

Rebooting the Church for the 21st Century



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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

The Reverend Dr. Leonard Sweet

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER – LEONARD SWEET



Currently the E. Stanley Jones Professor of Evangelism at Drew Theological School (Madison, NJ), and Visiting Distinguished Professor at George Fox University (Portland, OR), Leonard Sweet is the author of more than one hundred articles,

600 published sermons and thirty books, most recently *The Gospel According to Starbucks* (2007).

Sweet's web-based preaching resource Wikiletics.com is the first open-source preaching resource on the web. Founder and President of SpiritVenture Ministries, Sweet is a frequent speaker and conversation partner at conferences both in the US and around the globe. In both 2006 and 2007 he was voted "One of the 50 Most Influential Christians in America" (www.thechurchreport.com). His current projects include a preaching text entitled *Giving Blood*, *The Leadership Myth* (with Joe Myers), *Pay Attention: Every Bush is Burning*, and later in 2007, *Outstorming The Perfect Storm*. His weekly free podcast is called "Napkin Scribbles," and a longer subscription-based weekly podcast is available from WiredParish.com.

Workshop Leaders:

Reverend Bart L. Brenner, Interim Executive
Presbyter, Presbytery of South Dakota
Reverend Dr. Howard Chapman, First Presbyterian
Church in Marion, Iowa
Reverend Dr. Sue Coller, Executive Presbyter,
Minnesota Valleys Presbytery
Bill Evans, Commissioned Lay Pastor at St. James
Presbyterian Church, Tower MN
Duane Sweep, Associate for Communications,
Synod of Lakes and Prairies
Reverend Phil Tom, Small Church & Community
Ministry Office, PCUSA
Reverend Dr. Lon and Reverend Robyn Weaver,
Glen Avon Presbyterian Church, Duluth, MN

MORNING WORKSHOPS

A1 Conversation with Leonard Sweet

A2 Congregational Transformation - Bart Brenner. Transformation is not something a congregation does. Instead it is something that happens along the way while attending to God's calling.

A3 Managing Change - Sue Coller. Change often fails not because it's a bad idea, but because we often overlook crucial steps in helping congregations adapt. This workshop will introduce various ways of looking at change, and will give practical tools for helping planned change succeed.

A4 Communications for Churches on a Shoestring Budget - Duane Sweep. Small churches often feel a crunch – both in terms of money and time – when it comes to communications. We'll take a look at a variety of ways to speak to your congregation and community beyond Sunday and on a shoestring – from newsletters to bulletin inserts to the Internet. The workshop will include both media relations and internal communications.

A5 Front Porch Church, a more welcoming church - Bill Evans. Years ago, homes had front porches and all the streets had sidewalks. The summer evening was often spent visiting neighbors on your porch. Friendships were started on the front porch; and as friendships developed, the neighbors were invited inside your home. This session will give you some ideas on how to create a "front porch" for your church. How to transition people in your neighborhood from sidewalk to sanctuary.

A6 More than Song Lyrics - Howard Chapman. In recent years, churches have increasingly used projectors and screens in worship. While projectors and screens are often just used to project musical lyrics and images to enhance that part of the service, there are a multitude of other ways this technology may be effectively used during worship. This workshop will focus on these other uses of projectors during worship especially in conjunction with the sermon.

