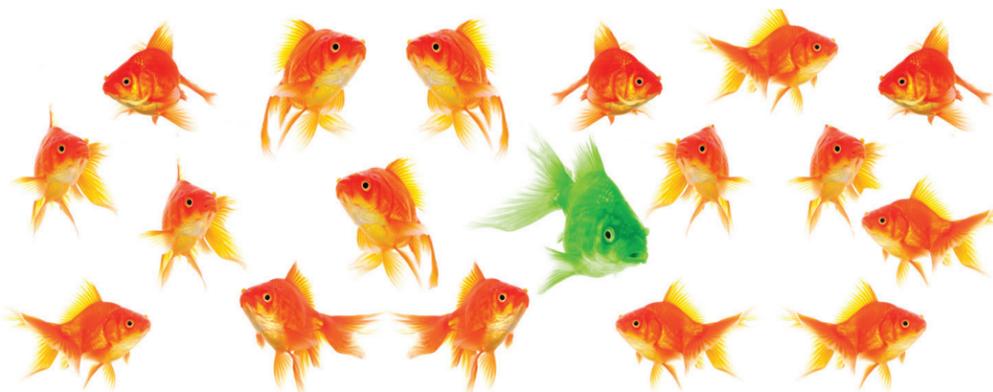


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**What *Difference* Does It Make?  
Christian Identity in a Complex World**

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as we explore who we are as Christians  
in the context of theology, poverty, and peace-making.



## MONDAY PRESENTERS

**HELEN BLIER**, Director of Continuing Education, PTS  
**“Who do you say that I am?” Educating for Christian Imagination**  
 Jesus asked his disciples this question...after asking them, “Who do others say that I am?” Christian education is about teaching to both question who others have claimed Christ to be and helping participants come to know him for themselves. We will explore how this education has taken place throughout two millennia and invite participants to imagine anew what it might look like today.

**LEANNA FULLER**, Assistant Professor of Pastoral Care, PTS  
**“Christian Conflict: Oxymoron or Opportunity?”**  
 Many Christians see conflict as something that should be avoided in personal relationships and faith communities. This workshop will present a different way of understanding conflict: namely, as a normal part of human relationship and as a natural result of the diversity inherent in creation. We will discuss how Christian values can inform healthier models of conflict as well as strategies for introducing such models into their own ministry contexts.

**JOHANNES SWART**, Associate Professor of World Mission and Evangelism, PTS  
**“No Mission, No Identity”**  
 Companionship – breaking bread together – is at the heart of a missional understanding of Christian identity. And according to Sri Lankan evangelist D.T. Niles, we are all “beggars telling other beggars where to find bread.” This workshop will explore the dynamics of Christian identity as a people sent by God into companionship with others.

**LISA THOMPSON**, Assistant Professor of Homiletics, PTS  
**“Preaching at the Intersections”**  
 Preachers have the task of making faithful proclamation in particular contexts. Christian identity informs the interpretive decisions we make for preaching. This sense of identity is multifaceted and informed by personal and communal narratives. We will explore faithful proclamation at the intersections of self-identity, cultural contexts, and scripture.

**STEVEN TUELL**, James A. Kelso Professor of Hebrew and Old Testament, PTS  
**“I Am No Prophet’: Christian Identity and the Loss of Self”**  
 The prophets of ancient Israel did not choose to become prophets; instead, they responded to their calls with resistance. Jeremiah wished he *could not* speak in the Lord’s name. Amos denied that he WAS a prophet. What if our identity is not a matter of our choice, after all, but rather a recognition that God is God? What if we find ourselves, as Jesus said, only denying ourselves?

**HEATHER VACEK**, Assistant Professor of Church History, PTS  
**“Christian Identity and American Religious History”**  
 During this session, we will explore the lives of five different figures – a colonial era woman who led Bible studies in her home, a 19<sup>th</sup> century abolitionist, an early 20<sup>th</sup> century radio personality, and others. With their stories in mind, we will ask what is at stake in defining and claiming a Christian identity in 21<sup>st</sup> century America?



## TUESDAY PRESENTERS

**PAMELA ARMSTRONG**, Employment and Education Supervisor, and  
**KELLIE WILD**, I.M.P.A.C.T.S. Program Director, East End Cooperative Ministries  
**“Beyond the Walls of the Congregation”**  
 Join us in practical discussion on how pastors can lead their congregations into engaging in genuine relationships that leave an impact upon the communities they serve. We will talk about preconceived ideas of ministry and how we should look as we minister.

**CYNDI BLOISE**, Pastor, Center Avenue United Methodist Church and Executive Director, Pitcairn/Allegheny Circles Initiative  
**“Circles: God’s Mission to Love People in the Margins”**  
 Circles USA is a national movement to eliminate poverty through intentional relationships between low-income people and middle- and upper-income “Allies.” Its work focuses on individual choice and behavior and engaging the community to address barriers to moving out of poverty. We will discuss how this model of ministry can change and grow a church.

**JENN FRAYER-GRIGGS**, Table Minister, Hot Metal Bridge Faith Community  
**“Feed My Sheep, Sheep”**  
 Join us as we think and talk about Jesus’ command to feed his sheep. Jenn will share what she has learned about how we are all sheep - we are all hungry for something, and, as we learn to be the hands and feet of Christ in feeding others, we find that we, too, are fed.

**SCOTT FULLER**, Chaplain, Personal Touch Hospice  
**“Jesus Wept: Being Present with Those Who Suffer”**  
 In a culture where illness, death, and grief are often taboo topics, the church can offer the gift of ministry of presence in times of suffering. We will focus on the Incarnation as the basis for understanding Christian caregiving in contemporary contexts and explore how Christian spiritual care differs from the services offered by other institutions in times of crisis and pain.

**DANA GOLD**, Director of Programs, The Mentoring Partnership of SWPA  
**“The Poverty Spiral: Decisions and Dilemmas”**  
 Living in poverty brings with it limited choices and unlimited stress. Participants will gain new insight into the decisions and dilemmas poverty brings by joining in a simulation that is easily adapted for congregational use. Discussion will include a reflection on Dana’s journey with the homeless, addicted, and orphaned while creating the Poverty Spiral.

**ANNA HOLLIS**, Executive Director, Amachi Pittsburgh  
**“Crime Does Pay....But For Whom?”**  
 In Matthew 25, Jesus says that when we visit those in prison, “the least of these,” that we did it to him. With 2 million+ adults behind bars, those who suffer most are the millions of innocent children left behind. Participants in this workshop will examine the harsh realities facing families who pay the real costs of incarceration and ways of breaking the generational cycle.

**ERICA MCLROY**, Private Practice Attorney  
**“Welcoming the Stranger”**  
 Scripture frequently urges us to show hospitality to the stranger. This workshop will explore what it means to minister to those foreign to our immediate culture and the issues this raises for work with immigrants and our own self-identity.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sunday, June 8		
6:30 p.m.	Registration and hors d’oeuvres	
7:00 p.m.	Welcome and Evening Program Film: <i>Blood Brother</i>  <i>Blood Brother</i> is the story of Rocky Braat, a young man from a fractured family and a troubled past, who went traveling through India without a plan. Then he met a group of HIV positive children living in an orphanage—and everything changed for him. Winner of the 2013 Sundance Grand Jury Prize, 2013 Sundance Audience Prize, and 2013 Milano Film Festival Awards Best Documentary <a href="http://www.bloodbrotherfilm.com">www.bloodbrotherfilm.com</a>	
8:30-8:45 p.m.	Evening Devotions	
Monday, June 9	Our Christian Identity	Tuesday, June 10
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8:30-9:00 a.m.	Registration	
9:00-10:15 a.m.	Morning Worship “Mister Perfect” Genesis 37:1-28 Angela Dienhart Hancock	Morning Worship “Serpents and Doves” Exodus 1:8-2:10 Angela Dienhart Hancock
10:15-10:30 a.m.	Welcome	Break
10:30-11:30 a.m.	“What Does It Mean To Be Christian” Tony Campolo	“Christianity and the Response to Poverty” Tony Campolo
11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Group Discussion / Question and Answer	Group Discussion / Question and Answer
12:30-2:00 p.m.	Lunch	Lunch
2:00-3:30 p.m.	<i>Session 1 Workshops</i> on “Exploring Christian Identity Through the Lens of Theology”	<i>Session 3 Workshops</i> on “Christian Responses to Human Need”
3:30-5:00 p.m.	<i>Session 2 Workshops</i> on “Exploring Christian Identity Through the Lens of Theology”	<i>Session 4 Workshops</i> on “Christian Responses to Human Need”
5:00-7:00 p.m.	Dinner	
7:00-8:30 p.m.	Informal Discussion with Tony Campolo	
8:30-8:45 p.m.	Evening Prayer	

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Wednesday, June 11	
Towards Peace and Healing	
8:30-9:00 a.m.	Registration
9:00-10:00 a.m.	Morning Worship “Carried Away” II Corinthians 7:2-12 Angela Dienhart Hancock
10:15-11:15 a.m.	“Peace-making in a Conflicted World” Tony Campolo
11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	“Christian Identity in Daily Life: Promoting Health and Healing” Jeannette E. South-Paul
12:30-2:00 p.m.	Lunch
2:00-3:30 p.m.	Closing Worship and Communion “At a Loss” Luke 19:1-10 Angela Dienhart Hancock

