

## Workshops

### **“War Has Been Abolished: Proclaiming Christ’s Peace Through the Abolition of War”**

*Offered Session 1 only; Cortelyou Commons*

In the death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ, the destructive powers of this world were radically overcome. During this session we will discuss ways to proclaim the abolition of war in our churches, schools, homes, and neighborhoods. Participants should make time to read the document titled “An Appeal to Abolish War” (included in your folder) before the workshop.

Matthew Morin lives in Milwaukee, Wisconsin with his wife Kerry and daughter Felicity. He worships with Milwaukee Mennonite Church-- a congregation in the Central District Conference of Mennonite Church USA. This is his third EP Gathering, and has been an Endorser since 2011. Stanley Hauerwas is an unapologetic Texan and Christian theologian. As of this summer he will retire from his long term position of Gilbert T. Rowe Professor of Theological Ethics at Duke Divinity School. He will, however, continue to serve as senior research scholar at the school for two years. This means he will continue to read, write, speak and be otherwise productive as that’s what bricklayers do.

### **“Sharing Communion but not Convictions: Practicing Peace over the Same-Sex Marriage Divide in Local Churches”**

*Offered both sessions; Student Center 325*

This workshop takes up the emotionally-charged reality of same-sex erotic love and the varied theological responses to it. In contrast to blandly putting up with one another in a version of liberal tolerance, the local church enacts the peace of Christ in this season of discernment and disruption by bearing with one another across convictional differences. We will consider how local congregations can enact the costly, painful peace that characterizes Christian community. In particular, we will discuss how living such a truthful peace amidst deep difference might impact such ordinary aspects of our communal life such as liturgy, youth programming, and small group formation as well as opportunities for witness to the broader community.

Erin Dufault-Hunter teaches Christian ethics at Fuller Theological Seminary. She is a long-time member of Pasadena Mennonite Church, where she regularly helps lead singing and occasionally preaches. This session largely draws on her reflections of her congregation’s imperfect but determined desire to live together with differing theological views and divergent sexual practices. She is also working on a book on sex and why it does (and doesn’t) matter for salvation.

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### **“Restorative Justice: Ecclesial Roots, Ecclesial Applications”**

*Offered both sessions: Student Center 315*

As the 35-year old movement of restorative justice has spread beyond the realm of criminal justice into other applications of alternative resolution work, stakeholders in the church world have recognized both theological supports and ecclesial applications for restorative justice. This workshop will review the literature covering these points of intersection and summarize the biblical references to restorative justice. Stories about victims and offenders as well as church members will show how journeys of healing and journeys of formation can weave together in powerful ways.

Ted Lewis is currently the Executive Director for Barron County Restorative Justice Programs in Rice Lake, Wisconsin. His 17-year experience in the field of restorative justice and conflict resolution included program management in Eugene, OR, during which time he started working for Wipf & Stock Publishers as an acquisitions editor. He now attends United Presbyterian Church of Rice Lake.

### **“Extending the Mission of the Church through Intentional Christian Communities”**

*Offered both sessions; Student Center 324*

David Janzen brings to this workshop the wisdom of his more than four decades of leadership at Reba Community, the fruit of his multi-year visitation of intentional Christian communities around the country, and co-presenters from three Chicago area intentional Christian communities (Parkside, Kedzingle, and Reba).

David Janzen graduated from Bethel College and studied at Harvard Divinity School. In 1971, he and his wife helped found New Creation Fellowship, a Christian intentional community in Newton KS. In 1984, they moved to Reba Place Fellowship in Evanston IL, where David now runs an affordable housing ministry. He is the author of *The Intentional Christian Community Handbook: For Idealists, Hypocrites, and Wannabe Disciples of Jesus* (2013).

### **“Beloved Hitler”: No-Limits Peacemaking, Within the Church and Beyond**

*Offered session 2 only; Student Center 314*

How does the Sermon on the Mount – especially the command to love enemies – apply in the face of radical evil? It begins within the church, in which we’re called to radically love one another. Taking Matthew chapters 5 and 18 as starting points, Peter Mommsen will tell the Bruderhof community’s story of nonviolent resistance in Nazi Germany, and then draw connections to peacemaking practices – direct speaking, letting go of grudges, making peace before common prayer -- that are vital for a church’s life together.

Peter Mommsen directs the Bruderhof’s Office for Ecumenical Affairs and is editor at The Plough Publishing House. From 2008 to 2012 he served on the writing committee for the Bruderhof’s first-ever community rule, *Foundations of Our Faith and Calling*. Peter has been a member of the Bruderhof since 1998 and is married to Wilma; they have three children. After living seven years in Germany, their home is now in Montgomery, New York.