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BY PATHS UNTRODDEN—
Faith and Leadership in A Time of Change

Theological enrichment for
lay and ordained ministry leaders
and the Christian community
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By Paths Untrodden—Faith and Leadership in A Time of Change

About This Year’s Event
The church is entering a new era that has been dominated by technological change. Experiences of time and space are not what they used to be. Identity and meaning are harder to fashion and define. And the church seems to exercise less and less influence in the way we see the world.

How do we articulate the gospel message to those seeking God in a time when the world is in constant flux? Moreover, how do we lead congregations during such rapid change?

Come to think out loud about how to be a bold and faithful Christian leader in today’s changing world. Learn about the emerging reformation of faith happening in North America. Discuss recent trends in belief and practice. Listen to the questions that are shaping a largely unnoticed awakening of faith.

Through stimulating presentations, practical workshops and inspiring worship, this conference will give you the concepts and skills to navigate the untrodden paths of the 21st century church so that you can continue to bring people the gospel message wherever they may be.

Keynote Speakers

Diana Butler Bass
Author, Speaker, Independent Scholar of American Religion and Culture
Diana Butler Bass is an author, speaker and independent scholar specializing in American religion and culture. She regularly consults with religious organisations, leads conferences for religious leaders, teaches and preaches. From 2002 to 2006, she was the project director of a Lilly Endowment, Inc. funded study of mainline Protestant vitality. She is the author of seven books and is a blog writer for "The Huffington Post" and Belief.net.

Andrew Root
Carrie Olson Baaslon Chair in Children, Youth and Family Ministry
Andrew Root joined Luther Seminary in 2005 as assistant professor of youth and family ministry. Previously he was an adjunct professor at Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington D.C., and Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, N.J. Root’s ministry experience includes being a gang prevention counselor in Los Angeles, youth outreach director in a congregation, staff member of Young Life, and a confirmation teacher. He has also been a research fellow for Princeton Theological Seminary’s Faith Practices Project.
## Convocation Schedule

### Wednesday, February 1

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| 9 – 11 a.m. | Registration, Check-In, Visit Resource Fair  
Olson Campus Center |
| 11 a.m.  | Chapel with Holy Communion                                           |
| 11:45 a.m.–1 p.m. | Lunch                                                                   |
| 1 – 1:15 p.m. | Greeting: Richard Bliese, Seminary President                           |
| 1:15 – 2:15 p.m. | Keynote: Diana Butler Bass                                           |
| 2:15 – 2:30 p.m. | Break                                                                 |
| 2:30 – 3:45 p.m. | Workshops                                                              |
| 4 – 5 p.m.  | Keynote: Andrew Root                                                  |
| 5 – 5:30 p.m. | Visit Resource Fair/Sermon Brainwave Podcast                          |
| 5:30 p.m.  | Evening Dinner with Entertainment (ticket required) (optional)        |

### Thursday, February 2

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| 7:30 – 9 a.m. | President’s Breakfast, includes State of the Seminary  
(ticket required) |
| 8 a.m.   | Registration Desk and Resource Fair Open  
Olson Campus Center |
| 9:30 a.m. | Workshops                                                             |
| 10:45–11 a.m. | Break                                                                |
| 11 a.m.–Noon | Chapel Service: President Bliese preaching  
Includes Faithfulness in Ministry Award presentation |
| Noon–1 p.m. | Lunch  
Keynote speakers will be available for informal conversations  
with participants during lunch |
| 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. | Keynote: Diana Butler Bass                                           |
| 2:30 – 3 p.m. | Break                                                                |
| 3 – 4:15 p.m. | Workshops                                                             |
| 5 – 6 p.m.  | Reception                                                             |
| 6 p.m.    | Reunion Dinners  
(Years ending in '06 and '11 between 1966 and 2011) |

### Friday, February 3

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| 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. | First Third Breakfast (ticket required)  
Keynote: Andrew Root |
| 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. | Keynote: Andrew Root  
Chapel Service with Holy Communion |
| 11 a.m.  | Lunch/close                                                         |

### For More Information

For additional information and updates, visit the Convocation website at [www.luthersem.edu/convo](http://www.luthersem.edu/convo). You may also contact us for more information at 651-523-1640 or convo@luthersem.edu.
1 *Race, Ethnicity, and Scripture: Developing Biblical Imagination in a Time of Change*
   Eric Barreto, Assistant Professor of New Testament
   Learn about how the texts of Scripture help us think theologically about nurturing our increasingly diverse communities.

2 *Practicing Faith Formation in a World in Flux*
   Jessiah Duckworth, Assistant Professor, Congregational and Community Care Leadership
   Explore why some creative faith-forming ideas and Christian practices inspire and some might not. Leave with ideas to create and sustain a five-year plan for faith formation through Christian practices.

3 *Nurturing Faith in the Midst of Facebook and iPods—What's a Congregation to Do?*
   Terri Elton, Associate Professor of Children, Youth, and Family Ministry; Director, Center for Children, Youth and Family Ministry
   Explore key findings from the Exemplary Youth Ministry study and what it means for congregations. Hear coaching tips and strategies and get congregational resources.

4 *Following Christ in a 2.0 World*
   Mary Hess, Associate Professor of Educational Leadership
   Explore some of the ways rapidly changing digital technologies offer new opportunities and new challenges for congregations. Explore good practices congregations can encourage in their own ministries.

5 *Called to Lead, Leading to Call*
   David Lose, The Markbury E. Anderson Chair in Biblical Preaching
   Some of the latest social science and leadership studies to suggest that the key to leadership today is equipping people to see and partner with God's work in the world. Come to learn to equip others to answer God's call to live as the Christian God intended them to be.

6 *Youth and Family Ministry's Haunting Questions and Daunting Challenges*
   Roland Martinson, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Academic Dean, Professor of Children, Youth and Family
   Join an honest consideration of the haunting questions and daunting challenges that face pastors and youth leaders and begin building a realistic, workable foundation for nurturing faith in young people in the world of social media.

7 *Youth Ministry and the Relational Crisis*
   Andrew Root, Carrie Olson Boulton Chair in Children, Youth and Family Ministry
   Explore cultural transitions that have made relationships an essential part of youth ministry, including the changes in the family, the high school and in adolescence itself.

8 *Designing a Child-Loving Church*
   Dawn Rundman, Resource Developer for Kids and Families, Augsburg Fortress Publishers
   What does it mean for a congregation to design welcoming spaces for kids and families? In this workshop we'll talk about and look at some basics of designing kid-friendly spaces to figure out what churches can learn from McDonald's and Ikea. You'll also be equipped with practical tools for assessing your own church's spaces, including the sanctuary, fellowship hall, and narthex. Be prepared for new ideas, new energy, and new inspiration.
9 Cool Whip and Contemporary Worship  
Chris Scharen, Assistant Professor of Worship  
Using Cool Whip as an example, we'll explore the role of technology in contemporary culture, its impact on core practices of faith and implementing it into the worship experience.

10 Mobile Technology and Ministry  
Ryan Torma, Director of Learning Design & Technology  
The Internet, laptops, tablets and smart phones are having a huge effect on how people communicate and share information. Come to discuss how these technologies can impact ministry.

11 Strategies and Tactics for Effective Communication During a Time of Change  
Tim Westermeyer, Executive Pastor of St. Philip the Deacon Lutheran Church, Plymouth, Minn.  
Learn from Pastor Westermeyer's lessons from his career in public relations, and how he faithfully applies some of these strategies into the congregation, including the use of social media.

12 Leading Learning Communities  
Dwight Zscheile, Assistant Professor of Congregational Mission and Leadership  
Come for theological and theoretical insights, along with concrete examples, of how public Christian leaders might be re-envisioned as cultivators of learning communities in mission.

Complete bios for each of the workshop leaders are available at www.luthersem.edu/convo/workshops.

Convocation Notes

Parking Information  
Overflow parking will be at Les Bolstad Golf Course on Larpenteur Avenue. Directions and a map are available at www.luthersem.edu/convo. A free shuttle bus service runs throughout the day between the campus and the parking lot.

Hotel Accommodations  
Housing is available at hotels near the Luther Seminary campus. To view a list of hotels near campus go to www.luthersem.edu/campus/hotels_housing.aspx.

President’s Breakfast  
Join President Richard Bliese for updates and conversation about Luther Seminary. The breakfast will be held on Thursday, Feb. 2. The cost of the breakfast is $5. Reservations can be made on your registration form.

First Third Breakfast  
Come for a discussion about the website FirstThird.org, dedicated to exploring ministry for those in the first-third of life. The breakfast will be held at 7:30 a.m., Friday, Feb. 3. The cost of the breakfast is $5. Reservations can be made on your registration form.

Wednesday Dinner  
Enjoy a Southern-inspired buffet while enjoying the music of Sanok Dixieland Jazz Band. The dinner will be held at 5:30 p.m. The cost is $15. Advance tickets required. Reservations can be made on registration form.
Registration includes lunch on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

**Full Registration**

Fees for registration received on or before Nov. 30:
- $150 per person
- $125 per person for retired participants
- $125 per person for three or more members of a congregation when registration is received at the same time
- FREE for Luther Seminary 2011 graduates, faculty, emeriti and staff

Fees for registration received after Nov. 30:
- $200 per person
- $175 per person for retired participants
- $175 per person for three or more members of a congregation when registration is received at the same time
- FREE for Luther Seminary 2011 graduates, faculty, emeriti and staff

**Fees for student registration:**
Current Luther Seminary students may attend all sessions for FREE. No registration is required.
Luther Seminary students who wish to attend and receive lunch each day must register and purchase a meal ticket for $35.
- FREE for Luther Seminary 2011 graduates, faculty, emeriti and staff

**Partial Registration**

- Wednesday, $100 per person
- Thursday, $100 per person
- Friday, $50 per person

**Breakfast and Dinner Reservations**

- Reserve ___ ticket(s) for the President’s Breakfast, $5 each
- Reserve ___ ticket(s) for the First Third Breakfast, $5 each
- Reserve ___ ticket(s) for the Wednesday Dinner Buffet, $15 each

**Total Fees Enclosed**

Payment Method
- Check Enclosed (payable to Luther Seminary)
- Credit Card (provide account number below)
  - Visa
  - Mastercard

Exp. Date. __________________ Signature. __________________