



Announcing the 2008-09 Koinonia Lectionary Study – Gustavus Adolphus College

Rev. Dr. David Mesner, Program Director

Gustavus Adolphus College and the Reverend Doctor David Mesner are pleased to invite area clergy, diaconal ministers, AiMs and lay leaders to participate in the 16th year of the Koinonia Lectionary Workshop Series. Under David's leadership, Koinonia has developed a reputation for congregationally relevant biblical scholarship, attentiveness to the impact of the biblical text in the life of the pastor, and a spirit of fellowship. Koinonia's distinctiveness is a reflection of David's own unique vocation. An active parish pastor with a Ph.D. in New Testament from Northwestern University, David is also a trained spiritual director with a special interest in *lecto divina*.

Year 16 of the Lectionary Series, about living and preaching Mark, is entitled "The Beginning of the Gospel: Living and Preaching the Gospel of Mark." Three session dates have been chosen for the 2008-2009 academic year, on Mondays: October 13, January 12, and May 4. Workshops meet from 9 AM – 3:30 PM on the campus of Gustavus Adolphus College. Tuition for the year is \$200. To register or request more information, contact the Gustavus Office of Church Relations by email (church-relations@gustavus.edu) or by telephone (1-800-726-6194).

The session topics for this year are

October 13 – Advent/Christmas/Epiphany

January 12 – Lent/Easter

May 4 – Pentecost

This series is especially designed to help prepare pastors, diaconal ministers, AIMS, and church leaders for the task of living in the Word, preaching and leading worship. It is also of great value to anyone who has interest in a deeper understanding of the lectionary and the gospel.

Each session includes presentations on preaching the lectionary with special attention to the liturgical season, worship suggestions, and sermon ideas. Participants will receive packets of materials related to the church seasons and each Sunday's texts. David Mesner's scholarship and experience as a pastoral minister have given him perspective to integrate the insights from biblical scholarship with the need to make worship and preaching meaningful and relevant to people's lives. A focus of the workshop will be attention to the impact of the biblical text in the life of the pastor as a prelude to preaching and teaching.

Registration must be processed through the Office of Church Relations at Gustavus. Your check for \$200 made payable to Gustavus Adolphus College will officially register you in the series and hold your spot. Please send the check to the Office of Church Relations, Gustavus Adolphus College, 800 West College, St. Peter, MN 56082. Either as an attention on the envelope or on the memo line of the check, please indicate "Koinonia."

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