

Rooted & Grounded



A Conference on Land and Christian Discipleship

2025 Conference Schedule (all times are Eastern Time) (subject to adjustment)

Thursday, Sept. 18

- 12–1 p.m. Registration for Immersion Experiences
1–5 p.m. Immersion Experiences
4:30–6:30 p.m. Registration for those not doing Immersion Experiences
5–7 p.m. Dinner (served 5–6 p.m.)
7–8:30 p.m. Worship and keynote address #1: Wendsler Nosie, Sr., PhD
9 p.m. Young adult activity: Ice cream and I scream for climate justice

Friday, Sept. 19

- 9–9:30 a.m. Kinship activities:
Birding | Prairie exploration
9:30–9:40 a.m. Transition time
9:40–10:30 a.m. Worship and keynote address #2: T. Wilson Dickinson, PhD
10:30–11 a.m. Morning break
11–11:30 a.m. Papers:
Joey Ager, “What Are the Theological Roots that Nurture Faith Communities Organizing for Climate Resilience?” *(available to online participants)*
Dinknew Awoke, “Eschatological Imagination: Acceptance Before Healing”
Eli Reimer, “Capitalism Doesn’t Care About You: The Sin of Systemic Apathy and its Antidotes”
11:30–11:45 a.m. Transition time
11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Chapel with AMBS community
12:15–1:30 p.m. Lunch (served 12:15–1 p.m.)
1:30–2 p.m. Papers:
Joanne Moyer, “Ecotheology and Ethics among Mennonites in Canada: An Empirical Perspective” *(available to online participants)*
Brian DiPalma, “Ecological Approaches to Biblical Interpretation”
James Perkinson, “Jordan River Jubilee: Rolling with the Rain, Shaking with the Stone”
David P. Warners, “Reconciliation Ecology: Connecting Upstream and Downstream Communities through Watershed Restoration”
2–2:10 p.m. Transition time
2:10–2:40 p.m. Papers:
Katherine Warkentin, “On Moral Atrophy and Wingless Chickens: The Stunted Narratives of Virtue and Identity, and the Promise of Eco-Liturgical Therapies” *(available to online participants)*
Bennet Brabson, “A Reflection on Our Precious Land in a Climate Changing World”

- Jacob Buchanan, “Feeding People and Wildlife: Establishing a Food Forest with Native Plants”
Wendell Wiebe-Powell, “Dis-membering and Re-membering in Creation Stories”
2:45–3:15 p.m. Afternoon break and book-signing
3:15–4:15 p.m. Workshops:
Andrew Hudson, “Sabbath Gardening as Reparative Kinship: Leviticus 25 and Building Relationship with Church Grounds” *(available to online participants)*
Nicole Cober Bauman, “Grief as Medicine || Grief as Action”
Susan Kennel Harrison, “Building Reciprocal Relationship with the Rest of Nature (the More-than-Human World)”
Steve Thomas, “Restoring Trees of Life in the Community of Creation”
4:15–4:25 p.m. Transition time
4:25–5:25 p.m. Kinship activities:
Sharing Our Local Work *(available to online participants)*
Acknowledging Indigenous History and Presence:
Potawatomi-Miami Trail and Prayer for Apache Stronghold
Engaging Hidden Kin: Macro-Invertebrates
5:30–7 p.m. Dinner (served 5:30–6:15 p.m.)
7–8:15 p.m. Worship and keynote address #3: Douglas Day Kaufman, ThM
8:30–9 p.m. Young adult activity: Campfire gathering to share laments and longings

Saturday, Sept. 20

- 8:45–9:45 a.m. Workshops:
Wendy Janzen, “Trees As Kin: Decentering Ourselves in Worship” *(available to online participants)*
Karla Kauffman, “Here Today: Curriculum and Camp Celebrating Endangered Species for Young Animal Lovers and Artists”
Ken Quiring, “Recovering Harmony of Land and Bodies: Land-Based Healing in Biblical Storytelling”
Naomi Wenger, “Confessional Bible Study: Scripture, Justice, and Community”
9:45–10:05 a.m. Break
10:05–11:05 a.m. Conversation with keynote speakers *(available to online participants)*
11:05–11:15 a.m. Bio-break and singing time
11:15 a.m. – 12 p.m. Summative conversations and blessing *(available to online participants)*
12 p.m. End of conference

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