

EASTERN DISTRICT 2021 FALL  
PASTORS/DEACONS/DCEs/DEACONESSSES CONFERENCE  
November 1 – 3  
Notre Dame Retreat Center, Canandaigua NY

*Conference Theme: **BOLD, BIBLICAL, TIMELESS PREACHING***

Come one, come all to this year's conference for church-workers who serve God's people as Pastor, Deacons, DCEs, and Deaconesses.

It has been a long time, too long a time since we last met for a District-wide face-to-face conference. Well, thanks to the Lord that Covid-19 is fading, the time has come for us to gather for enrichment, refreshment, and respite at Notre Dame Retreat Center overlooking beautiful Canandaigua Lake in the wine region of New York State.

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Pastors' Conference

Your conference Planning Team has been busy putting together a schedule which promises to make this a truly worth-while time for all. When we gather, we will consider the task of today's preacher or "presenter of God's Word", in ways that are distinctly and overtly bold, Biblical, and timeless. The guest keynote presenter will be Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy. Dean served as a parish pastor, Seminary professor in homiletics, Synodical Vice President, and District President before retiring in Minnesota.

Comments on broad cultural trends will be made by two more guests to our conference. Rev. Dr. Leonard Payton, a Parish pastor from Brookfield, Illinois will talk on the assumption that our culture and public policy will continue to grow in opposition to our Christian faith. Under those circumstances how can we remain faithful and strategically love our neighbors? Rev. Dr. Gordon Cooper, a Chaplain serving the Cornell U and Ithaca

College communities will speak on norms and values shifts he personally is experiencing in the younger generations.

In addition, we will have presentations by "our own local talent" on a variety of subjects that may have been impacted by the main conference theme. Either way, our presenters will bring material that promises to be helpful and inspiring. We welcome as presenters Rob Foote, Dan Hahn, John Pingel, Sue Steege, Kirk Dueker, Jared Townley, and Mike Borgstede.

On a, perhaps, lighter note, "Run Hard. Rest Well" will speak on self-care considerations the last day of the Conference. This is always a needed topic in so far as healthy leaders / healthy congregations go together.

The Fall Conference 2021 will soon be here. We hope to see everyone. It has been too long since we last had this opportunity. So come and enjoy the company of brothers and sisters in Christ.