

**MIDWINTER THEOLOGICAL CONFERENCE  
2012**

Registration for:

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Housing Preference: \_\_\_\_\_ Single \_\_\_\_\_ Double with \_\_\_\_\_ Commute \_\_\_\_\_

Clergy \_\_\_\_\_ AIM \_\_\_\_\_ Lay \_\_\_\_\_  
 Diaconal Minister \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lay Pastoral Associate \_\_\_\_\_  
 New to Ministry/Retired Clergy \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Registration fee enclosed – Please pre-pay

Please preregister by January 3, 2012

**Make check payable to NRIT and mail to: NRIT – 2415 13<sup>th</sup> 7ve. S. – Great Falls, MT 59405**

## The Holy Spirit: Equipping and Empowering the Church for Mission

**WHAT:**

A continuing theological education event in the area of practice of ministry.

**WHERE:**

Izaak Walton Inn, Essex, MT  
(406) 888-5700

**WHEN:**

Jan. 30 – Feb 1, 2012

**NEW TO MINISTRY/RETIRED CLERGY DISCOUNT:**

Rostered people in their first three years of ministry, and LPAs are eligible for a discount on tuition. Retired clergy are also eligible. Check the item on the registration form.

**TO REGISTER:**

Preregister by January 3. Please send the registration form to NRIT, 2415 13<sup>th</sup> Ave. So., Great Falls, MT 59405 or register on-line. **We will make the room reservations for you.** Please prepay.

**CONTINUING EDUCATION HOURS: 11**

**SPONSORED BY:**

Northern Rockies Institute of Theology, the continuing education ministry of the Montana Synod, ELCA.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

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## Equipping and Empowering the Church for Mission

**COSTS:**

All costs are payable to NRIT. Please send checks to NRIT, 2415 13<sup>th</sup> Ave. S., Great Falls, MT 59405

**If you stay at the Inn,** your cost includes tuition, 2 nights lodging, 2 breakfasts and 2 suppers. Lunch will be on your own. We will do our best to accommodate your choice in housing. **Please allow us to make your arrangements with the Inn.**

**If you stay in a single:**

- Regular. . . . . \$390
- New to ministry/LPA . . . . . \$375

**If you stay in a double: (per person rate)**

- Regular. . . . . \$265
- New to ministry/LPA . . . . . \$250
- Spouse . . . . . \$180  
(not attending sessions)

**If you commute,** your fee includes tuition and coffee only:

- Regular. . . . . \$80
- New to ministry. . . . . \$70
- Supper for commuters is \$23.95 per night

Schedule

**Monday, January 30**

5:00 pm Conference Dinner  
6:30 pm Worship  
7:00 pm Lecture I  
9:00 pm Evening Prayer

**Tuesday morning, Jan. 31**

7:30 am Breakfast  
9:00 am Morning Prayer  
9:30 am Lecture II  
12:00 Lunch

**Tuesday afternoon Free**

**Tuesday Evening, Jan. 31**

5:00 pm Supper  
6:30 pm Lecture III  
8:30 pm Evening Prayer

**Wednesday, February 2**

7:30 am Breakfast  
9:00 am Lecture IV  
11:00 am Closing Prayer



## Dr. Cheryl Peterson

The Rev. Dr. Cheryl Peterson is associate

professor of systematic theology at Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Ohio. She received the Ph.D. in theology from Marquette University, Milwaukee in 2004; the M.Div. from the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago in 1991, and the B.A. from Wittenberg University, Ohio. Before joining Trinity's faculty in 2005, she served as co-pastor with her husband, the Rev. Charles Peterson of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Milwaukee (2000-2005) and as pastor of First English Lutheran Church in Tyrone, Pennsylvania (1991-1997). She served on Round XI of the U.S. Lutheran-Roman Catholic Dialogue from 2006-2010. Dr. Peterson's primary research interests are in the areas of ecclesiology and pneumatology. She is the author of several articles and book chapters. She currently is working on a book to be published with Fortress Press, tentatively entitled, *Who is the Church? An Ecclesiology for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.*

## THE CONFERENCE

The Midwinter Theological Conference at the historic Izaak Walton Inn is an NRIT tradition. Clergy, LPAs and other interested persons engage in high quality continuing theological education, as well as worship, fellowship, discussion, relaxation and recreation.

The Izaak Walton Inn, located in Essex, Montana, is on the southern edge of Glacier National Park. Originally built by the Great Northern Railway, the Inn continues to be a stopping point for railroad workers as well as tourists. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

In your free time, you can curl up by the fire with a good book, you can enjoy the gorgeous scenery, or you can engage in any number of winter outdoor activities. The Inn maintains 30 kilometers of cross country ski trails, and will rent skis. You can take private or group ski lessons, as well as Telemark lessons. You can also arrange for a guided ski tour into Glacier Park. Downhill skiers can travel to Big Mountain in Whitefish.

The Inn is accessible by car, or train. You can fly into Kalispell, too. Contact NRIT about carpooling.

Babysitting is sometimes available. If you are interested, please contact the Inn.

The Midwinter Theological Conference at the Izaak Walton Inn is an opportunity to study, worship, relax and recreate with your sisters and brothers in a beautiful setting. Come and join us!

**\*\*Please NOTE:** *The conference includes a group meal plan for our meals which keeps costs down and service good. We expect that everyone staying at the Inn will participate in the group meals, including spouses. Commuters who wish to be part of the meal plan need to make arrangements with NRIT.\*\**

## The Holy Spirit: Equipping and Empowering the Church for Mission

We are living in a time when survival is on the minds of most mainline congregations and denominations. Many congregations are trying to figure out “how to do church better” to bring the numbers back up. However, the real crisis churches are facing is *one of identity*, not numbers. The church has forgotten who it has been called to be by God, and the mission to which God has called it.

The *theological (and missional) identity crisis* of the church will be addressed in the first lecture along with an examination of the sociological concept of the church which is operative in most mainline congregations: the church as voluntary association.

In the second lecture, our speaker will examine three current theological starting points for ecclesiology: the Word, *koinonia*, and *missio dei*, before suggesting a fourth: the Holy Spirit. In the last two lectures, she will offer her own constructive proposal of the church as a Spirit-breathed people. She will examine the Holy Spirit as the Giver of Life who both equips the church through Word and Sacrament and empowers the church for mission. Her final presentation will draw on the narrative of the New Testament, Luther’s Explanation of the Third Article of the Apostle’s Creed, and the attributes of the church in the Nicene Creed to describe what a Spirit-breathed church could look like today.

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