

May 23-26, 2016 | Holland, MI

**Daily Schedule**

**Sunday, May 22**

1:00pm Meet us will be in the lounge of the Cook Hall Lobby.

Come help with set up if you wish.

3:00pm – 9:00pm ***Institute Registration Opens.***  **Cook Hall** Exhibit Hall – will be set up all week. **Maas Conference**

**Monday, May 23 COMMUNITY DAY**

8:00am ***Registration*** **Maas Auditorium**

8:30am ***Welcome***

8:45am ***Morning Meditation*** with Stephen Weisser and Lisa McKee

9:00am ***SI-TED Talks:*** The SITD Faculty

* Erik Carter: On Belonging: Lessons Learned about What Matters Most
* Bill Gaventa: An Inclusive Liturgy, All Week Long
* Hans Reinders: Quality of Life and Human Flourishing
* Tom Reynolds: Disability, Faith, and Community: The Vulnerable Artistry of Relation
* Darla Schumm: Learning from our Neighbors Near and Far: World Religions and Disability
* John Swinton: Walking with the Three Mile an Hour God: Why Disability Looks Different in God’s Time.

10:30am ***Break*** **Maas Auditorium**

11:00am ***SI-TED Talks continue***

12:30pm***Lunch Roundtable Discussions***  **Phelps Hall**

1:45pm ***Afternoon Discussions with SITD Faculty***  **Western Theological**

**Seminary-[WTS]**

(There will be some discussion of the morning talks, this indicate a general area that the discussion may address.

Rooms at Western Theological Seminary will be announced and marked.)

* Erik Carter: Challenging Prevailing Practice: Moving Forward on Congregational Inclusion
* Bill Gaventa: Honoring spiritual supports and building your witness: Finding resources, collaborating across faith groups, providers, advocacy groups, and public organizations
* Hans Reinders : Quality of life and human flourishing. What’s a good life?
* Tom Reynolds: Theology and disability
* Darla Schumm: Multi-faith perspectives on disability
* John Swinton: Ministry, theology, and mental illness

3:15pm ***Break*** **WTS-Atrium**

3:30pm  ***Interfaith Worship Service and Celebration*** **Mulder Chapel**

* Bishop Craig Satterlee and Susan Haley

4:30pm ***Community Day Closing***

6:00-8:00pm ***SITD Opening Dinner*** (Included in registration for full Institute) **Maas Auditorium** **Hope College**



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**Tuesday, May 24**

8:00am ***Registration***  **Maas Hall Lobby**

8:30am ***Morning Meditation*** **Maas Auditorium**

* Karen Jackson; Faith Inclusion Network

9:00am ***Plenary Session: Integrating Disability into Seminary Life* Maas Auditorium**

***and*** ***Curriculum***: Western Theological Seminary Faculty

* Todd Billings: Professor of Reformed Theology.
* Tom Boogaart: Professor of Old Testament
* Ben Conner: Associate Professor of Discipleship and Director of the Graduate Certificate in Disability and Ministry
* Randy Smit: Director of Compassionate Connection Ministry

10:15am ***Break*** **Maas Auditorium**

10:45am ***Reflections and discussion between presenters and Institute participants***. 11:30am ***Picnic Lunch*** **WTS**-**Friendship House**

1:45pm ***Ph.D. Symposium*** **Hope College Graves Hall classrooms**

***Workshops*** **various** **WTS classrooms**

* Russel Ewell, et. al. : “In Their Own Voices
* Karen Jackson : How to Build and Strengthen an Interfaith Disability Network.
* Kirsty Jones: Building Breakable Roofs: Old Testament Precedents for Inclusion.
* Kathy McReynolds Luke 14 and A Theology of Disability:
* Jolene Philo: PTSD & Disabilities: What Traumatized Children and Adults with Special Needs and Caregivers with Secondary Trauma need to know

3:00pm ***Break* WTS –Atrium**

3:30pm ***Ph.D. Symposium* Hope College Graves Hall classrooms**

***Workshops* various** **WTS classrooms**

* Shelly Christensen: Potholes and Detours Encountered on the Journey to Hope:

What You Need to Know to Support Parents of People with Disabilities

* Ron Sandison: Ministering to those on the Autism Spectrum
* Darla Schumm: Buddhism and Disability
* Devan Stahl: How Faith and Ethics Influence Health Care
* Tom VanWingerden: “The old, old Story...in a new, new Way.”

4:30pm ***Break* WTS Atrium**

4:45pm ***Afternoon Worship***  **Mulder Chapel**

* Susan Rozenboom; Professor of Liturgical Theology **WTS**

Free Evening ***Dinner on your own***; {available at Phelps Hall [Hope College] with separate reserved ticket} Downtown Holland has many delicious dining options within easy walking distance.



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**Wednesday, May 25**

8:30am ***Morning Meditation*** **Maas Auditorium**

* Rabbi Julia Watts Belser

9:00am ***Plenary Session Ruderman Family Foundation*** (with gratitude for their sponsorship)

* Rabbi Darby Leigh and Sharon Shapiro-Lacks. Moderator: Rabbi Julia Watts Belser

10:15am ***Break* Maas Auditorium**

10:45am ***Plenary Session*** **Maas Auditorium**

* Jeff McNair: Growing Up: Disability Ministry and Persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.

12:00pm ***Lunch***: A buffet inside the Phelps Hall doors. Eat in Maas.  **Maas Auditorium**

***Round table discussions***: Separate lunch discussion for Faith Based Providers

1:45pm ***Ph.D. Symposium* Hope College Graves Hall classrooms**

***Workshops***  **various** **WTS classrooms**

* Mary Dell: The “Body” in “Body, Mind, and Spirit”: An Overview of Wellness and Health Maintenance for Individuals with Disabilities
* Zachariah Duke: Did they read the right signs? Disability in the Catholic Tradition since Vatican II
* Nancy Hale: Dis-abling the Body of Christ”
* Lynn Swedberg and Lisa McKee: Moving Beyond Us and Them Theology
* Lauren Tuchman: Uses of Disability in Liturgy and Ritual: Challenge, Exploration and Possibility.

3:00pm ***Break* WTS Atrium**

3:30pm ***Ph.D. Symposium* Hope College Graves Hall classrooms**

***Workshops* various** **WTS classrooms**

* Christine Guth: Circles of Love: Encouraging Congregational Networks of Care for People with Disabilities and their Families
* Patrick McArdle: Disrupting Complacency: A Solidarity of Relational Vulnerability
* Ruti Regan: From the Depths I Cried Out To You: Honoring Spiritual Struggle and Hard Times for People with Disabilities
* Mark Stephenson and Terry DeYoung: The Model for Disability Ministry Used by the ChristianReformed Church and Reformed Church in America.
* Gloria Jean Wallace: The Theology of Disability: Stroke and Aphasia

4:30pm ***Break* WTS-Atruim**

4:45pm ***Afternoon Worship*** **Mulder Chapel**

* Friendship House Friends and Staff **WTS**

5:15pm ***Optional Excursions***



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**Optional Evening Excursions Wednesday:**

**Tickets available for purchase until Tuesday [5/24] afternoon at registration. $25 per person**

1. **Renew Therapeutic Riding Center** is a local ministry that provides therapeutic horsemanship activities and equine assisted learning opportunities for children and adults with disabilities.  As a member of the Professional Association for Therapeutic Horsemanship, International, Renew upholds the highest standards of safety, education, and service in the industry.  During our time together, we will have the opportunity to learn about this unique ministry in a farm setting and have a chance to meet staff (both human and equine), volunteers and families who benefit from this ministry while enjoying a barbeque dinner together.
2. Come join the family at **Compassionate Heart Ministry**. We would love to have you join us for a tasty, home-cooked dinner, experience our beautiful, new 20,000 square foot facility and learn about this unique ministry. Compassionate Heart is a “one of its kind”, Christ-centered, FUN, drop-in center specifically for teens and young adults with cognitive impairments, physical disabilities and autism. Believing and acting on God’s command to “Love One Another,” our mission is to provide a Christ centered, socially inclusive peer mentoring ministry. After dinner and a brief presentation, feel free to explore the relaxing neighborhood and park, shoot some hoops in our gym, get into a rousing game of pool, Uno, or some other fun game with our participants and mentors. Or, just kick back in a chair and chat with friends. We have it all for your enjoyment and pleasure and look forward to spending the evening with you!
3. **Benjamin's Hope**, a community designed to address the multifaceted needs of individuals and families affected by autism and developmental disability, will host a "Down on the Farm" evening of home-cooked comfort food, music and fun! Some of our dearly loved friends who call Benjamin's Hope home will help show you the campus, including our homes, barn and The Gathering Place, our soon-to-be-finished community center. Our Executive Director and other key leadership will share information about how Benjamin's Hope partners with the local faith community and you may even have the highly-coveted opportunity to snag a selfie with one of our alpacas. We look forward to spending the evening with you at Benjamin's Hope!



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**Thursday, May 26**

8:30am ***Opening Worship and Meditation:*** **Mass Auditorium**

9:00am***Plenary Session***

* Jill Hershaw: Finding Accommodation: Exploring the Spiritual Experience of People with Profound Intellectual Disability.

10:15am ***Break***  **Mass Auditorium**

10:45am ***Introduction to the Jean Vanier Emerging Scholar***: Hans Reinders

***Plenary Session* Mass Auditorium**

* Luca Badetti, *Self and Community, The Importance of Interdependence and its Shadow Side.*

12:00pm ***Lunch: Discussion and Roundtable Discussion Groups*** **Phelps Hall**

1:45pm ***Ph.D. Symposium*** **Hope College Graves Hall classrooms**

***Workshops* various** **WTS classrooms**

* David Myers: The Great Invisible Disability: Hearing Loss
* Barbara Newman andJohn D. Witvliet: Universal Design for Worship: Shaping Worship for Persons of All Abilities
* Mark Stephenson: Disability and Ministry: A Biblical Exploration
* Catherine Webb: Using Film as a Catalyst for Meaningful Discussions about Disability in Faith Communities
* Stephen Weisser and Lisa Mckee: Advocacy from the Inside: Addressing Challenges Faced by Professionals with Disabilities

3:00pm ***Break***  **WTS-Atrium**

3:30pm ***Ph.D. Symposium* Hope College Graves Hall classrooms**

***Workshops* various** **WTS classrooms**

* Keith Dow and Mike Friesen: Word Become Flesh: Embodied Theology And Spiritual Encounters
* Karenne Hills: Towards an Understanding of Spirituality in the Context of Non-Verbal Autism
* Carol Hines: The Experiences of Families whose Children have Moderate to Severe Disabilities as

they interact with their Communities of Faith.

* Lida Merrill: Tell a New Story: The Impact of Language in the Stories We Tell and the Resulting Perceptions of People with Disabilities.
* Mark Stephenson: The Benefits of Engaging People with Disabilities in Ministry

4:30pm ***Break***  **WTS-Atrium**

4:45pm ***Afternoon Worship: “The Binding of Isaac.”*** An enactment

* Tom Boogaart and WTS Hebrew class

6:30pm ***Closing Celebration and Dinner***  **WTS-Semelink Hall**



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**Friday, May 27**

**Optional:**

To Summer Institute Participants

You are invited!

Friday, May 27 from 9 AM - 11 AM, Zeeland Christian School

Located 10 minutes away from Western Seminary is a Christian School that has been including children with disabilities since 1989. If you would like to see this picture of inclusiveness where children of varied abilities learn and grow together with each other, please join us for a time of talking with the administrator and staff and taking a tour of the school and interacting with students.

Zeeland Christian School with support from CLC Network would love to host you should you want to bathe in this inclusive environment before you leave for home.

While this event is free of charge, please register so we know how many visitors to expect on this day.

Barbara Newman and Colleagues at the CLC Network and Zeeland Christian School. [bnewman@zcs.org](mailto:bnewman@zcs.org)

**Thank you for coming!**

**Have a very safe journey home!**

**Blessings in your work!**

**Join Us Next Year.**

**June 5-8, 2017**

**Azuza Pacific University**

**Azuza, California**

Call for Workshops will be out by November 1, 2016

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