This year’s Preachers Conference at NTS is the first event hosted by the new NTS Center for Pastoral Leadership (CPL). The NTS CPL is under the leadership of Dr. Jesse Middendorf, Executive Director, and Rev. Dana Preusch, Director. In the first session of the conference, NTS President Carla Sunberg will pray a special prayer of dedication and officially launch the NTS Center for Pastoral Leadership.

When asked why he accepted the challenge to lead the NTS Center for Pastoral Leadership, Dr. Middendorf shared: “In some ways, I see the last 46 years of my ministry as preparation for this next phase of service. Having seen leadership around the globe within the context of the Church of the Nazarene, as well as within the context of the broader holiness movement, I believe that leadership is one of the most critical elements for the fulfillment of the mission of the Church. Further, I believe that Christian leadership must be redefined, rearticulated and reengaged within the understanding of the incarnation.”

And it is within this understanding (the incarnation as the context for Christian leadership) that all work within the NTS Center for Pastoral Leadership will be done. The primary mission for the NTS CPL is to develop incarnational leaders in the Church within the seminary context. The NTS CPL will offer a myriad of resources to ministers, including: host events, webinars and retreats; offer continuing education; produce, gather and offer resources; and provide a place for meaningful dialogue and understanding around the need for genuine incarnational leadership in the Church.

The NTS CPL will endeavor to work closely with the USA/Canada Regional Office in the Global Ministry Center in order to support its work with churches and ministers throughout North America. In addition, the Nazarene Global Consortium of Graduate Schools of Theology, of which NTS is a part, will also be a valuable resource partner as the work of the CPL gets underway.

The NTS CPL will launch its interactive and user-friendly website, featuring a growing number of ministry resources, in early 2015. However, even before the end of the year, you will find resources on our site at: NTS.EDU/CENTER-PASTORAL-LEADERSHIP

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Conference Schedule

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 30, 2014

7:30am  REGISTRATION (Koinonia Cafe)

9:00am  Session #1 | Theme: “God’s Mission Has a Church” | Preacher: ROGER HAHN (Chapel)
         Dedication of NTS Center for Pastoral Leadership
         led by CARLA SUNBERG, JESSE MIDDENDORF and DANNA PREUSCH

10:15am  BREAK  (Refreshments available on all 3 floors)
         Faculty Book Signing with DAVID WESLEY (Koinonia Cafe)
         A Common Mission: Healthy Patterns in Congregational Mission Partnerships

10:45am  Session #2 | Theme: “A Strong Ecclesiology Gives Birth to Effective Leaders” | Preacher: MOLLY MARSHALL
         Panel Discussion: EDDIE ESTEP, Moderator; FILIMAO CHAMBO; JAVIER MONDRAGON; DANNA PREUSCH
         Q & A Session

11:45am  SPECIAL PRESENTATION: CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE FOUNDATION

LUNCH

NOON  Lunch  (Lunches available on all 3 floors; see campus map in packet for seating options)

AFFINITY GROUP DIALOGUES  (Informal conversations around common interests):
- Congregational Mission Partnerships (facilitated by David Wesley and Grant Christy) - Room 302
- Mentoring (facilitated by Dana Preusch) - Room 124
- University Students - Room 126
- NTS Preaching/Leadership Class - Room 301

1:30pm  Session #3 | Theme: “Leadership in the Context of Community (ubuntu)” | Preacher: FILIMAO CHAMBO
         Panel Discussion: EDDIE ESTEP, Moderator; FILIMAO CHAMBO; JAVIER MONDRAGON; DANNA PREUSCH
         Q & A Session

2:15pm  BREAK

2:45pm  Faculty Book Signing with TOM NOBLE

3:15pm  Session #4 | Theme: “The Apostolic Church Leads the Way” | Preacher: RON BENEFIEL
         Panel Discussion: EDDIE ESTEP, Moderator; RON BENEFIEL; JOHN MEGYESI; JOHN NIELSON
         Q & A Session

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 1, 2014

9:00am  Session #5 | Theme: “Giving Yourself to the Least of These” | Preacher: JO ANNE LYON
         Panel Discussion: EDDIE ESTEP, Moderator; JO ANNE LYON; LUCIA DELAMARTER; JAVIER MONDRAGON
         Q & A Session

10:15am  BREAK  -  Sponsored by HOLINESS TODAY
         Faculty Book Signing with CARLA SUNBERG

10:45am  Session #6 | Theme: “Incarnational Leaders” | Preacher: GUStAVO CROCKER
         Panel Discussion: EDDIE ESTEP, Moderator; GUstavo Crocker; John NIELSON; DANNA PREUSCH
         Q & A Session

11:30am  AFFINITY GROUP DIALOGUES:
- Women Clergy (facilitated by Judi Schwanz and Vicki Copp) - Room 304
- University Students - Room 126
- NTS Preaching/Leadership Class - Room 301

LUNCH

1:30pm  Session #7
         Special Presentation: "Best Practices" Awards
         Panel Discussion: EDDIE ESTEP, Moderator; LUCIA DELAMARTER; JOHN MEGYESI; JAVIER MONDRAGON; JOHN NIELSON; DANNA PREUSCH
         Q & A Session

2:45pm  BREAK

3:15pm  Session #8 | Theme: "Follow Me as I Follow Christ" | Preacher: DAVID BUSIC
         Panel Discussion: EDDIE ESTEP, Moderator; DAVID BUSIC; JOHN MEGYESI; JOHN NIELSON; DANNA PREUSCH
         Q & A Session

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- Mr. Roger Allen – Worship Leader
  Music and Worship Arts Pastor, Kansas City First Church of the Nazarene
- Mr. Lyndell Leatherman – Pianist
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