

Listening for the Sound of the Genuine

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Grand Rapids, Michigan

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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*.



Registration

Tuesday, July 2: 4:00 - 6:00 pm

Event

Tuesday, July 2: 6:00 - 9:00 pm
Wednesday, July 3: 9:00 - 11:45 am
and 1:15 - 4:00 pm

Complimentary Dinner

offered Tuesday July 2 to all attendees,
5:00 - 5:45 pm just prior to the
opening session (advance registration
required for meal; attendees' children
may be included if registered)

Buffet Luncheon

(available for purchase)
Wednesday, July 3: 12:00 noon - 1:00 pm

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Church of the Brethren

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 _____

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.