

# **Who do we think we are?**

Catholics and Mennonites  
growing together in Christ

2007 Summer Bridgefolk Gathering

Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary  
3003 Benham Avenue  
Elkhart, Indiana 46517  
July 26–29, 2007



THURSDAY, JULY 26, 2007

	<b>Registration</b> (during the day)	<i>Lambright Center foyer</i>
1:45– 5:00 PM	<b>Tours to local places of interest</b>	Basilica of the Sacred Heart, University of Notre Dame, and Church of Our Lady of Loretto, St. Mary's College Mennohof—The Amish and Mennonite Story, Shipshewana
5:30 PM	Dinner	<i>Lambright Center dining hall</i>
	SESSION 1	<i>Chapel of the Sermon on the Mount</i>
	<b>Who do we think we are?</b>	<i>Mary H. Schertz (Elkhart, IN), moderator</i>
7:00 PM	Welcome and introductions by Bridgefolk co-chairs	<i>Abbot John Klassen, Saint John's Abbey (Collegeville, MN)</i> <i>Marlene Kropf, Executive Leadership, Mennonite Church USA (Elkhart, IN)</i>
7:10 PM	Opening worship	<i>Barbara and James Nelson Gingerich (Goshen, IN)</i>
7:30 PM	Greetings	<i>Bishop John M. D'Arcy, Diocese of Fort Wayne–South Bend</i> <i>Loren L. Johns, Acting President, Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary</i> <i>J. Ron Byler, Associate Executive Director, Mennonite Church USA</i>
7:45 PM	Stories of friendship	<i>Barbara and John Berger (Sacramento, CA)</i> <i>Norma Peters Duerksen (Orrville, OH)</i> <i>Abbey and George Dupuy (Luray, VA)</i>
8:45 PM	<b>Evening prayer</b>	<i>Chapel of the Sermon on the Mount</i>
9:00 PM	<b>Social hour</b>	

FRIDAY, JULY 27, 2007

7:00 AM	<b>Morning prayer</b>	<i>Chapel of the Sermon on the Mount</i> <i>Abbot John Klassen and Father William Skudlarek, Saint John's Abbey (Collegeville, MN)</i>
7:45 AM	Breakfast	<i>Lambright Center dining hall</i>
	SESSION 2	<i>Chapel of the Sermon on the Mount</i>
	<b>Who are the Catholic and Mennonite communities in North America? A case study of Elkhart-LaGrange and St. Joseph Counties</b>	<i>Abbot John Klassen, moderator</i>
9:00 AM	Opening worship	
9:20 AM	Introducing the Roman Catholic experience in Michiana	<i>Sister Louisita Welsh, CSC, Saint Mary's College (Notre Dame, IN)</i>
10:15 AM	Break	
10:45 AM	Introducing the Mennonite experience in Elkhart and LaGrange Counties	<i>Steve Nolt, Goshen College (Goshen, IN)</i>
NOON	Lunch	<i>Lambright Center dining hall</i>
1:45– 5:00 PM	<b>Service projects</b>	Catholic Worker House, South Bend, IN Mennonite Central Committee Resource Center, Goshen, IN
	<b>Tours to local places of interest</b>	Basilica of the Sacred Heart, University of Notre Dame, and Church of Our Lady of Loretto, St. Mary's College Mennohof—The Amish and Mennonite Story, Shipshewana
5:30 PM	Dinner	<i>Lambright Center dining hall</i>

SESSION 3      *Chapel of the Sermon on the Mount*

**Stories of grace and transformation—  
Growing into our baptism**

*Regina Wilson (South Bend, IN) moderator*

- 7:00 PM Opening worship  
7:20 PM Stories of Catholic and Mennonite formation and baptism  
*Mike Dabler (Osceola, IN)*  
*Felicia Leon-Driscoll (South Bend, IN)*  
*Ben Miller Jacobs (Goshen, IN)*  
8:30 PM Summer 2006 Eucharist reflections  
*Darrin Snyder Belousek (Elkhart, IN)*  
*Margaret O’Gara (Toronto, ON)*  
8:55 PM Closing song

9:00 PM **After-hours activities**

“The Radicals” (film, with discussion to follow)  
Summer 2006 Eucharist reflections (continuing conversation)

SATURDAY, JULY 28, 2007

7:00 AM **Morning prayer**      *Chapel of the Sermon on the Mount*

7:45 AM Breakfast      *Lambright Center dining hall*

SESSION 4      *Chapel of the Sermon on the Mount*

**Theology and practice of baptism in our two traditions**

*Darrin Snyder Belousek (Elkhart, IN), moderator*

- 9:00 AM Opening worship  
9:20 AM Mennonite baptismal theology and practice  
*C. Arnold Snyder, Conrad Grebel University College (Waterloo, ON)*  
10:15 AM Break  
10:45 AM Roman Catholic baptismal theology and practice  
*Jay Landry, Little Flower Catholic Church (South Bend, IN)*

NOON Lunch      *Lambright Center dining hall*

SESSION 5      *Chapel of the Sermon on the Mount*

**Baptismal commitments and being “good citizens”—  
Experiences of Mennonites and Roman Catholics  
in North America**

*Weldon Nisly (Seattle, WA), moderator*

- 1:45 PM Opening worship  
2:00 PM Roman Catholic experience of baptism and citizenship  
*Margaret Pfeil, University of Notre Dame (Notre Dame, IN)*  
2:30 PM Break  
2:45 PM Mennonite experience of baptism and citizenship  
*André Gingerich Stoner, Interchurch Relations,  
Mennonite Church USA*  
3:15 PM Break  
3:30 PM Discussion groups  
*Abbot John Klassen and Marlene Kropf*

4:30 PM Break

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5:30 PM Dinner *Lambright Center dining hall*

SESSION 6 *Chapel of the Sermon on the Mount*

**Sharing our music**

*Lois Kauffman (Washington, DC), moderator*

7:00 PM Introduction to the evening

7:15 PM Singing the songs of our traditions

*Father Michael Joncas, University of St. Thomas  
(St. Paul, MN)*

*Debra Brubaker, Goshen College (Goshen, IN)*

*Mary K. Oyer, Goshen College and Associated Mennonite  
Biblical Seminary (retired)*

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8:30 PM **Evening prayer** *Chapel of the Sermon on the Mount*

9:00 PM **Social hour**

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SUNDAY, JULY 29, 2007

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7:00 AM **Morning prayer** *Chapel of the Sermon on the Mount*

7:45 AM Continental breakfast *Lambright Center dining hall*

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SESSION 7 *Chapel of the Sermon on the Mount*

**Wrapping up—Reflections on the gathering,  
Bridgefolk business, issues for future consideration, etc.**

*Gerald Schlabach (St. Paul, MN) and the Bridgefolk board*

9:00 AM Discussion

10:00 AM Break

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**Closing worship** *Lambright Center dining hall*

10:30 AM Agape meal and foot washing ritual

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NOON Departure

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