

## Convocation Series

The convocation series at Bethel College is designed to be an integral part of the General Education program. By their active participation in the series, students will

1. develop a sense of community;
2. broaden their intellectual and cultural horizons;
3. explore basic value issues.

Convocations take place in Krehbiel Auditorium Mondays and Fridays from 11 to 11:50 a.m.

Convocation is considered to be an essential part of a student's education. Every student is required to have one hour of convocation credit for each year that he/she is a full-time student at Bethel. In order to receive credit, a student must attend 18 convocations each fall and 18 convocations each spring.

The normal convocation requirement may not be applicable to some students who need special consideration. Students who feel their cases warrant such consideration should see the registrar during the first two weeks of the semester. After that time, it will be assumed that the usual regulations hold. Students who have a physical or learning disability and wish to request accommodations or services to support their efforts in this course must notify the coordinator or Dan Quinlin in the Center for Academic Development (CAD) by the end of the second week of classes.

## Convocation Expectations for Bethel Students

Convocation is a class, and the guidelines for appropriate behavior are the same as those of any other classroom. To receive credit, there are only two requirements: One is to attend and the other is to pay attention. All faculty, staff and ID scanners have the right to cancel credit for a specific convocation if these requirements have not been met.

**To be in attendance** at a convocation, you must arrive at the beginning and leave after you are dismissed, even if the convocation lasts longer than 50 minutes. When the program includes a question and answer session, you are expected to stay for it. Attendance is checked by electronically scanning student IDs at the beginning and end of convocation.

**To pay attention** at a convocation, you must make a reasonable effort to listen and respond when appropriate. The basic rules of courtesy apply. You should not sit or lie in the aisles, talk, sleep, study or engage in any other activities that flagrantly disregard the program.



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### August

- 22 **Formal Opening of School** Brad Born, vice president for academic affairs; Todd Moore, vice president for admissions; Natalie Stucky, Student Senate
- 26 **Introduction of New Faculty/Staff; Introduction to Convocation** Brad Born, vice president for academic affairs; Nathan Bartel, convocation coordinator
- 29 **Doing the Necessary, Possible and Impossible: A Conversation with the President's Cabinet** Dr. Perry White, president of Bethel College, and the Administrative Cabinet

### September

- 2 **ReNewton: In Search of Champions** Barbara Burns, community advancement coordinator, City of Newton
- 5 **Student Senate and Club Convo** Student Senate
- 9 **Student Study Abroad Reports** Bethel students
- 12 **A Winfield Warmup** Tim May and Gretchen Priest May, Nashville, Tenn.
- 16 **Constitution Day** Carolyn McGinn, Kansas State Senator, District 31
- 19 **Promoting Peace, Building Community** Myrna Krehbiel, Peace Connections, Newton
- 23 **Disease Ecology: Virus Hunting for the CDC** Dr. Brian Amman, mammalogist, Special Pathogens Branch, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta

- 26 **She Works Wonders: Women's Economic Development in Afghanistan and Pakistan** Helen Loftin, director of women's economic development, Mennonite Economic Development Associates
- 30 **Global and Biblical Realities of Creation Care** Luke Gascho, director, Merry Lea Environmental Center, Goshen (Ind.) College

### October

- 3 **Everyday Entrepreneurs** E. LaVerne Epp, president and chair, Lawrence-Douglas County Biosciences Authority
- 7 **Groundbreakers Emerging Music Series** Cowboy Indian Bear
- 10 **URICA Reports** URICA summer fellows
- 14 **The Business of Zoos** Schanee Anderson, educational outreach coordinator, Sedgwick County Zoo
- 17 **Fall Break – NO CONVO**
- 21 **Growing Great Kids** Natise Vogt, principal, Walton 21st Century Rural Life Center, Walton
- 24 **Taking the Plunge: A Stark View – Reflections on *The Rise of Christianity* and the Book of Acts** Dr. Alan Kreider, professor of church history and mission (retired), Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind.
- 28 **"The Woman Who Lived in the House:" A Reading** Salvatore Scibona, author of *The End* and writing coordinator for the Fine Arts Work Center, Provincetown, Mass.
- 31 **Student Senate Follow-up** Student Senate

### November

- 4 **On Love and Identity** Caleb Lazaro, co-pastor of El Centro, Colorado Springs, Colo.

#### ★ Seeking Common Ground: Sexual Identity in Church and Society

- 7 **One Person Removed: Theater for Social Change** John McCabe-Juhnke, professor of communication arts, and Megan Upton-Tyner, professor of theater, Bethel College; Michele Hershberger, professor of Bible and ministry, Hesston College
- 11 **LGBT Issues and the Church – An Interdenominational Panel Discussion** Newton area clergy
- 14 **Is the Heterosexual Lifestyle Inherited?** Dr. A. Wayne Wiens, professor of biology (retired), Bethel College
- 18 **Safe Spaces for Sexual Diversity** Carol Wise, Brethren Mennonite Council on LGBT Issues
- 21 **Honors Convocation: Does This Problem Have a Solution?** Lisa Scott, Department of Teacher Education, Ralph P. Schrag Distinguished Teaching Award recipient
- 25 **Thanksgiving Break – NO CONVO**
- 28 **Why Mission?** Joe and Anna Sawatzky, Mennonite Mission Network, Mthatha, South Africa

### December

- 2 **Messiah Sing** featuring the Bethel College orchestra, student soloists and conductors and all of us in the chorus (this convocation takes place in Bethel College Mennonite Church)