



Interdisciplinary Studies Conference Fall 2017
Does the church matter?
Navigating Divisions 1517–2017

All events are in the gym unless otherwise noted. Members of the public welcome to attend.

Wednesday, September 20

- 8:30 Welcome Table and Coffee in Gym Breezeway
9:00 Opening
9:30 **What If I Don't Want to Get Out of the Boat?**
A Pivotal Moment for the Church
Rt Rev Jane Alexander
- 10:30 Break
10:45–11:45 Breakout Sessions
11:45–1:00 Lunch
1:00–2:00 **Being Church Today: How Are We Doing?**
Dr Richard Mouw
- 2:00–3:00 **Does the Church Matter?**
Rev Tim Wood

Evening lecture

- 7:00 **Reformations Keep Happening:** N102
21st Century Challenges and Opportunities
Dr Richard Mouw

Thursday, September 21

- 9:00 Opening
9:15–10:15 **How the Reformation Unintentionally Made Our World**
Dr Brad Gregory
- 10:30 Break
10:45–11:45 Breakout Sessions
11:45–1:00 Lunch
1:00–1:45 **Engaging Life Questions in a Hyperpluralistic World**
Dr Brad Gregory
- 1:45–2:30 **Convicted Civility: How to Talk Peacefully When You Strongly Disagree**
Dr Richard Mouw
- 2:30–2:45 Q&A
2:45–3:00 Closing
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Breakout Sessions (10:45–11:45 a.m. each day as noted)

All rooms in the North Academic Building. A campus map is available at reception.

1. **Christianity and Civilization, Blessings or Curses?
Native North America and Protestant Christianity in Historical Perspectives**
Weds and Thurs N108
Dr Kevin Burrell
2. **Done with Church: Why Many Young People Are Leaving**
Weds and Thurs N119
Rev Cory Seibel
3. **The More We Know, the Less We See? Science and Religion**
Weds and Thurs N109
Dr John Wood and Dr Chris Peet
4. **How the Reformation Invented Africa**
Weds and Thurs N110
Dr Steve Martin
5. **Clear as Mud? The Reformation Doctrine of the Clarity of Scripture**
Weds and Thurs N118
Dr Brett Roscoe
6. **Integration vs Separation: Thinking Outside Our Prejudices**
Weds and Thurs N209
Rev Ingrid Cramer-Doerschel
7. **From Conflict to Communion: Commemorating the Reformation in an Ecumenical and Global Age**
Weds and Thurs N210
Dr Faith Nostbakken and Dr Julien Hammond
8. **Global Perspectives: The Current Status of the Reformed Church in Hungary**
Weds and Thurs N111
Dr. Gyula Csáki-Hatalovics and Mr. András Gér
9. **Church on the Front Lines: Finding Our Prophetic Voice**
Weds only N101
The Rt Rev Jane Alexander
10. **Faithful Paths in Tricky Places: Christian Teacher Educ. in Plural Alberta**
Thurs only N102
An education breakout session featuring B.Ed. program alumni
11. **Eco-Reformation: Creation Care for the Next Generation**
Thurs only N219
Rev Dr Dittmar Mündel
12. **The Church Matters in Honduras**
Thurs only N101
The 2017 Honduras Water Project Team