

CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP IN ANXIOUS TIMES: How to Be Calm and Courageous No Matter What

With the Rev. Dr. PETER L. STEINKE,
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June 19 – 21, 2012, in Waterloo, ON

The 20th Annual Summer Training Institute for Church Leaders
Sponsored by Conciliation Services Canada

Overview

Anxious times call for steady leadership. When tensions emerge in a congregation, its leaders cannot be as anxious as the people they serve. To remain effective, leaders must control their own uneasiness. This takes self-awareness and confidence to manage relationships and influence behaviours. It involves centring ministry in one's deepest faith convictions and helping others to do the same. This seminar is designed to help church leaders learn how to deal with anxiety well, and to work through the complex challenges with which God has gifted the church in our time such that both leaders and congregation are led to new insights, new growth, and new vitality in the midst of turmoil, anxiety and change.

Drawing on Bowen system theory and a theology of hope, as well as his experience in working with more than two hundred congregations, Rev. Dr. Peter Steinke makes the case that our times, though anxious, offer great opportunities for Christ's church. The key to building on those opportunities is having leaders who can lead the congregation *through* the anxiety to renewed hope, health, and a sense of mission grounded in God's action in our midst. This seminar is intended to equip church leaders with the theoretical perspectives, theological grounding, and practical ministry skills they will need in order to do just that.

Facilitator: The Rev. Dr. Peter Steinke

Pete Steinke is a Lutheran pastor, an educator, a therapist for clergy, and an internationally respected congregational systems consultant. He is known for his ground-breaking work with congregations built on the thinking presented in his books, *How Your Church Family Works: Understanding Congregations as Emotional Systems* (Alban Institute, 1993), and, *Healthy Congregations: A Systems Approach* (Alban, 1996). More recently, Dr. Steinke authored the Alban Institute's current best selling resource, *Congregational Leadership in Anxious Times: Being Calm and Courageous No Matter What*, (one of the top ten books of 2006 according to the Academy of Parish Clergy) and, *A Door Set Open: Grounding Change in Mission and Hope* (Alban, 2010). In this seminar, Dr. Steinke will be drawing especially on the ideas presented in *Congregational Leadership in Anxious Times* and *A Door Set Open*. He is an engaging presenter who brings a wealth of experience to his seminars.

Location

Conrad Grebel University College
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Conrad Grebel University College is on the campus of the University of Waterloo, in Waterloo, Ontario. Directions & a map, are at www.grebel.uwaterloo.ca/aboutgrebel/directions.shtml . An even better map is available at the bottom of Grebel's accommodations brochure at www.grebel.uwaterloo.ca/services/accommodations.pdf

Schedule June 19 - 21, 2012

On Tuesday and Wednesday the institute is scheduled to run from 9:00 to 4:30. On Thursday we will end at 4:00. Lunch is scheduled from 12:00 to 1:30 each day and lunch will be provided on-site to all participants at no extra cost. There are no evening sessions.

Tuition

The registration fee is \$420 & \$54.60 HST for registration by May 22,'12, after which the fee is \$440 & \$57.20 HST. Lunches, study materials, refreshments, and parking are included. Register online at www.conciliationservices.ca or return a paper form by mail. To complete your registration, payment must be received - either via a current cheque for \$474.60 (for early registration), or via a current \$60.00 deposit cheque AND a May 22 post-dated cheque for the balance. Please make cheques payable to Conciliation Services Canada. We are not able to accept credit or debit card payment, however, if you bank online with a major bank or credit union, online payment is possible through an Interac Email Money Transfer. More information on this option is available at www.interac.ca. Please call or email Nan Cressman (address below) for details. Cancellations are subject to a \$60 non-refundable administration fee until May 22, after which no refunds will be offered, but substitutions will be allowed

Meals and Accommodation

Accommodation in the residence at Conrad Grebel University College is available with or without breakfast. Not including HST, a single room without breakfast is \$39.00 per night, or \$42.00 with breakfast. A shared room without breakfast is \$32.00 each, and with breakfast, \$35.50 each. There are also several four-bedroom, air-conditioned apartments available for minimum two night stays. One bedroom in an apartment is \$51.00 a night, or if you'd like to get a group together, the whole apartment is \$128.00 per night. (Bring pots, cutlery, tea towels and dishes.) Breakfast in the dining room can be purchased separately for \$6.20. Camping facilities are also available nearby, as well as several motels and bed and breakfasts. A list of accommodation options is available upon request.

A buffet supper can be purchased at Conrad Grebel University College for \$12.70 & HST. Many interesting and inexpensive restaurants are also within walking distance of the college. If you wish to stay at Conrad Grebel University College, or have supper there, please contact Meg Bauman, the college Events Coordinator, at (519) 885-0220 x 24264 or mebauman@uwaterloo.ca. For more information and a map, go to www.grebel.uwaterloo.ca/services/accommodations.pdf.

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REGISTRATION FORM

Yes! Please register me for "Congregational Leadership in Anxious Times". Enclosed is my registration fee (please make cheques payable to Conciliation Services Canada). Clip and mail to: Conciliation Services Canada, 64 Rosedale Ave., Kitchener ON, N2H 1J4. (NOTE: Arrangements, and payment, for on-campus accommodation and suppers, if applicable, should be made directly with Meg Bauman at Conrad Grebel University College at 519-885-0220 x 24264)

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_____ Please send me _____ paper copies of this flyer for distribution to others.

_____ Please send me information about conflict resolution skills workshops that can be held in my church or community.

_____ My registration fee is enclosed. (\$474.60 including HST before May 22, \$497.20 after May 22, 2012)