

Theme: Preaching in Conversation with the Book of Revelation

Why a Preaching Camp?

The camp is designed for the following purposes:

- (1) to offer preachers an opportunity to think together about preaching in conversation with the Book of Revelation as interpreted from a perspective that is historical-literary-theological;
- (2) to offer preachers inspiration and encouragement in their preaching ministries through time together lifting up the importance of the preaching ministry
- (3) to offer preachers a chance to work together and separately to prepare an abbreviated sermon on texts from the Book of Revelation
- (4) to offer preachers a chance to preach the abbreviated sermon and to receive supportive feedback from peers
- (5) to offer preachers a chance to brainstorm ways to preach the Book of Revelation in the lectionary, in sermon series, as individual sermons over time
- (6) to offer preachers a chance to ask questions, raise issues, and share experiences about all aspects of preaching
- (7) to offer time and space for other things related to preaching and to the larger work of the church

(8) to have fun as ministers in a relaxed setting with good company and good food

Note: the group can amend these purposes at any time!

Registration: \$150.00

We appreciate the support the Church Growth and Vitality Commission provides the Preaching Camp.

If you would like to attend, but not spend the night (commute), the cost is \$100.00.

Registration fee of \$150 is due August 30, 2018.

Make checks payable to
Christian Church Michigan Region
(CCMR).

Mail the completed form and your check to:
CCMR
(Christian Church Michigan Region)
2820 Covington Court
Lansing, Michigan 48912

Or you may register online at www.michigandisciples.org.

Scholarship information is available by calling the Regional Office, 517-372-3220.



Dr. Ronald J. Allen, Nettie Sweeney and Hugh Th. Miller Professor of Preaching and New Testament, will be with us all day Monday through

Wednesday morning, September 10 to 12, to give us help with these questions. Bring your Bible and expect to hear a fresh word.

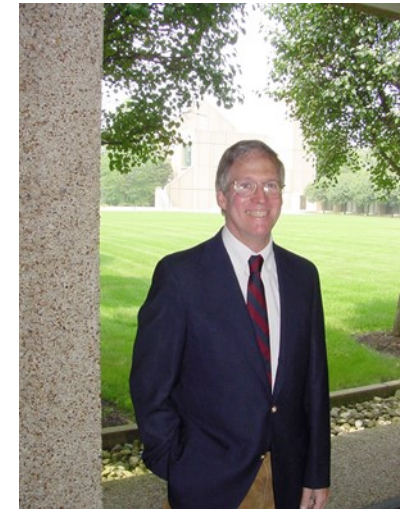
Professor Allen is the author of thirty books and will have available for purchase some of the most recent of these volumes.

Prior to the camp, as you have time, please re-read the Book of Revelation. We will use the NRSV at the camp. It would be great if you could *listen* to the Book of Revelation. I have heard that the following is a good oral reading of the NRSV, though it does cost \$24.99: <http://www.biblebible.com/new-revised-standard/>

This is a free YouTube reading of the Book of Revelation in the NIV which is pretty straightforward. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TN-2It54N9o>

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Michigan Region

Presents:



Dr. Ron Allen Preaching in Conversation with the Book of Revelation

St. Francis Retreat Center
703 East Main Street
DeWitt, Michigan 48820

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2018

9:45 am Registration
 10:30 Welcome and Overview
 11:15 Approaching the Book of Revelation: Feelings, questions, issues and other things we bring.
 12:00 pm LUNCH
 1:00 Background for interpreting Book of Revelation
 2:00 10 minute House church conversation
 2:15 Short Break
 2:30 Historical and literary background for historical-critical approach
 4:00 BREAK
 4:15 Ideas for Preaching on Book of Revelation
 5:45 BREAK for Supper
 7:00 Evening session

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

8:00 am Breakfast
 8:30 Work in house churches
 10:30 BREAK
 10:45 Work on sermons (7—10 minutes long)
 12:00 LUNCH
 1:00 Continue to prepare

2:30 Group reassembles
 3:00 Ephesus
 4:30 Smyrna
 5:30 BREAK
 6:00 DINNER
 7:00 Smyrna continued
 7:30 Pergamum

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

8:00 AM BREAKFAST
 8:30 Pergamum continued
 9:00 Thyatia
 10:30 BREAK
 10:45 Sardis
 Philadelphia
 Laodicea
 Evaluation
 11:45
 12:00 CAMP BENEDICTION and LUNCH



Dr. Allen will serve as coach and instructor to offer preachers some practical resources for identifying and preaching on our deepest theological convictions with integrity, with special attention to preaching on controversial issues in light of those deepest theological convictions.

Preachers will have a chance to preach a sermon and receive supportive feedback from peers.

There will be the opportunity to brainstorm about upcoming sermons for the fall, to ask questions, raise issues and share experiences about all aspects of preaching.

House churches of 3 – 4 will give all a chance to hear and be heard and the chance of forming new relationships.

We will be doing some very tough work in a very relaxing setting.

You will find it helpful to read over the scriptures to be used and spend some time reflecting on them.

REGISTRATION

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