

CONFESSING JESUS in a PLURALISTIC WORLD

Study Conference/Annual General Meeting of the
Canadian Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches.



NEW! Atonement: a conversation with Mark Baker and Doug Heidebrecht (Due to interest this session will now be a plenary session on Friday at 1:30 pm)

The New Testament uses a variety of ways to proclaim the saving significance of Jesus' death and resurrection. This workshop will explore, from both a theological and biblical perspective, the rich meaning of the cross and resurrection for salvation.

WORKSHOPS

Friday at 4:15 pm - please choose one

Christ as our Peace by Walter Unger

We will explore the polarity of Christ making peace through surrender to a violent death on our behalf (Colossians 1:20, Ephesians 2: 13-18) and Christ making war (Revelation 19:11) and pouring out 'the wrath of God Almighty' (Revelation 19:15). How do our interpretations of the atonement address the violence of Christ's death, contemporary forms of violence, and end-time images of the Lamb who opens up the seals of judgment and wrath?

Book Discussion with Laura Kalmar

Ever had a conversation with a skeptic about Jesus? Read any of the latest fare by the new atheists? Wondered why Christianity isn't more inclusive? Read *The Reason for God* and then come to this "book club" workshop ready for a lively discussion about Timothy Keller's bestseller.

Exegetical Study with Randy Klassen

"*In him all things hold together.*" This statement, from Colossians 1:17, is one of the most powerful—and provocative—Christological statements in the NT. This exegetical workshop will undertake an in-depth examination of Colossians 1:15-20, exploring the various dimensions of its context (literary, historical, socio-cultural) so as to better grasp its significance for our current questions of confessing Jesus in a pluralistic world.

Incarnational Living by Bruce Enns

What if you (your life, patterns, daily decisions, words, attitudes, work habits, parenting, marriage, etc.) were the only representation of Jesus Christ that the world were to see? What would they learn about Jesus? This question is at the core of "incarnational living." God is a sending/missional God who became flesh and made his home among us (John 1:14). In a similar way, he calls us to be sent people, taking the church to where people are, rather than bringing people to the church. This workshop will discuss ways that we can wean our churches off the attractational model and learn discipleship patterns and postures that encourage incarnational living.

Ethics as Patience: Patience as Ethics by Paul Doerksen

(coming soon)

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