

Information!

Please look over the enclosed registration form for costs and other lodging information.

To download the Registration form, go to our website at www.nemnsynod.org and click on the button titled "**FTC Registration Form**" under the *Quick Links!* section.

Register by filling out the enclosed form and sending it directly to Ruttger's.

You will receive a reservation confirmation, and a map-from Ruttger's.

If you have questions about lodging and amenities, please contact Ruttger's at 800.450.4555.

Note especially the information regarding commuters, spouse and children, Cancellation/Refund Policy, and directions for indicating or requesting a roommate.

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Program costs are covered through the synod budget and special grants.

+ "Bring your favorite Study Bible with you!"

Other Opportunities

Kayaking, Hiking, Tennis, Golf,
Reading, Resting, Conversation, Relaxing!



Schedule

Sunday, Sept. 22

- 2-4 pm Community Conversation:
Rev. Dr. "Tink" Tinker
Zion Lutheran, Grand Rapids
- 4-6 pm Registration
- 6-7 pm Evening Meal
- 7:15 pm Welcome, Introductions
Update from Together Here
- 7:30 pm Holy Ground and Sacred Spaces
w/Holy Communion
- 8:45 pm Fellowship time in the Lobby

Monday, Sept. 23

- 7-8:30 am Breakfast
- 8:30 am Morning Devotions
- 9:00 am Session I: Rev. Dr. "Tink" Tinker
- 10:30 am Break
- 10:45 am Session II: Rev. Dr. "Tink" Tinker
- 12:00-1pm Lunch
- 1-2:30 pm Session III: Rev. Dr. "Tink" Tinker
- 2:30 pm Bishop's Election Committee Update
- 3:10 pm Free Time
- 3:15-4:30 Discussion with Rev. Dr. Tinker
- 6:30 pm Evening Prayer
- 7:00 pm Dinner
- 8:00 pm Fellowship time in the Lobby

Tuesday, Sept. 24

- 7-8:30 am Breakfast
- 8:45 am Session IV: Rev. Dr. "Tink" Tinker
- 10:30 am Worship w/Holy Communion.

Dismissal & Checkout

Coming Leadership Events in the Northeastern Minnesota Synod

- Sept. 28 Depression & Anxiety Workshop,
Grace Lutheran, Hemantown
- Oct. 1 Depression & Anxiety Workshop,
Bethlehem Evangelical, Brainerd
- Oct. 8 Together Here- Grand Rapids,
Contextual Ministry Workshop
- Oct. 12 Suicide & Grief
Wokshop, Brainerd
- Oct. 25-27 Lay Preacher Training
Joy Ranch, South Dakota
Life-Long Learning
Lay School: Luther Seminary
- Oct. 29 Suicide & Grief Workshop, Duluth
- Nov. 22-23 Middle School Gathering
& Cragun's, Brainerd
Nov. 23-24
- Feb. 9, 2020 Conference Assemblies
Alt. Feb. 16, 2020
- Feb. 28-March 1, 2020 Cardia Deo

Open Forum with Bishop Nominees:

March 12, 2020
7 pm, Calvary Lutheran, Mora, MN

March 13, 2020
7 pm, St. Andrew's, Grand Rapids, MN

March 14, 2020
2 pm, Grace Lutheran, Hermantown, MN

TO DOWNLOAD THIS BROCHURE GO TO:

<http://www.nemnsynod.org/fall-theological-conference.html>

May 1-3, 2020 Synod Assembly at the DECC

Sept. 27-29, 2020 Fall Theological at Ruttger's

“Relationship, Repentance, Reconciliation: Liberation in Context”

Trained in biblical studies at the Graduate Theological Union, Dr. Tinker will address the theological, political and social connection to the work of building bridges between indigenous and non-indigenous peoples in a church committed to repentance and reconciliation.

His thought-provoking work weaves methodology, language, and understandings of the Christian beliefs of the colonists--and of the majority society since the colonial period, focusing in particular on differing understandings of Jesus Christ and of the land, and the centrality of both to the "theology of sovereignty" and the challenges communities of faith face, particularly indigenous communities, in a postcolonial world.

As an American Indian academic, Dr. Tinker is committed to a scholarly endeavor that takes seriously both the liberation of the Indian peoples from their historic oppression as colonized communities and the liberation of White Americans, the historic colonizers and oppressors of Indian peoples.



Rev. Dr. "Tink" Tinker

Professor of American Indian Cultures and Religious Traditions at The Iliff School of Theology

Education

B.A., New Mexico Highlands University
M.Div., Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary
Ph.D., Graduate Theological Union

Biography

TINK TINKER, a citizen of the Osage Nation (wazhazhe), is the Clifford Baldrige Professor of American Indian Cultures and Religious Traditions at Iliff School of Theology, where he has taught for twenty-five years and brings an Indian perspective to a predominantly amer-european school.

Tink Tinker teaches courses in American Indian cultures, history, and religious traditions; cross-cultural and Third-World theologies; and justice and peace studies and is a frequent speaker on these topics both in the U.S. and internationally.

As an American Indian academic Tinker is committed to a scholarly endeavor that takes seriously both the liberation of Indian peoples from their historic oppression as colonized communities and the liberation of White Americans, the historic colonizers and oppressors of Indian peoples.

Dr. Tinker has volunteered in the Indian community as (non-stipendiary) director of Four Winds American Indian Survival Project in Denver for two decades. In that capacity he functions in the urban Indian community as a traditional American Indian spiritual leader. He is past president of the Native American Theological Association and a member of the Ecumenical Association of Third World Theologians.

Firmly committed to the ecumenical movement, he has been active in volunteer capacities with several denominations at the national level, the National Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches. He currently serves as an "Honorary Advisor" to IMADR, the International Movement against all Forms of Discrimination and Racism; and he also serves locally on the Leadership Council of the American Indian Movement of Colorado.

Dr. Tinker's publications include: American Indian Liberation: A Theology of Sovereignty (Orbis Press, October, 2008); Spirit and Resistance: American Indian Liberation and Political Theology (Fortress Press, 2004); Missionary Conquest: The Gospel and Native American Genocide (Fortress Press, 1993); co-author of A Native American Theology (Orbis Books, 2001); and co-editor of Native Voices: American Indian Sovereignty and Identity (University of Kansas, 2003). He has written some fifty journal articles and chapters for edited volumes.

2019 Fall Theological Conference

**for rostered leaders and spouses, synodically
authorized ministers and directors of youth
& family ministry of the**

Northeastern Minnesota Synod, ELCA



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September 22-24, 2019

**Ruttger's Sugar Lake Lodge
Grand Rapids, MN**