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

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'Conner 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

Millenium

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

Wed

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 Antelpi –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 Antepli - 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

2022

Amy Mears – Fuzz Therapy: Celebrating Fiber Arts

Chelsea Yarborough – Finding, Owning, and Using Your Voice: A Workshop on

Proclaiming

History of the Wind River Valley: Two Perspectives

Wes Granberg-Michaelson – Faith as Pilgrimage

Donald Schell and Paul Vasile – Before Words and Beyond Words

Diana Butler Bass and Roger Freet – Writing and Reading in the Wilderness

Diana Butler Bass and Marianne Borg – Practicing Wisdom: A Way of Life for Everyone DeWitt Daggett - Horses as Doorway to the Sacred: A Spiritual Practice of Belonging

2023

Katie Jo Suddaby - Art for Letting Go: Tibetan Sand Mandalas and the Practice of Impermanence

Joy Carol Wallis and Jim Wallis – The Changing Faces of Vocation and Calling Julian Michael DeShazier and Robert Franklin - Moral Leadership and Reimagining the Next Normal

Melanie DeMore – Tightening the Weave of Community: Pounding for Peace!

Mark Freeland – Making Relatives: Kinship as an Ethical System of Thought

Claudio Carvalhaes – Exploring Our Senses to Connect with the Land

Chris DePree – Everywhere is an Observatory, Everybody is an Astronomer

Carrie Newcomer and John McCutcheon – Dawn, Day, Dusk, Dark: A Celebration of Music as Uncommon Prayer

Derrick Weston – The Just Kitchen

Belden Lane - Ravished by Nature's Beauty: The Mystics on Desire

Micky Scottbey Jones and Rachel Harding – Remnants of Our Past and Hope for the

Future: Spiritual Activism for Today