

Lakeshore Center at Okoboji presents



A Day

with

Dr. Thomas Long

Author of The Witness of Preaching

Friday, October 13, 2017

9 am—4 pm

Registration begins at 8:30 am



9 am — Preaching in a Disenchanted Age

In a time when many traditional church structures are crumbling, when our communities are increasingly multicultural and religiously pluralistic, when the so-called "Nones" are growing in number, and when even longtime Christians confess uncertainty about their faith, preachers need to respond nimbly to these challenges. We will talk about how preaching today can recover the voice of enchantment in the face of disenchantment, the voice of wisdom in the face of uncertainty, and the voice of disruption in the face of complacency.

12 Noon Lunch

1 pm — Ending Well, Beginning Well: Developing Sermons for the End of the Christian Year and for Advent/Christmas

In this session we will look at some of the upcoming lectionary texts for the weeks between the workshop and Christmas. These will be the Sundays closing out the old church year and beginning the new one. The emphasis will be very practical. We will look at these biblical texts and explore sermon approaches and ideas in them. The goal is that each participant, even those who do not strictly follow the lectionary, will find some good help and sermon ideas for the coming weeks.

Registration fee \$50 includes lunch

Optional Lodging available on Thursday

Check the housing option you wish.

☐ Double Guest Room: \$30 per person

Roommate _____

☐ Private Room: \$60

☐ Bunk Room: \$15 per person (bring your own bedding and towels)

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Registration Deadline October 1, 2017

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Thomas G. Long is the Bandy Professor of Preaching Emeritus at Candler School of Theology at Emory University. A Presbyterian minister, Dr. Long has served churches in Georgia and New Jersey. He has taught preaching for over forty years -- at Erskine Theological Seminary, Columbia Theological Seminary, Princeton Theological Seminary, and, from 2000-2015, at Candler. Dr. Long has served as the president of the Academy of Homiletics and as senior homiletics editor of the New Interpreter's Bible. He has been editor of *Theology Today*, is currently an associate editor of *Journal for Preachers*, and serves as an editor-at-large at *The Christian Century*. He is the author of textbooks on preaching and worship, collections of sermons, and biblical commentaries on Matthew, Hebrews, and the Pastoral Epistles. In 2011, he was awarded the Emory Williams prize for excellence in teaching by Emory University, and in 2015 he received Emory's "Scholar/Teacher Award," the top faculty scholarship award of the university. He delivered the 2006 Lyman Beecher Lectures in Preaching at Yale Divinity School, and these have been published as *Preaching from Memory to Hope*. His most recent books are *Accompany Them with Singing: The Christian Funeral, What Shall We Say? Evil, Suffering, and the Crisis of Faith, The Good Funeral: Death, Grief, and the Community of Care* (with Thomas Lynch), and *1 and 2 Timothy and Titus*.



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