

Grace Notes

Convocation Speaker

Rodger Nishioka

Rodger is Benton Family Associate Professor of Christian Education at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA. A graduate of McCormick Seminary and Georgia State University, he has been working with and advocating for the young people of the church for many years as a member of the General Assembly staff and, more recently, on the seminary faculty where he focuses on equipping pastors to be teachers and leaders in the church's educational ministry.

A gifted and popular speaker, Rodger is one of only a very few who have been invited back to Synod School as the convocation speaker.

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What is Synod School?

Synod School is a special learning and personal enrichment experience for all ages. The week is designed for laity and clergy, individuals and families. Classes and activities are available for adults, youth and children – some separately, some intergenerational – to stretch the mind, nurture the soul, and offer hope.

Come...and grow in faith through action, relationships, and a centering of the spirit.

Come...for continuing education, for a special family experience, or for individual growth.

Come...to participate in a unique experience of Christian community, as we worship, study, play, and live together.

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Watch for Course Catalogs and registration information coming to congregations in late February.

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Buena Vista University
Storm Lake, Iowa

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People Say...

"...the best thing is the warm, friendly, worshipful atmosphere."

"...an unexpected spiritual awakening - wow!"

"...the sense of community – like finding Grace and God's gifts around every corner."

"...all ages of people coming together to explore their faith, learn and have fun."

"...the gift of time to be with our kids and on our own."

"..gives me the incentive to try new things in my church."

"Felt like it was a reunion of relatives who we had not known existed..."

"...thoughtful, energetic, fun-loving teachers, staff and leaders."

"time to slow down and work on me."

"I appreciated watching my children learn about God in a fun way!"

"I left inspired and challenged..."

What is Synod School?

Daily morning and evening worship for all ages with spirited music and singing.

Daily convocation focusing on the theme of the School.

Morning and afternoon programs for children of all ages.

Special convocation, program, and classes for youth.

Opportunity for adults to participate in from 1 to 4 classes on a wide range of topics – something for everyone.

Bookstore and Global Gift Shop.

Live music nightly at the Coffeehouse.

Plus Art Share, lots of fun, fellowship, mini-courses, movies, and as much relaxation as you want.



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Some Course Topics

A Green Church Isn't Just Irish
Aging Well: Body, Mind and Spirit

Basketweaving

Biblical Poetry

Bridges Out of Poverty

Cake Decorating

CSI: Fact and Fiction

The Emerging Church

Figure Drawing

Getting in Shape Fiscally

God at the Box Office

Improvisation

Intro to Microsoft Publisher

Leadership and Ministry in the 21st Century

Leadership, Program & Ministry Skills Training

Love and Logic for the Early Years

Mission Track: El Salvador, China, and more

Old and New Testament Bible Studies

Presbyterian Polity

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Reinhold Niebuhr

Silk Screening

Sistine Secrets

Spirituality & Spiritual Formation

Sports, Recreation and Hobbies

Stained Glass, Tatting, Quilling and other Crafts

Technology for Worship

Theological Study & Reflection

Training for Church Treasurers

Usury

Vocal Music - Praise and Prayer & Song Share

and more...

Professional Development

Newly Ordained Clergy Newcomer Seminar

Newly Ordained Clergy Reunion Seminar

Seminar for Clergy Spouses

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For more information contact Diana Barber at the synod office, 1-800-328-1880, ext. 207, or visit the synod Web site at www.lakesandprairies.org.

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