

Welcome to Bridgefolk

Bridgefolk is a movement of sacramentally-minded Mennonites and peace-minded Roman Catholics who come together to celebrate each other's traditions, explore each other's practices, and honor each other's contribution to the mission of Christ's Church. Together we seek better ways to embody a commitment to both traditions. We seek to make Anabaptist-Mennonite practices of discipleship, peaceableness, and lay participation more accessible to Roman Catholics, and to bring the spiritual, liturgical, and sacramental practices of the Catholic tradition to Anabaptists.

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Conference 2010

Bridgefolk will hold its 2010 Conference July 22-25 at St. John's Abbey in Minnesota.

Mennonites and Catholics - Practices for Our Life Together in Christ will be the first in a series of summer conferences focusing on nine "key practices" of Bridgefolk.

To register, please visit www.bridgefolk.net.

Conference Schedule

Thursday, July 22

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Arrival, Registration and Room assignment, St. Mary Hall, Basement

5:30 Dinner – Cook out Abbey Chapter House Lawn

7:00 Opening worship, Abbey Chapter House

- Conference worship and music led by Ken Nafziger and Marlene Kropf

7:30 Opening session

- *Welcome and Introductions to Bridgefolk Practices*
- Led by Abbot John Klassen & Marlene Kropf

8:30 Evening Prayer

8:45 Social Gathering in the Great Hall

Friday, July 23

7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer in Abbey Church

8:45 Opening Worship and Haiku, Abbey Chapter House

9:15 Morning Session, Abbey Chapter House

- *Why Footwashing? Biblical teachings and liturgical practices*
- Presenters: Mary Schertz, Abbot John Klassen

10:30 Open discussion on Footwashing

12:00 p.m. Midday Prayer, Abbey Church

1:45 Afternoon Session, Abbey Chapter House

- *Footwashing as Prayer*
- Presenters: George Dupuy, Theresa Schumacher

3:00 Break: Time for personal prayer / preparation for Agape Meal & Footwashing

5:00 Evening Session, Quadrangle Room 264 – Agape Meal and Footwashing

Saturday, July 24

7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer in Abbey Church

8:45 Opening Worship and Haikus, Abbey Chapter House

9:15 Morning Session I, Abbey Chapter House

- *Footwashing and Simplicity: What It Means and How We Live It*
- Presenters: Doris Murphy, Mary Lehman Yoder

10:30 Morning Session II, Abbey Chapter House

10:30 Open Discussion on Footwashing & Simplicity

11:00 Presentation

- *Centering Prayer: The Practice*
- Presenter: S. Kate Howard, OSB

11:30 Centering Prayer Time

1:45 Open time: Affinity groups/Recreation/Rest

3:30 Afternoon Session, Abbey Chapter House

- *Footwashing and Non-violence*
- Presenters: Eric Massanari, Margie Pfeil

7:00 Evening Prayer, Abbey Church (optional)

7:45 Evening Session, Emmaus Chapel / Emmaus Hall Dining: Hymn Sing followed by Ice Cream Social

Sunday: July 25

7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer in Abbey Church (optional)

9:00 Morning Session, Abbey Chapter House

- Reflection and Evaluation

10:30 Worship, Saint Francis House Chapel

12:00 p.m. Conference closes with lunch, SJU Student Refectory