

THE FAITH OF OUR FUTURE: Facing Church Decline Honestly
A Missional Curated Conversation Among the Spiritual Gatekeepers of Cascadia

Conversations Overview

June 5-7, Ingalls Creek Opening Retreat – Moderator Dr. John Seel

Land of Tomorrow: An Ex-Christian America (Readings will be provided.)

- Stephen Bullivant, *Nonverts: The Making of Ex-Christian America* (Amazon purchase)
- Stephanie Kramer, Conrad Hackett, and Kelsey Beveridge, "Modeling the Future of Religion in America," Pew Research Center
- David Kinnaman, "Rising Spiritual Openness in America"
- Aaron Renn, "The Three Worlds of Evangelicalism," *First Things*

July 20, 5:00-6:30 pm PST (third Thursday) – Moderator Dr. John Seel

Competing Social Imaginaries

- David John Seel, Jr., "Cracks in the Wall," *The New Copernicans: Millennials and the Survival of the Church*
- Chantal Delsol, "The Return to Paganism"

August 17, 5:00-6:30 pm PST (third Thursday) – Moderator Dr. Matthew Kaemingk

The Cascadian Mind

- Matthew Kaemingk, "A Postcard from the Pacific Northwest," *Comment*
- Matthew Kaemingk, "Pacific Northwest Religion: Doing It Different, Doing It Alone – Interview with Patricia O'Connell Killen," *Christ and Cascadia*
- John Stackhouse, "Postmodern, Consumerist, Fleshly, and Fun: Why It's So Hard to Commend Christianity in Cascadia," *Christ and Cascadia*
- Paul Bramadat, "Reverential Naturalism in Cascadia: From Fancy to the Sublime," in Paul Bramadat, Patricia O'Connell Killen, and Sarah Wilkins-Laflamme, *Religion at the Edge: Nature, Spirituality, and Secularity in the Pacific Northwest*

September 21, 5:00-6:30 pm PST (third Thursday) – Moderator Rev. Becca Niemeyer

Discordant Church Responses

- James Davison Hunter, "Old Cultural Wineskins," *To Change the World: The Irony, Tragedy, and Possibility of Christianity in the Late Modern World*
- Jay Green, "The New Shape of Christian Public Discourse"

October 19, 5:00-6:30 PST (third Thursday) – Moderator Dr. Dustin Benac

Missional Innovation

- Dustin Benac, "Introduction" and "A Moment of Renovating Virtue," *Adaptive Church: Collaboration and Community in a Changing World*
- Christopher James, "Introduction: Looking for the Future of the Church in the None Zone," *Church Planting in Post-Christian Soil: Theology and Practice*

November 7-9, Ingalls Creek Closing Retreat – Moderators Dr. Jeff Keuss and Rev. Becca Niemeyer

Explorations of Solutions