FRANK A. THOMAS, PHD, serves as the Director of the new Compelling Preaching Initiative and the Nettie Sweeney and Hugh Th. Miller Professor of Homiletics at Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis, Indiana. He has previously taught at McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago; Memphis Theological Seminary in Tennessee; and United Theological Seminary of Dayton, Ohio. He is the CEO of Hope For Life International, Inc., which formerly published The African American Pulpit.

Thomas has served as senior pastor for congregations in Matteson, Illinois and Memphis, Tennessee. Out of a lifetime practicing, studying, teaching, and writing about preaching, Dr. Thomas invites us to “Listen for the sound of the genuine.”

Howard Thurman writes “There is something in every [one of us] that waits, listens for the sound of the genuine in [ourselves].” Preaching is a reflection of the genuine inside of ourselves. But, have we ever listened to our own preaching? We concentrate on what our preaching says to the congregation or the audience, but what does it say to us when we actually sit down and listen carefully, quietly, and deeply to our own sermons? Do we hear the sound of the genuine? Preachers would be helped to cultivate the discipline of listening to the sound that comes through their sermons. Each preacher is a better preacher when they are able to answer the question: How does the sound of the genuine come through you, particularly through preaching?

His books The Choice: Living Your Passion Inside Out and Preaching as Celebration Digital Lecture Series (based on his first book, They Like to Never Quit Praisin’ God) will be the basis of our event. His most recently book is The God of the Dangerous Sermon.
Brethren Ministers’ Association Pre-Annual Conference Continuing Education Event
July 2 & 3, 2024

Registration Form

Or register online at www.brethren.org/sustaining
(Pre-registration cut-off date June 10, 2024)

Name(s) ____________________________________________________________

Address __________________________________________________________

Phone # ( )____________________ E-mail: ______________________________

Registration will be confirmed by email, if you provide an email address

Translation needed for: ___Spanish  ___Sign Language  ___Creole   ___Other (specify__________)

Registration Fee Schedule:

____ First-timer Fee! @ $55.00 _____in person or _____hybrid
____ Individual @ $95.00 ($135.00 at the door) _____in person or _____hybrid
____ Couple @ $150.00 ($190.00 at the door) _____in person or _____hybrid
____ Current Seminary, EFSM, or TRIM Student @ $55.00 ($80.00 at the door)

____ in person or _____hybrid  Registration Total $________

Continuing Education Units (credentialed clergy only) #_____ X $10.00 $________

____ Tuesday evening July 2 Complimentary Dinner
   (Cost is covered by the Part-time Pastor; Full-time Church Program)

   _____ # of persons attending the Dinner from your family

____ Wednesday, July 3 Buffet Luncheon Ticket @ $20.00 $________

____ Wednesday, July 3 Buffet Luncheon Ticket for children in M.A. Child Care @ $10.00 $________
   (Meal cost is being subsidized by the Brethren Ministers Association)

On-Site Child Supervised Play for Toddler – Elementary school

Sessions needed: ____ Tues. evening   ____ Wed. morning   ____ Wed. afternoon

Children’s Names and Ages________________________________________________

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Parent/Guardian Contact (during sessions)___________________________________

Indicate any special needs or allergies________________________________________

Fees for On-site Supervised Child Play per session: $5.00/child or $25.00 maximum total per family

number of children _______ x $5, x number of sessions _______ = Total childcare $________

Registration processing fee: $2.50

Total Fees Enclosed: $______

Checks payable to: CoB Ministers’ Association - Mail registration by June 10, 2024 to:
Ministers’ Association, Attn: Ben Lattimer, Stone Church of the Brethren 1623 Moore St. Huntingdon, PA 16652-2045

If your plans change, we can process a full refund up until 1 month before the event.
After that, you can transition to the “Hybrid” option at no additional cost or receive a refund less a $50 cancellation fee.