

Registration

Fill out this form and mail with payment to the Rock Island Synod office or register and pay online at nisynod.org/plc.

Name _____

Spouse (if attending) _____

Congregation _____

Address _____

E-mail _____

- I am a first-time attendee
 I will participate in the Talent Show

Registration is not complete until payment is received. If registering online, please send check ASAP. Refunds are not available after 9/15. Limited rooms are available at Bishop Lane. Those willing to share a room will pay a reduced fee. Rooms may also be available at LOMC. Contact them at 815-732-2220 for arrangements.

Residents (program, meals, & housing)

\$180 per person (through 9/8) \$ _____

\$205 per person (after 9/8) \$ _____

Commuters (program & meals)

\$140 per person (through 9/8) \$ _____

\$165 per person (after 9/8) \$ _____

Single-Day Registration (program & meals)

\$100 per person (through 9/8) \$ _____

\$125 per person (after 9/8) \$ _____

- ½ price for retired leaders & seminarians
 Deduct \$10 for 2 in a room
 Deduct \$20 for 3 in a room

Total Registration Fee enclosed \$ _____

All meals are included, but, as good stewards, please note any meals that you plan to miss: _____

Send registration with payment to
(checks payable to *Northern Illinois Synod*)
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Professional Leaders Conference

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The God of the Old Testament in Relationship

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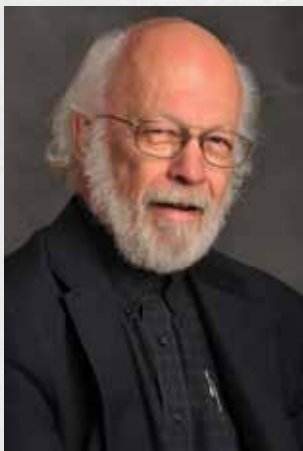
with

Dr. Terrence Fretheim
Elva B. Lovell Professor of Old
Testament, Luther Seminary

September 24-26, 2012

Bishop Lane Retreat Center
Rockford, Illinois

Dr. Terrence Fretheim is the Elva B. Lovell Professor of Old Testament at Luther Seminary.



Terry Fretheim wants students to share his love for the "Godly Old Testament."

He's passionate about "a God who weeps, who gets angry, who rejoices . . . a God who is in genuine interaction with the world."

Fretheim believes that the Old Testament offers tremendous resources for teaching, preaching and counseling.

"I see connections between the New Testament story of Jesus and the Old Testament imaging of God," he says.

"The Old Testament understanding of God is the key to an understanding of who Jesus Christ is."

The NIS Professional Leaders Conference is the key yearly opportunity for leaders to experience collegiality and connect with what is going on in our Synod.

All NIS professional leaders (rostered leaders, seminary students, and paid professional congregational leaders) and their spouses are encouraged to come and share in this opportunity.

Free time

Organized free-time activities will include: golf, tennis, biking, and new this year, PLC Late Night - games following vespers. Please bring your own sporting equipment and favorite games to share.

Also new this year will be a **Talent Show** on Monday Evening. All talents of every sort are invited to share in the fun and festivities of the first PLC Talent Show. If you plan to participate in the talent show, please check the box on the registration form.

Bring a copy of the ELW for worship.

Tentative Schedule

Monday

9:00-10:45 am Registration
10:45 am Worship
12:00 noon Lunch
(Bishop dines with leaders new to the Synod)
1:00-2:30 pm Dr. Fretheim
On Relating to a Relational God
2:30-5:45 pm Free time
5:45 pm Dinner
7:00-8:30 pm NIS PLC Talent Show
Vespers following talent show
PLC Late Night following Vespers

Tuesday

8:10 am Breakfast
9:00-10:45 am Dr. Fretheim
Issues of Divine Self-Limitation
10:45 Worship
12:00 noon Lunch
(Bishop dines with retired leaders)
1:00-2:30 pm Time with Bishop Wollersheim
2:30-3:20 pm Spouse Gathering
2:30-5:45 pm Free time
5:45 pm Dinner
7:00-8:30 pm Dr. Fretheim
God and the Problem of Suffering
Vespers following presentation
PLC Late Night following Vespers

Wednesday

8:10 am Breakfast
9:00-10:15 am Dr. Fretheim
God and the Future
10:30 am Worship
11:30 Lunch & Depart
(Bishop dines with spouses)

"Relationship" is a word we often use when speaking of God.

Indeed, the Bible is filled with images of God that are highly relational.

What do we mean when we use that language?

What does it mean for God to enter into a relationship with us that is "real"?

What effect do our words (such as prayers) and actions have on God's way of working in the world?

How might such understandings affect the way in which we think about God's power, God's will, and the shape of the future?

We will explore several Old Testament texts that draw out what genuine relationship with God entails.