

SCHEDULE FOR THE 2012 LHC BIENNIAL MEETING, OCTOBER 11–13, 2012

“Choosing the Lutheran Narrative: Commemorating, Remembering and Forgetting?”

Thursday, October 11, 2012

8:30–9:15 AM—Registration in **Hagan Hall**, Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia (LTSP).

9:15–9:30 AM—Welcome and introduction by LTSP hosts in the large lecture room in **Hagan Hall**.

9:30–10:00 AM—“Early Interpretations of Muhlenberg Employed in North American Lutheran Wars” (Raymond F. Kibler III).

10:00–10:15 AM—Break.

10:15–11:15 AM—“Lutheran Historical Pageants: Dramatization and Identity Formation during the Reformation Quadricentennial” (Sarah K. Nytroe); “American Lutheran Responses to Swedish-Anglican Relations: What the Bishops Caused” (Mary Jane Haemig).

11:15–11:30 AM—Break.

11:30 AM–12:30 PM—“An Army Chaplain’s Story: Opie Selmer Rindahl’s Experiences during World War II” (Gary M. Johnson); “Gender, Religion, and War in Contemporary America: How Lutheran Women Used Their Own Media to Address War” (David Settje and Michelle Morkert).

12:30–1:30 PM—Lunch in **Benbow Hall**.

1:30–2:30 PM—“The Lutheran Who Reached for the Stars: The Life, Contributions, and Lapses of Wernher von Braun, at the Centennial of His Birth, 1912–2012” (Joel L. Pless); “Associated Lutheran Charities and the National Lutheran Inner Mission Conference: Two National Associational Responses to Twentieth Century Social Needs” (Leslie F. Weber, Jr.)

2:30–2:45 PM—Break.

2:45–3:45 PM—“Remembering Place: How America Has Shaped Lutheranism” (Maria Erling); “What Do We Know, What Might We Learn? Grappling with the Historiography of Lutherans and Slavery” (Rick Chapman).

3:45–4:00 PM—Break.

4:00–5:00 PM—Lutheran Historical Conference business meeting (President Susan McArver, presiding).

5:00–5:30 PM—Break and freshening up.

5:30–6:45 PM—Reception and fellowship at the home of Dr. Jon Pahl, located on the LTSP campus.

7:00–8:30 PM—Lutheran Historical Conference Biennial Banquet in **Benbow Hall**; presentation on Muhlenberg Journals Restoration Project.

Friday, October 12, 2012

9:00 AM—Departure for the daylong bus tour of Philadelphia-area Lutheran historic sites.

The tentative itinerary includes Gloria Dei Old Swedes Church, the oldest church building in Pennsylvania, built in 1700 and constructed by the colonial Swedish Lutherans who arrived in 1638. Dr. Kim-Eric Williams will provide a paper at Old Swedes Church, **“The First Two Catechisms,”** a study of the first two versions of Martin Luther’s Small Catechism in English. The box lunches will be eaten in a park across from Christ Church, which the LHC bus tour will visit briefly. Here there is a plaque commemorating William Augustus Muhlenberg and Benjamin Franklin is buried in the cemetery. The bus will also drive by the present building of the Lutheran Church of Holy Communion, a congregation founded by Joseph Augustus Seiss. The afternoon tour will be to Trappe, northwest of Philadelphia. The town of Trappe is the location of “America’s Shrine of Lutheranism,” Augustus Lutheran Church. There will be a tour of the old church and the cemetery, where many of the Muhlenbergs are buried. We will also see the “Brick Church,” built in 1852, and still used by the congregation in the winter months. Of special note in the Brick Church are the ten stained-glass windows. In the parish hall auditorium, Dr. Karl Krueger will give a presentation on the Muhlenberg family and early Lutheran church life in America, **“Henry Melchior Muhlenberg: Have Call, Will Travel.”** The bus will also drive by the restored Muhlenberg House, where Pastor Muhlenberg lived during his retirement years, 1776–1787, and also “The Speaker’s House, just up the street, the home of Frederick A. C. Muhlenberg, the first speaker of the United States House of Representatives. This house is presently being restored. Upon return to the Philadelphia area, tentatively scheduled between 5:00–5:30 PM, the LHC meeting attendees will be free to have Friday supper on their own. A list of restaurants in Mt. Airy and Chestnut Hill will be provided.

Saturday, October 13, 2012

9:00–10:00 AM—Continued papers in the large lecture room in **Hagan Hall**: “The Impact of White Flight on Urban Lutheran Congregation” (Mark Koschmann); “The Divergence of Norwegian and Norwegian-American Liturgies from Immigration until 1958” (Kristofer Coffman).

10:00–10:15 AM—Break.

10:15 AM–12:00 PM—“Disavowing Satan, Upholding Integrity: Lutheran Responses to Homosexuality in the 1970s” (Elisabeth A. Unruh); “Lutheran Charismatics and the ‘Chief Article’: A Historical-Theological Assessment” (Christopher Richmann); “Domke’s Gardens: A Forgotten Lutheran Artist” (Julieanna Frost) “A Slow Motion Disaster: Dissent and Division in the ELCA, 1997–2012” (Mark Granquist).

12:00 PM—Lutheran Historical Conference biennial meeting adjournment; lunch on your own.