

WCPPC2016

April 4-8, 2016

West Coast Presbyterian Pastors Conference



Our 45th Annual Conference

Monday, April 4 - Friday April 8

Monday 4:00 pm - 12:00 Friday

Conference Speakers

Dr. Ian Provan - Regent College

Dr. Laura Robinson Harbert - Fuller Seminary

Mount Hermon Conference Center

Mount Hermon, CA

WCPPC Information

Online at: wcppc.org



Dr. Iain Provan

Morning Speaker

Iain Provan has been the Marshall Sheppard Professor of Biblical Studies at Regent College since 1997. He received his MA at Glasgow University in Mediaeval History and Archaeology, his BA from London Bible College in Theology, and his PhD from Cambridge. His academic teaching career took him to King's College London, the University of Wales, and the University of Edinburgh, where he was a senior lecturer in Hebrew and OT.

Dr. Provan is the author of: *A Biblical History of Israel* (John Knox Press, 2003). Most recently he released *Against the Grain: Selected Essays* (Regent College Publishing, 2015), *Seriously Dangerous Religion: What the Old Testament Really Says and Why It Matters* (Baylor University Press, 2014) and *Convenient Myths: The Axial Age, Dark Green Religion, and the World that Never Was* (Baylor University Press, 2013). His next book, *Discovering Genesis*, is forthcoming from SPCK at the end of 2015.

Dr. Provan is an ordained minister of the Church of Scotland; a Life Member of Clare Hall, Cambridge; and the recipient of an Alexander von Humboldt Research Fellowship. He and his wife, Lynette, have four children.

Topic: Preaching the Old Testament

Iain will teach us and then preach the Word each morning .

For God so loves...in the Old Testament (Overview)

God so loves...in the beginning (on creation)

God so loves...everyone (on Abraham)

God so loves...in the midst of sin (on Jacob)

God so loves...in the law (on the Old Testament law)

God so loves...in the crucible of ministry (on Elijah)

God so loves...all the way to the end (on Psalm 23)



Dr. Laura Robinson Harbert

Evening Speaker

Laura Robinson Harbert joined Fuller Seminary in July 2014 as the dean of Chapel and Spiritual Formation. In July 2015, she also joined the School of Psychology faculty as assistant professor of clinical psychology. She came to Fuller from a 25-year career as a clinical psychologist and Presbyterian pastor.

An alumna of Fuller's School of Psychology (PhD '88), she also has an MDiv from Fuller ('86), BA from Wheaton, and was ordained in the Presbyterian Church (USA) in 1991. In addition to maintaining a private practice, Dr. Harbert has been an adjunct professor in the area of pastoral care at North Park Seminary in Chicago, Illinois, and at Fuller. She has served as a parish associate at both First Presbyterian Church of Hollywood (1993–1999) and at the First Presbyterian Church of Evanston, Illinois (1991–1993).

Harbert is especially passionate about the ways that the process of spiritual formation is a rich intersection of psychological and theological dynamics. She has long wondered about how to understand what is God's role and what is our role in the dance of being transformed into the image of Christ, and seeks to investigate the ways that we consciously want to change and grow in love, wisdom, humility, and faith, but unconsciously we resist and sabotage our spiritual growth. She asks of herself, clients, worship participants, and students, Why do we do the things we don't want to do?

Laura Harbert and her husband, Michael, also a PC(USA) pastor, have five grown children.

About WCPPC

Who We Are

West Coast Presbyterian Pastors Conference is an annual week of spiritual and physical renewal in Christ for pastors. At WCPPC we simply gather each year around the centrality of Jesus Christ and His Word and renew our connection to others called by God to pastoral ministry in the Presbyterian family. Our DNA is best described as:

Presbyterian - We are from the Presbyterian/Reformed family, with pastors that largely serve Presbyterian denominations such as the PC-USA, ECO and the EPC. We are welcoming of pastors from other traditions as well.

Evangelical - We understand this in the classic British sense of the term, as Christ-centered and Bible based.

Egalitarian - We support both men and women in the pastoral ministry and now intentionally schedule both male and female speakers.

The conference ranges from 200 to 250 pastors each year and our schedule is designed for Bible Study to help the preacher, practical sessions to aid in pastoral ministry, and afternoons off to encourage rest, prayer and renewal.

We take the Lord and our commitment as pastors seriously but we don't take ourselves too seriously, enjoying good humored banter. We are committed to theological reflection that is deep and interactive. Our speakers are foremost theologians and practitioners.* We connect with one another in intentional small groups. For one week, we are the "company of pastors" that John Calvin designed in Geneva.

We invite you to join us at WCPPC 2016 - April 4-8. Register now at wcppc.org

*Past speakers at our conference from a variety of traditions have included: Ken Bailey, Eugene Peterson, Julie Canlis, Mark Labberton, Dale Bruner, Earl Palmer, Gary Demarest, Richard Mouw, Darrell Guder, Jim Edwards, Lew Smedes, Roberta Hestenes, Gordon Fee, Ross Wagner, Bruce Metzger - to name a few.

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- **Simple On-Line Registration:** Credit Card Required - Please look over the registration options below. Particularly note the registration options for Seminary Students and Retired Pastors. Choose the the registration option that best fits you.
- **Affordable Pricing For All:** Shared Room (\$450), Private (\$590), Room with Spouse (\$815), Off Campus Full Week (\$330), Seminary Student / Retired Pastor Shared Room (\$350), Retired Pastor with Spouse (\$615), Part-time options are also available.
- **Child-Care Options:** \$150 per child. Please register with the appropriate room (Room w/ Spouse or Single Room) and choose the appropriate "Add On" indicating the number of children you'd like to register. After registration contact wcppc@outlook.com concerning the registration of your child/ children.
- **Donations:** Donations on the registration page towards scholarship are appreciated. Donations can be given in the "Add On" Section of the registration page.

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Eight Days After Easter - Every Year

In 1972, a band of Presbyterian (mostly) young pastors decided to meet every year to share and pray for one another, and be challenged by excellent Bible and pastoral teaching. The vision was to be in covenant with each other. The Young Presbyterian Pastors Conference was born at Forest Home with Earl Palmer, Gary Demerest, and Bob Munger teaching. Soon, the conference was moved north to Mount Hermon as a more central location. Over time, reality set in, and the name was changed to West Coast Presbyterian Pastors Conference. Over 50 speakers have challenged us over the years, with Earl Palmer, Dale Bruner, Eugene Peterson, and Jim Edwards returning often. Through it all, the core vision of WCPPC has remained and been renewed by generations of Presbyterian pastors. Please invite your friends and colleagues to this annual conference specifically organized and facilitated for pastors - Presbyterian pastors - called to serve the local church. Thank you for joining us this year as we continue to covenant with each other in Jesus Christ.