



# The Beacon Online

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The SELC District Convention is being held from May 12 - 15, 2022 in St. Louis at St. Lucas Evangelical Lutheran Church. Watch for more information in future issues of the Beacon Online.



## Asleep in Jesus

The SELC District mourns today the passing of Mildred Suzanne Telloni, the mother of Pastor John Telloni. She fell asleep in Jesus early this morning, Friday, October 15, at Kingston of Vermillion, Ohio, at the age of 98 (her 99th birthday would have been October 26). We are grateful that her passing was peaceful and now is experiencing the fulfillment of God's baptismal promises to her in her eternal home.

Mildred was born in Lorain, Ohio, on October 26, 1922, and was baptized at Sts. Peter and Paul Lutheran Church, Lorain, where she remained a faithful and active member until her death. Funeral arrangements are pending.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on. 'Blessed indeed,' says the Spirit, 'that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them.'" (Rev. 14:13).

Please keep Pastor Telloni and his family in your prayers as the grieve.

*Asleep in Jesus! Blessed sleep,  
From which none ever wakes to weep;  
A calm and undisturbed repose,  
Unbroken by the last of foes.*

*Asleep in Jesus! Oh, how sweet,  
To be for such a slumber meet,  
With holy confidence to sing  
That death has lost his venom'd sting!*

*Asleep in Jesus! Peaceful rest,  
Whose waking is supremely blest;  
No fear, no woe, shall dim that hour  
That manifests the Savior's pow'r.*

*Asleep in Jesus! Oh, for me  
May such a blessed refuge be!  
Securely shall my ashes lie,  
And wait the summons from on high.*

*Asleep in Jesus! Far from thee  
Thy kindred and their graves may be;  
But there is still a blessed sleep,  
From which none ever wakes to weep.  
The Lutheran Hymnal #587*



## **Setting Your 2022 SELC Budget Goal**

*And you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8*

Christ calls us to be witnesses of the Gospel throughout the whole world. One way we do this together is through our partnership with district and Synod missions. These offerings are given in joyful response to the Gospel of Christ, trusting in its power with the prayer that new believers will be brought to saving faith in Christ.

Due to inflationary pressures in our economy, the Board of Directors at its September meeting recommended congregations to increase their contributions by four percent for 2022.

Your congregation should have received a letter (or should soon) for you to indicate your plans to support district and Synod missions. As your congregations completes its budgeting process, please return this information by mail or email (preferred) by January 15 to:

Rev. Dr. Mark Larson, Stewardship Chair  
7100 Morganford Rd, St. Louis, MO 63116  
[markclarson0341@gmail.com](mailto:markclarson0341@gmail.com)

Note that checks should be sent directly to the District Financial Secretary:  
Larry Schultz, 1566 Bushkill Center Rd, Bath, PA 18014



## **Professor Emeritus Hummel enters eternal rest**

Leaves legacy of service, scholarship, teaching

Dr. Horace D. Hummel, professor emeritus at **Concordia Seminary, St. Louis**, entered eternal rest in Jesus Oct. 7 in Vista, Calif. He was 93 years old.

A memorial service will be held 11 a.m. PT Thursday, Oct. 14, at **Gloria Dei Lutheran Church** in Escondido, Calif. The service also will be available via Zoom and YouTube. For Zoom connection information, contact Gloria Dei Lutheran Church at 760-743-2478 or **office@gdlutheran.org**. A second service with internment will be held at **Immanuel Lutheran Church** in Daykin, Neb., at a date yet to be determined.

Hummel faithfully served the church as a pastor, theological educator and scholar.

"We thank God for the many blessings He has brought to us and to His church through Dr. Hummel's life of service, scholarship and teaching," said Seminary President Dr. Thomas J. Egger. "We eagerly await the great day of reunion and resurrection, when Christ our Savior appears."

Hummel retired from Concordia Seminary in 1995. He joined Concordia Seminary in 1974 as associate professor of Exegetical Theology and was advanced to professor in 1979. He served as chairman of the Department of Exegetical Theology (1981-95) and as an instructor (1956-58). He also served as a guest professor at Seminario Concordia, Porto Alegre, Brazil (1983) and Lutheran Theological Seminary, Novosibirsk, Russia (1997).

Concordia Seminary Emeritus Professor of Exegetical Theology Dr. Andrew Bartelt praised Hummel in a recent issue of Concordia Journal as "a teacher and a colleague who has influenced so many in the study of the Hebrew Scriptures, but also as one who has championed the richness of the biblical record and helped us understand and appreciate the theological heritage that is ours."

Before his 21 years of distinguished service at Concordia Seminary, Hummel served as assistant pastor at Calvary Lutheran Church in Baltimore (1953-55); pastor at St. John's Lutheran Church in Phoenix, Md. (1955-56); assistant professor at Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa (1959-63); associate professor at Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago, Ill. (1963-70); pastor-at-large at Notre Dame University in South Bend, Ind. (1970); instructor at Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, Ind. (1971-73); and as pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in Westville, Ind., and St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Otis, Ind. (1973-74).

Hummel received his Master of Divinity (M.Div.) and Master of Sacred Theology (S.T.M.) from Concordia Seminary (1951, 1952) and a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Md. (1955).

His published work includes *The Word Becoming Flesh: An Introduction to the Origin, Purpose, and Meaning of the Old Testament* (Concordia Publishing House [CPH]), which studies the history, organization, interpreters and critics of the Old Testament. He also authored *The Old Testament in Modern Research, with a Survey of Recent Literature* with Herbert F. Hahn (Fortress Press) and the two-volume *Concordia Commentary on the book of Ezekiel* (CPH), which the publisher describes as a "landmark work" in which "every passage bears witness to the Good News that God has reconciled the world to Himself through our Lord's life, death and resurrection."

Hummel served as an editor of the Concordia Study Bible (Concordia Publishing House). In 2002, he was honored by scholarly friends and colleagues with a festschrift titled Hear the Word of Yahweh: Essays on Scripture and Archaeology in Honor of Horace D. Hummel.

His interests extended to archaeological expeditions such as those at Tell Tuneinir, located in Northeastern Syria near the town of Hasake, where he volunteered five seasons during 1988-94.

He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Ruth Clara, nee Stevenson, daughter Eve Irene, sister Shirley Ann Schoenrock (Ted) and brother Kent D. (Joan, nee Weerts). He was preceded in death by his parents Lester J. and Malinda (nee Meeske) Hummel, son Joel James (Stephanie, nee Hart), sisters Rosalyn J. Nietfeld (Samuel) and Rachael Peters (Stan).

Memorial contributions may be made to Lutheran Theological Seminary, Novosibirsk, Russia, Seminary Endowment through **Siberian Lutheran Mission Society** or to Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, designating "Student Aid."



## Call for District Nominations

We want to remind all congregations to elect your delegates, pastoral and lay, to affirm their pastor as pastoral delegate and send credentials if there are any changes from the original actions. If you have not yet chosen delegates, please do so as soon as possible. The **deadline is December 1, 2021.**

You have time to select nominees for all the offices for those congregations that have not done so. Please note the following deadlines for submitting nominations:

**January 4, 2022** for District President, Vice Presidents, and Circuit Visitors

**February 8, 2022** for Members of the Board of Directors, the Lutheran Haven Board of Trustees, and Advisory Delegates

Please remember to send in Resolutions by the deadline of **January 4, 2022**, Resolutions submitted after that date may be accepted up to **March 16, 2022**, but they will not be printed in the Convention Booklet. Direct all questions to the District Office or Rev. John Telloni, District Secretary.



## Concordia Seminary Press publishes first title in new preaching series

*Inaugural title centers on image, aesthetics in preaching*

Lutheran theologian and scholar Dr. Dean Nadasdy advocates for the artfulness of preaching in **The Beautiful Sermon: Image and the Aesthetics of Preaching**, the first title in The Conversations in Preaching Series from Concordia Seminary Press, the publishing arm of **Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.**

"Each book in the series will take up one topic relevant to the preaching task and begin a conversation. At the heart of the conversation will be a Lutheran sensibility of preaching," said **Dr. David Schmitt**, the editor of the series and

the Seminary's Gregg H. Benidt Memorial Professor of Homiletics and Literature. "Preaching is the authoritative public proclamation of the faith, normed and guided by the Scriptures, centered in the Gospel of Jesus Christ for forgiveness, life and salvation, for the benefit of the hearers in their relationship to God and to others."

In *The Beautiful Sermon*, Nadasdy sets preaching in the context of aesthetic theology. He highlights preachers who have contributed significantly to aesthetic theology such as Augustine, Thomas Aquinas, Martin Luther and Jonathan Edwards. Nadasdy explores seven elements that contribute to the beautiful sermon and the various approaches to using images in preaching. He includes three sermons, with commentary, to illustrate the power of imagery in sermons to carry truth and provide beauty. Throughout the book, beautiful works of art are included to display their powerful impact on preaching.

"It's exciting to see the first book in *The Conversations in Preaching Series* come to fruition," said **Dr. Erik Herrmann**, dean of Theological Research and Publication. "It's our prayer that this series will be another helpful resource for busy pastors and will aid their growth in preaching."

The *Conversations in Preaching* series was introduced during Concordia Seminary's 31st Annual **Theological Symposium** in September 2021, and is made possible by The J. Ernest and Elsie Schneider Endowment for Excellence in Relevant Preaching at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

The *Beautiful Sermon* is available in paperback for \$19.95 at the Seminary's online **Campus Store** and on **Amazon**.



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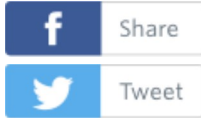
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