

2017 Diocese of the Rocky Mountains Gathering

Speaker Schedule: *Standing in an Ancient Faith*

Guest Speaker



Dr. Peter Leithart

Dr. Leithart has written extensively in many areas including Christian cultural renewal and sacramental theology. His works include, *Traces of the Trinity: Signs of God in Creation and Human Experience* and *The End of Protestantism: Pursuing Unity in a Fragmented Church*. He is also the co-founder of the Theopolis Institute in Birmingham, AL. Find out more at www.firstthings.com or www.theopolisinstitute.com.

Speaking Schedule

Monday: Pre-Gathering

1-4 pm: Clergy Formation (all are welcome): *A Conversation about Sacramental Theology*

- What difference does it make what we believe about the Sacraments?
- To get sacramental theology right, we need to grasp the relationship of Old and New Covenant sacraments, the ecclesial context of sacraments, and the gift-character of sacraments.
- Dr. Peter Leithart will be involved in leading this and bring to bear his extensive learning as a theologian and as the President of the Theopolis Institute, which focuses on "Bible. Liturgy. Culture."

Before the modern age, Christians saw both Scripture and created reality as a dense forest of symbols. Everything in creation speaks of God, as everything in the Bible speaks of Christ. We can be radically faithful in today's world only by recovering this ancient vision of Word and world.

Monday: Opening Eucharist ~ 7 pm

- *Medievals believed that creation itself teaches moral lessons and gives theological insight. Moderns reject such "anthropomorphism," but it is essential for the people of God to recover this biblical vision of the world.*

Tuesday: Afternoon Workshop ~ 12.45 pm

- *God created a world of "poetry," with beauty and built-in metaphors. How do we come to understand his portrayal where stars are kings, and trees are men?*

Tuesday: Evening Worship ~ 7 pm

- *In God's poetic world, how do we see his vision of cattle and beast, man and woman that we may be fully alive to who he has made us?*

Breakout Sessions

Tuesday ~ 10.45 am



Canon Matt Burnett:

The Life of Thomas Cranmer: A Story of the Beginning of the Anglican Church

What is the Anglican Story and the beginnings of the Reformation in England? This is an overview of our primary Reformer, Thomas Cranmer and how the British Reformation began. Alternate title: *Burned at the stake. You too can be a reformer.*



Deacon Regina Hopewell, Rwanda Ministry Partners

Panel Discussion: Why Rwanda? with Bishop Jered Kalimba of Shyogwe Diocese, Regina Hopewell of Rwanda Ministry Partners, and Lisa Puckett of Walk with Rwanda Provincial Office

As we continue to walk in relationship with our Rwandan brothers and sisters, what does the future hold? How do we continue to understand how Rwanda has shaped us? What are the ways that God is shaping our churches for local mission through this global relationship?



Rev. Dr. Ben Fischer:

Mentoring Millenials toward Restoration

While there is "nothing new under the sun" in the nature of being human, every society labors under its own particular versions of corrupted thinking. For the generation commonly labeled "millenials," the experience of fragmentation tends to dominate life. Knowledge, tradition, meaning, and the modes of learning all seem fragmented and have led to a loss of confidence and trust in almost every area of life. Mentoring those who are growing up amidst such fragmentation may require going back to some very old resources -- at least, that's what I've done. In this workshop, I'll share some ways I've found helpful and together we'll share collective insights.