

2009 Spring Turkey River Forums

March 17th – 8:30AM – 12:00 PM (Note time change) Zion Lutheran Church,
West Union

"Luther College's Service Work with Youth as New South Africa Turns 15: Challenges and Opportunities"



Professor Martin Klammer, Head of Africana Studies, Luther College, has been taking Luther groups to South Africa since 1998. Klammer teaches in the Africana Studies and English departments at Luther, with special interest in South African literature, history, and culture. He is currently at work assisting Blanche La Guma, a "coloured" 81-year-old former nurse and anti-apartheid activist, write her autobiography.



Professor Joy Conrad teaches in Africana Studies, English, and Russian Studies at Luther College. She has been teaching Luther courses in South Africa since 2003. She has also been involved with a woman's not-for-profit organization in Cape Town, South Africa, leading weekly worship and helping black Xhosa women document their life stories.

Professors Klammer and Conrad with their two sons, Noah and Ben, have lived in South Africa during sabbatical years: 1998-99 in Vryburg, a rural community, and 2005-06 in Cape Town.

April 21st – 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM Zion Lutheran Church, West Union

"Lament in the Liturgy of the Rural Church: An Appeal for Recovery"



The Rev. Dr. Paul Baglyos currently serves as Director of the Center for Theology & Land and Assistant Professor of Rural Ministry at Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa. He began his work at Wartburg on August 1, 2007, having served previously as Campus Pastor at Thiel College in Greenville, Pennsylvania. He holds a Ph. D. in the History of Christianity from the University of Chicago, where he worked under the direction of Martin Marty. He is married to the Rev. Sharon Baglyos; their daughter teaches music in Minneapolis, and their son is currently studying in Vienna during the third year of his program as a vocal performance major at Northwestern University.

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May 19th – 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM Zion Lutheran Church,

“Updates & the Continuing Saga of the Israeli/Palestinian Conflict”

James L. Bailey graduated from Capital University (1960) and Trinity Lutheran Seminary (1964) in Columbus, Ohio, before earning a Ph.D. in New Testament Studies at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland (1967). After pastoring in Cincinnati, Ohio, Jim taught at Trinity Lutheran Seminary (1970-74), Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota (1975-85), and Wartburg Theological Seminary (1985-2003).



Jim is now Professor Emeritus of New Testament, having retired from full-time teaching at Wartburg in 2003. He continues to do some teaching at the seminary and elsewhere and serves as Director of the Center for Congregational Leadership and the Lay School of Ministry for the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin. Jim and his wife Judy continue to reside in Dubuque, Iowa.

Dr. Bailey has extensive knowledge in the following categories and serves as a resource on:

1. Biblical studies, with special interest in the Gospels and Paul's Letters. [more narrowly, the Sermon on the Mount & Pauline Practices as Models for Today's Church]
2. The Israeli/Palestinian Conflict
3. Homosexuality and the Bible