

Keynote Speaker

Rev. Bradley Hanson

Bradley Hanson is Director of Grace Institute for Spiritual Formation and Professor Emeritus of Religion at Luther College, Decorah, Iowa. He earned his doctor's degree in theology from Princeton Theological Seminary, and joined the faculty of Luther College in 1968.

Among his publications are seven books. The newest is *Grace That Frees: The Lutheran Tradition* from two Catholic publishers Darton, Longman, and Todd in the UK and Orbis Press in the U.S.. Other recent books are *A Graceful Life: Lutheran Spirituality for Today* (2000), *Introduction to Christian Theology* (1997), and *Teach Us To Pray* (1990). He has also written articles for *The Lutheran*, including a three part series in 1996 on his experience with cancer. His current writing project is on faith and loss.

For more than twenty five years he has led retreats and given presentations on prayer and spirituality. He directs the two year Spiritual Formation Program of Grace Institute, which has 50 participants and five staff. He completed the group leaders program at Shalem Institute for Spiritual Formation, and he has also been trained as a spiritual director.

Bradley Hanson is an ordained minister of the ELCA. He is married to Marion Hellevik Hanson, and they have three adult children and two granddaughters.

Tentative Schedule

Sunday, November 5

3:00 p.m. Registration
4:30 p.m. Bishop's Reception
6:00 p.m. Buffet Dinner
7:00 p.m. Welcome
7:30 p.m. Bishop's Forum
8:30 p.m. Evening Worship

Monday, November 6

8:00 a.m. Breakfast Buffet
9:00 a.m. Worship with
Remembrance of Saints
10:30 a.m. Session One
12:15 p.m. Announcements
12:30 p.m. Lunch
1:30 p.m. Session Two
2:45 p.m. Session Three
4:30 p.m. Free Time

Tuesday, November 7

8:00 a.m. Breakfast Buffet
9:00 a.m. Session Four
10:30 a.m. Worship -
Bishop Usgaard, presiding
Noon - Homeward Bound

Child Care

Parents with young children are welcome to bring them to the Theological Conference. Although no special programming is planned for children, it is hoped a room can be provided for a play area. This room will need to be staffed by parent volunteers. Final plans will be made once the number of children coming is known.

Children are invited to eat with their families at a reduced rate of \$30 per child for four meals.

Please provide the following information if you plan to have children accompany you:

Name	Age	Meals \$30/Child	No Meals
Total: \$30 per child			XXXX

(Please add this amount to your total registration fee and return this form with your conference registration form.)

Check one if bringing children:

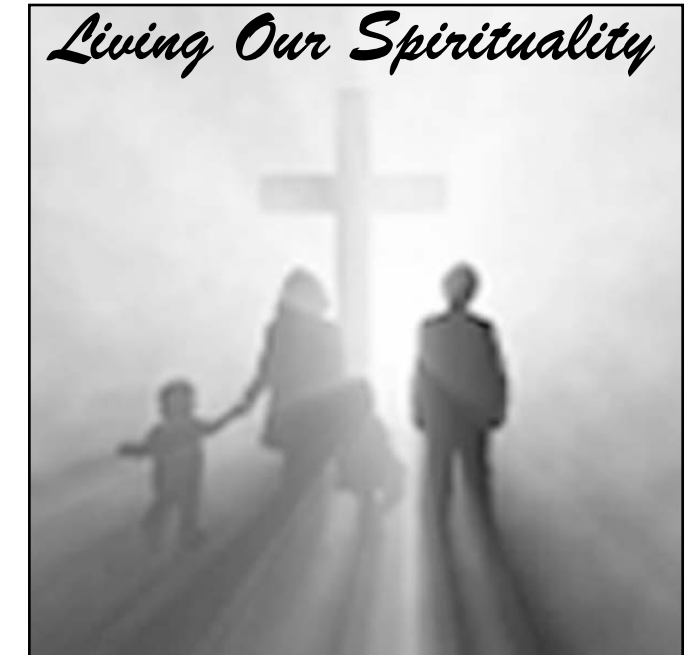
I will serve as a parent volunteer.

I am willing to pay someone to staff a play area for children.

Theological Conference Planning Committee

Rev. Eric Finsand, chair; Rev. Josh Ehrler,
Rev. LaDonna Ekern, Rev. Rob Nelson,
Rev. Carol Solovitz, Rev. Mary Waudby,
and Ms. Carolyn Goulet (synod support staff)

2006 Southeastern Minnesota Synod Theological Conference



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November 5-7, 2006

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On-line registration using credit cards available Sept. 1
Early Bird Registration Deadline: Postmarked by Oct. 5
All registrations must be postmarked by Oct. 23
or registered on-line by Oct. 25
No phone registrations will be accepted.

Please fill out one form per person. This form may be duplicated.

Title (circle one): Rev. Rev. Dr. Dr. Mr. Ms. Mrs.

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Daytime phone: _____

Street Address: _____

City, state, zip: _____

Congregation & City: _____

Which best describes you? (check one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pastor | <input type="checkbox"/> AIM |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Retired Pastor | <input type="checkbox"/> Retired AIM |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse of pastor | <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse of AIM |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth worker | <input type="checkbox"/> Christian Ed worker |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Music director | <input type="checkbox"/> Other lay professional |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse of lay professional | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____ | |

(Choose only **one** of the options below)

I will be attending the **whole conference**. Enclosed is \$90 per person (\$105 per person after October 5).

I will be attending **Sunday evening only**. Enclosed is \$30 per person.

Make checks payable and return to:

Southeastern Minnesota Synod Theological Conference
1001 14th Street NW, Suite 300
Rochester MN 55901-2551

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How to Register

By mail: Enclose a check for the full registration payment with the form to the left. Early bird registrations must be postmarked by October 5. Late registrations and fees must be postmarked by October 23.

On-line: Fill out the form on-line using a credit card for payment (form will be available September 1 – watch www.semnsynod.org). Early bird deadline is Oct. 5. All registrations and fees must be received by October 25.

Registration fees

Entire Conference:

\$90 Early Bird Registration (Postmarked by Oct. 5);
\$105 Late Registration. This fee covers all program costs, as well as the Sunday evening meal, Monday breakfast and lunch, and Tuesday breakfast. All other meals are at your expense. These fees do NOT include housing. You are on your own to make hotel reservations (see Facilities and Housing, at right).

Sunday Evening Only: \$30

This fee applies if you would like to attend only the Sunday evening part of the conference. The fee does NOT include housing. You are on your own to make hotel reservations (see Facilities and Housing, at right).

Refund Policy

Refund requests for cancellations after October 25, 2006 are at the discretion of the Theological Conference Planning Committee and must be submitted to the committee in writing by November 17, 2006. Inclement weather and personal circumstances are taken into account, but will not guarantee a refund.

Facilities and Housing

The 2006 Theological Conference will be held at the Holiday Inn in Owatonna, Minnesota.

- Hotel reservations will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis and must be made by October 20, 2006 to receive the conference rate of \$79 + tax per standard room, per night.
- Each registrant must make his/her own housing reservations. Let the hotel know you are with the Southeastern Minnesota Synod Theological Conference (code SMS). The telephone number for reservations is (507) 446-8900.
- The on-site phone number for an emergency is (507) 446-8900. A message board will be located near the main conference meeting room.

Registration FAQ

Can I register by phone?

No. Phone registrations will **not** be accepted.

Can I register on-site at the conference?

No. You must submit your registration by October 25 whether you wish to attend the Sunday evening event or the entire conference.

Do I need a credit card to register online?

Yes. Online registrations are accepted until October 25. If registering by mail, the registration form and accompanying check must be postmarked by October 23.

How many registration forms do I need?

Please fill out one form per person – duplicate the form provided if necessary.

If I wish to participate in the whole conference, including the reception, Sunday evening program, and meal, do I have to pay for both the conference fee and the Sunday night fee?

No. The "whole conference" fee of \$90 (early bird) or \$105 (late) covers the reception, Sunday evening program and meal, as well as the rest of the conference meals and program.