left Handed Learning
Sr Therese Monaghan: Playfulness and Leisure as Contemplative Qualities
Denis Hines and Joan Guntzelman: Community and Communication
Kenneth Burton and Maggie Kahin: Mysticism and Wholeness: The poetic Vision

1977

Margaret Kahin: The Playful Imagination
Virginia Owens: The Beyond in Our Midst
Gene Tucker: Creation, Wisdom, and the World
Sr Jeanne Clark: Forms of Prayer
John B. Cobb: The Liberation of Life as the Salvation of God
Ed Everding and others: Who is Woman to be in the Church?

1978

Virginia Stem Owens: The Scandal of Contemplation in a World of Action
Marc Shoemaker: Framing the Wilderness (Photography workshop same time as above)
Srs Jeanne Clarke and Therese Monaghan: The Art of Being Present
Gene Tucker: Daniel Among the Lions
Denis Hines and Joan Guntzelman: From Wilderness to Eden
Sr. Mary Luke Tobin and Rev Jan Sumner: The Voice of Woman: One In Christ
Dr Ed Everding: Parables and Passages of Faith

1979

Clarence Snelling: Perception and Creation
Sr Therese Monaghan: Creative Choice
Kent Richards: Being in the Whale – the Jonah Tradition
Denis Hines and Joan Guntzelman: Growth in Self-Understanding
Fr Terry J. Tekippe: Theology as Personal Quest
Mary Wilcox, Jan Sumner, Ed Everding: Woman in the Church: Journey and Vision
The Parable Game: EMAG ELBARAP EHT
Robert Lamphere: The Joy of Simple Living

1980

Neva Daniel: Intensive Journal Retreat
Fr David Bielefeld & Debby Huigen: The Inner Eye and The Inner Voice
Dr. Paul Holmer: About Happiness and Deliverance
Joan Guntzelman & Denis Hines: Self and Non-Self
Gene Tucker: Stories as Theology
Richard R. Niebuhr: Pilgrimages
Vincent and Rosemarie Harding: Healing of Persons and Nations

Burdette Stampley, Clarence Snelling, Anita Iceman, & M Kahin: Renewal and Ministry in the Rural Church

1981

Virginia S. Owens: Perception as Spiritual Discipline and a Matter of Grace

Neva Daniel: Intensive Journal Retreat

James Fowler: Adulthood and Vocation

Sr Jeanne Clarke: Prayer as Life in the Spirit

Gene Tucker: Solomon and the Wisdom Tradition

Richard Niebuhr: Personal Pilgrimage

David Jenkin: Who Am I, and Who Are We

1982

Norm Brown: Painting for Non-Painters

Neva Daniel: Intensive Journal Retreat

William Mallard: Personal Pilgrimage

Sr Mary Luke Tobin: The Desert Experience

Harrell Beck: Old Testament Wisdom: A Literature for Anxious Times

Richard Niebuhr: Interpreting Religious Experience

David Jenkins: Telling the Story of Faith

1984

Virginia Stem Owens: Language as Spiritual Enterprise

Neva Daniel: Intensive Journal Retreat

Dana Wilbanks: Exploration in the Christian Life

James Fowler: Toward a Spirituality of Vocation

Gene Tucker: Theology as Story and Story as Theology

Denis Hines & Joan Guntzelman: Destiny and Identity: The Inescapable Journey

Sr Mary Luke Tobin: Thomas Merton: Christology and Prayer

Rev Kathy Nickerson: Strength for the Journey: Spiritual Formation

1986

Kent Richards: The Lost Books of the Bible

James Gustafson: How Does One Think Ethically?

Sr. Mary Luke Tobin: Themes of Struggle and Hope in Thomas Merton

James Fowler: Living Christian Faith

Joan Guntzelman & Denis Hines: Between Wilderness and Eden

Ed Everding: Biblical Interpretation in Religious Education

1987

George Tinker: The Spiritual World of Native Americans

Edwin Gaustad: A Bicentennial Ado: Religion and the Founding Fathers

Victor Paul Furnish: The Moral Teaching of Paul

Gene Tucker: The Prophets and the Church

Mary Luke Tobin: Thomas Merton: Letters to the World

James May: With These Words: The Psalm as Prayer and Praise

1988

Sr Mary Luke Tobin: Thomas Merton's Spirituality in the Eighties
Barbara Hargrove: Faith and the Farm Crisis
Adela and John Collins: Apocalypticism: Daniel and Revelation
Richard Niebuhr: Symbolizations of Christ
David Petersen: The Old Testament and Its Artistic Interpreters

1990

Sr Mary Luke Tobin: Prayer and Action Integrated in Faith
Jane Smith: Comparative Conceptions of Life After Death
William Mallard: Cosmic Revelation in Flannery O'Connor
Shubert Ogden: Is There Only One True Religion?
Gene Tucker: Stories and Laws: The Book of Exodus

1991

Richard Niebuhr: William James and the Ideas of Religious Experience
Mary Luke Tobin: Prayer and Prophecy in Thomas Merton
E. Brooks Holifield: Where Have People Gone to Church in America—And Why?
David Petersen: The Old Testament in Picture, Word and Song
Alan and Jeanie Mebane: The World of Ring Lake Ranch

1992

John and Adela Collins: The Way of Wisdom
Mary Luke Tobin: Integration of Prayer and Action in a Mountain Retreat
Sheila Greeve Davaney and Larry Kent Graham: God and Self
Rodney Hunter: Commitment as Human Problem in Marriage, Work, and Faith
Kenneth Burton: The Way

1993

Richard Bondi: The Enneagram and the Moral Life
Mary Luke Tobin: Prayer and Action: Resolving the Paradox
Alan Jones: Spirituality for a New Millennium
Donald Messer: Revisioning Mission and Ministry
Kent Richards and James Cordes: Hope and Threat: Talking with the Heavens

1994

Tom Lake: Discovering the Clown Within You
Mary Luke Tobin: Solitude and Community for the Spiritual Pilgrim
Dennis MacDonald: Diverse Ways of Being Christian in the Early Church
Jerry Campbell: The Fiction of Tony Hillerman: Suspense and Superstition in the Southwest

Gene Tucker: The Bible and The Environment
H. Edward Everding: Religious Education Between the Times: Paradigms and Perspectives

1995

Joan and Lowell Uda: Discovering Authentic Self Through Writing
Mary Luke Tobin: Stages of Meditation and Beyond

H. Keith Beebe: The Lure of the Holyland
Margie Brown: Humor and Surprise in Storytelling and Scripture Telling
Shirley Williams: Faith and Public Life
Speed Leas: Conflict Management in Religious Organizations
James Mays: Reflective Meditations on the Psalms

1996

Joan Guntzelman: Good Grieving
Serene Jones: The Imaginative Landscapes of Grace
Mary Luke Tobin and Joan Chatfield: Spiritual Ground for Action Approaching the Millennium
David Petersen: Reading the Bible in the 21st Century
Thomas Troeger: The Landscape of the Heart: Exploring Worship as an Act of Corporate Imagination
Marion Hammond: A Retreat Forward
James Mays: Reflective Meditations of the Psalms

1997

Larry and Sandy Reimer: Tales From the Hidden Well: A Creative Writing Workshop
Daniel Martin: Dialogue With the Sacred
Sally Palmer: Ordinary Mystics: An Experience in the Contemplative Tradition
Katherine Hoffman: Concepts of Identity
Robert Neville: Religions of the World
Shirley Williams: Faith and Public Life
Fred Craddock: Memory on Sunday Morning

1998

Edmond and Patti Browning: In the Footsteps of Jesus
Kenneth Burton: Thomas Merton: Monk, Mystic, and Mentor
Joan Chatfield: Exploring Spiritual Roots of the Religions of the World
Danna Nolan Fewell: When a Man Meets a Woman: Reading at the Crossroads of Biblical Narrative
Gene Tucker: Understanding the World
Richard Thieme: Techno-Spirituality: The Search for Religious Meaning in the 21st Century
Marcus Borg: Jesus and the Christian Life

1999

Gustav Niebuhr: Religious Trends in America at the End of the 1990s
Larry and Sandy Reimer: Tales From the Hidden Well: Experience of Writing From the Soul
David Petersen: The Old Testament and the Artistic Interpreters
Speed Leas: Dealing with Conflict in the Church
Carol Newsom: Imagining the End of the World
Tom Troeger: Revisiting Familiar Landscapes: New Ways to Read and Proclaim Well-Worn Scriptures

2000

Ann Didier Voll: Sacred Circles, Walking Prayer: A Celtic Approach to Labyrinth Meditation

Roberta Bondi: Rethinking Sin in the Light of God's Love: Julian in the Desert

Barbara Brown Taylor: Out of the Whirlwind: Job and the Mystery of Human Suffering

Charles Marsh: Lived Theology and Worldly Faith

Lin Knight: "Just a closer walk..." A Hiking Seminar

Marcus and Marianne Borg: Open Hearts and Thin Places

2001

Thomas Long: Beyond the Worship Wars: Renewing Congregational Worship Today

Belden Lane: Desert Spirituality: The Solace of Fierce Landscapes

Virginia Pharr & Janet Watson: Growing in Care of the Earth

Pam Eisenbaum: Judaism and Christianity From the New Testament to the World Wide Web

Jerry Campbell: Native American Spirituality in Contemporary Literature

David Petersen: Genesis and the Artistic Vision

Lin Knight: "Just a closer walk..." A hiking seminar

2002

Richard and Roberta Bondi: Drum, Soul, Body: An Experience in Expressive Meditation

Marianne Wells Borg: An Introduction to Centering Prayer

Henry and Ed Everding: The Mountain and Mountaineering Experience

Charles Marsh: Resistance and Reconciliation: The Theological Virtues of a New Counter-Culture

Bruce Epperly: God's Touch: The Healing of Jesus for the 21st Century

Marcus and Marianne Borg: Being Christian in the 21st Century

2003

Belden Lane: Wilderness Ecology and Spirituality

Catherine Whitmire: Plain Living: A Quaker Path to Simplicity

Greg Movesian: Islamic and Western Cultures in Conflict—Hope for Reconciliation

Rod Hunter: A Contemporary Vision of Human Transformation

Tom Troeger: Singing as the World Totters

Marcus and Marianne Borg: Jesus the Peasant and Christ the Lord

2004

David Petersen: Genesis and Family Values

Roberta and Richard Bondi: A Window on God's World: Meditating on Sacred Texts

Marcus Borg and Dominic Crossan: Being Christian in a Time of Empire: Then and Now

John Cobb: Ecology, Economics and Empire

Margaret Coel: Among the Arapahos: Discovering the Arapahos in Fiction and Non-Fiction

2005

Charles Marsh: The Grace to Go Nowhere

Catherine Whitmire: Practicing Peace

Belden Lane: *Storytelling and the Healing of Brokenness*
Marcus Borg and Dominic Crossan: *Being Christian in a Time of Empire: Then and Now*
Alan and Jeannie Mebane: *The Living Land of Western Wyoming*

2006

Phil Wogaman: *Peril and Promise: Religion and Politics*
Roberta and Richard Bondi: *Spirituality and Emotion*
Gene Tucker: *Renewal in Wilderness: Understanding Sacred Ground*
Carter Heyward: *Horses As Spiritual Teachers*
Esther De Waal: *Mindfulness*
Marcus Borg and Dominic Crossan: *Jesus and Paul*

2007

Materese Roach: *Spiritual Seeing : Discovering Your Inner Artist*
Elias Amidon and Elizabeth Roberts: *The Heart of the Matter*
Katherine Turpin: *Raising Faithful Children in a Troubled World*
Jane Vennard: *Praying with Body and Soul: Renewal in Wilderness*
Joan Guntzelman: *Busy Being Born*
Esther De Waal: *Becoming More Fully Alive*
Marcus Borg and Dominic Crossan: *Jesus and Paul*
Eric Wheeler: *The Enneagram: Nine Points of View*
Sally Bingham: *Environment*

2008

Vince Hatt: *Mid Life-Long Life Directions for People 35-65+*
Bill Brown: *A Spiritual Field Guide to Creation*
Pam Eisenbaum: *Has the Holy One Been Lost in Transmission?*
George (Tink) Tinker: *The Rocks Shall Cry Out Consciousness: Rocks and American Indians*
Bill Short: *Francis of Assisi: A Saint for Everyone*
Don and Emily Saliers: *Saturday Night & Sunday Morning: Music and Spirituality Cross Over*
Carla Aday & Dave Ehrman: *Rekindling the Gift: A Retreat for All Couples*
Roberta Bondi: *Prayer through the Seasons of Life*

2009

Katherine Turpin: *Sabbath Spaces*
Karen Kappell and Pauline Wittry: *Come Apart and Rest Awhile*
Bonnie Thurston: *Thomas Merton and Contemplative Living*
Alan and Jeanie Mebane: *The Living Land*
Belden Lane: *Wilderness Spirituality*
Tom Troeger and Ed Everding: *All of Us for All of God*
Kathy Coffey: *Writing for Ministry and Personal Fulfillment*
Joan Guntzelman: *Listening Matters*
Eric Wheeler: *Deepening Your Spiritual Growth with the Enneagram*

2010

Margaret Edson: *Inside Out*

Margaret Coel: Arapahoes, the Spirituality of a Plains Indian Tribe
Amy Oden: God's Welcome, Our Welcome
Steve Tipton: God Goes to Washington – American Religion and Politics Today
Will Willimon: Haunted by God with Flannery O'Connor
Carrie Newcomer: Before and After Creativity – Exploring Our Transformative Stories
Jacob Kinnard: Why Comparing Religions Matters
Ann Brock: Peter, Paul and Mary, The Early Years: Three Apostles, Three Spiritualities
Rod Hunter: Searching for Hope

2011

Scott Copeland: Photographing Wyoming's Wildlife
Dori Baker and Joyce Mercer: Spa for the Girlfriend Soul
Diana Butler Bass: Being Spiritual and Religious – From Cultural Mantra to Lived Reality
Don Saliers: Praying and Singing the Psalms: Humanity at Full Stretch
Terri Schulz and Wayne Shepperd: Exploring God's Land of Fire and Ice
William Brown: Wisdom's Wonder – The Biblical Theater of Awe
Amy Erickson: Creation and Creativity
Kathy Leithner and Suzanne Seaton: Walking on Holy Ground – Pilgrimage and
Discovery
Marcus Borg: Speaking Christian – Reclaiming Christian Language

2012

Lisa Jones: Wind River Stories, Your Stories
Michael Brown: Hearing God's Voice in the Lord's Prayer
Belden Lane: Hiking with the Saints in the Wilderness
Doug Melius: I Lift My Eyes to the Hills – How Did These Mountains Get Here?
Nadia Bolz-Weber: A House for All Sinners and Saints
Carrie Newcomer and Faith Hawkins: Balancing Head and Heart through Midrash –
Contemporary Creative Expression of Sacred Stories and Central Questions
Luther Smith: Becoming Who We are Called to Be
David Petersen: The Bible in Public Spaces
Carrie Doehring: Reclaiming our Spiritual Anchors

2013

Ted Hiebert: Reconnecting with the World – Our First Ideas about Nature and Culture
Jeffrey Mahan: Imagining the Mountain West
Chris De Pree: Fiat Lux – Let There Be Light
Marcia McFee: M-m-Good Worship
Vincent Harding: Sharing Our Common Ground
Mary Fraser, Dana Wimmer and Marilyn Buchanan: Soulscapes
Mary Logan: The Jar Sealed, The Jar Opened – Spiritual Autobiography
Joyce Mercer and Katherine Turpin: Our Story, God's Story: Nurturing the Voice of
Vocation
Diana Butler Bass: Perform Awakening

2014

Jan Richardson and Garrison Doles - Essential Treasure: Engaging a World That Believes
It Has Seen Everything (cancelled)

Larry Loendorf and Grant Bulltail – American Indian Memories of the Absaroka and Wind River Mountains
Barbara Brown Taylor – Lunar Spirituality: Learning to Walk in the Dark
Alan and Jeanie Mebane – This Living Land
Carol Newsom – Looking at Job, Looking in the Mirror
Frances Taylor Gench – Desperate Housewives? Engaging Challenging Texts
Don Saliers - Hymns, Psalms and Spiritual Song: Music and The Human Heart before God
Roberta Bondi – Amma, Give Me a Word
Carl Koch - Journalkeeping: Exploring a Powerful Spiritual Practice
Sandra Smith – Awakening to Our Essence (Enneagram Workshop)

2015

Margaret Coel - Book Club: Redemption in Fiction
Frank Rogers – The Way of Radical Compassion: Practicing the Spiritual Path of Jesus
Terri Schulz and Wayne Shepperd - The Wonder of Nature
Bonnie Thurston – Thomas Merton: Pioneer of Inter-Faith Dialogue
Peter Mayer – Songs of the Universe
Ellen Davis - Becoming Human: Poetry Of Praise, Loss, and Hope
Diana Butler Bass and Brian McClaren - Vision Quest: Searching for a Meaningful Faith in the World as It Is (Two week session)
Holmes Rolston - Three Big Bangs: Matter-Energy, Life, Mind

2016

Leah Vader and Jenn Ottinger - Something in the Air: Birds at Ring Lake Ranch, Birds and the Human Spirit
Norman Wirzba - Living and Eating in God's Creation
Sandy Sasso - Reading the Bible with Question Marks: Midrash as a Tool for Spiritual Reflection
Carrie Newcomer and Faith Hawkins - Traveling from Certainty to Mystery: Navigating Shadows and Light
Maggie Kulyk and Wendy Farley - Money: A Guide to Soul (led by Jerry Campbell and Suzanne Seaton)
Terry Fretheim - God and the Messiness of Creation
Jacob Kinnard - Comparing Pilgrimages: People and Places in Motion
Marjorie Thompson - Exploring the Non-dominant Divine
Anniversary/Reunion Week

2017

Sandra Smith and Patti Elledge - Ways of Being, Ways of Change: Engaging the Wild Within and Beyond
Roberta Bondi - Julian of Norwich (led by Julie Mavity Maddalena and Katherine Turpin)
Ray Buckley - Storytelling (led by Jeffrey Mahan)
Eric Barreto - A People for God's Name: Believing and Belonging in Luke-Acts

Ron Dunn and Ed Farrell-Starbuck - A Line Upon the Water: Sharing the Experience of Fly Fishing and Faith
Kate Campbell - Comfort Language
John and Diana Holbert - Seeking the Psalms Today
Ashley Zauderer - The Great American Eclipse
Belden Lane - For the Love of a Tree: Finding Spiritual Guides in the Natural World

2018

David Wilcox - Musical Medicine: Songs That Tell a Better Story
Marianne Borg: Days of Awe and Wonder
The Wind River Reservation: Contemporary Perspectives on Archaeology and Reservation Life
Diana Butler Bass and Brian McLaren – Habits of the Heart: Gratitude and Love
Rubi Lal – What Choice Do I Have? Muslim Women in Beleaguered Worlds
Ellen Davis and Abdullah Antepi –The Things that Make for Peace: The Bible and The Qur'an in Conversation
Barbara Rossing –The Tree of Life
Luther Smith – Conflict Transformation: Being Fully Present, Authentic, and Creatively Engaged

2019

Loyd Allen – The Celtic Way for Post-Modern Pilgrims
Anne Broyles and Larry Peacock – Parenting for Peace, Prayer and Justice
Carrie Newcomer and Faith Kirkham Hawkins – Life Abundant and Sacred: Exploring the Stories that Save Us
Jennifer Leath – Doing Justice?
Eric Smith – Paul the Progressive: Learning to Love the Apostle You Love to Hate
Susan Sparks – The Healing Power of Humor
Adam Russell Taylor – Faithful Action to Rebuild the Beloved Community
Susan Tweit - Cultivating Sacred Stewardship of the Earth in a Time of Climate Change

2020

All Seminars postponed until 2022 due to pandemic

2021

Abdullah Antepi - Engaging with Islam and Muslims Today
Tink Tinker – Worldview and Cosmic Interrelationship: Cowboys and Indians
Renewal Week (No Speaker)
Amy Oden - Right Here, Right Now: The Practice of Christian Mindfulness
Brian McLaren and Jodi McLaren - Unleash Your Inner Artist
Brian McLaren and Micky Scottbey Jones - Becoming the Ones We've Been Waiting For: Cultivating the Inner & Outer Work of Community
Jeff Reed – Water, Watersheds, and Wilderness
Sandra Smith and Debbi Horton - The Enneagram: Exploring Practices that Awaken Us
Gareth Higgins - How Not to Be Afraid