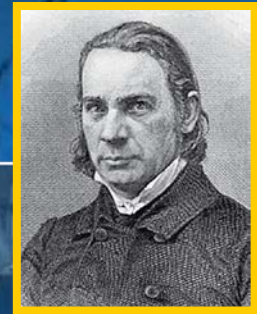


Christian Identity in Crisis

The Legacy of Wilhelm Loehe as Inspiration for the Church Today

*Christliche Identität in der Krise
Das Erbe Wilhelm Löhes als Inspiration für die Kirche heute*

5th Conference of the International Loehe Society
25-28 July 2021 · Dubuque/Iowa, USA



The Conference 2021

Is Christian identity in crisis?
What does Christian faith mean in a time of crises?
Why do we need the church in the world today?

These are the questions that many people in the 19th century asked themselves as they were unsettled by enormous upheavals. Seventy million people, mostly younger men and women, saw no future in Europe, and so left their homes and moved into a new, unknown world. Wilhelm Loehe and his companions developed visions and practical models for the church of the future.

The 5th Conference of the International Loehe Society 2021 discusses the current relevance of these new approaches in the fields of theology, liturgy, mission and diaconia.

The International Loehe Society

The International Loehe Society (ILOES) was founded in 2005 in Dubuque, Iowa, to promote study of the life, theology, and work of Wilhelm Loehe (1808-72) in historical context and to explore Loehe's continuing significance for the church in its life and mission today. The scope of Loehe's work extends through the institutions he founded in Neuendettelsau/Germany and their outreach throughout the world. Regular conferences serve for research and international exchange.

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Venue and alternatives

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If the conference cannot take place in July 2021 due to the corona situation, the Society board will pursue a date in July 2022 and seek to offer a one-day online event in July 2021.

Rates

- \$ 180 Regular conference fee with meals and shared room (\$ 270 single room)
- \$ 120 Reduced rates for students with meals and housing
- \$ 90 Conference fee, with meals
- \$ 60 Conference fee only
- \$ 60 Accommodation per night for early arrivals and late departures

Payment upon arrival.

The conference is made possible with support from: German American National Congress (DANK), Diakoneo (Diakonie Neuendettelsau), Gesellschaft für Innere und Äußere Mission and Wartburg Theological Seminary.

Registration

Please register as soon as possible, the latest until 10th of July, 2021

- ▶ on our website www.iloes.net
- ▶ per e-mail to info@iloes.net

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Sun, 25 July 2021

Arrival (before 4:30pm)

- 2:00pm *Tour of Dubuque and the Wartburg Theological Seminary*
- 4:30pm **Opening session**
with presentation of participants' publications
- 6:00pm Dinner
- 7:30pm *"Wilhelm Loehe and the Future Church"*
(Craig L. Nesson, Dubuque/Iowa)

Mon, 26 July 2021

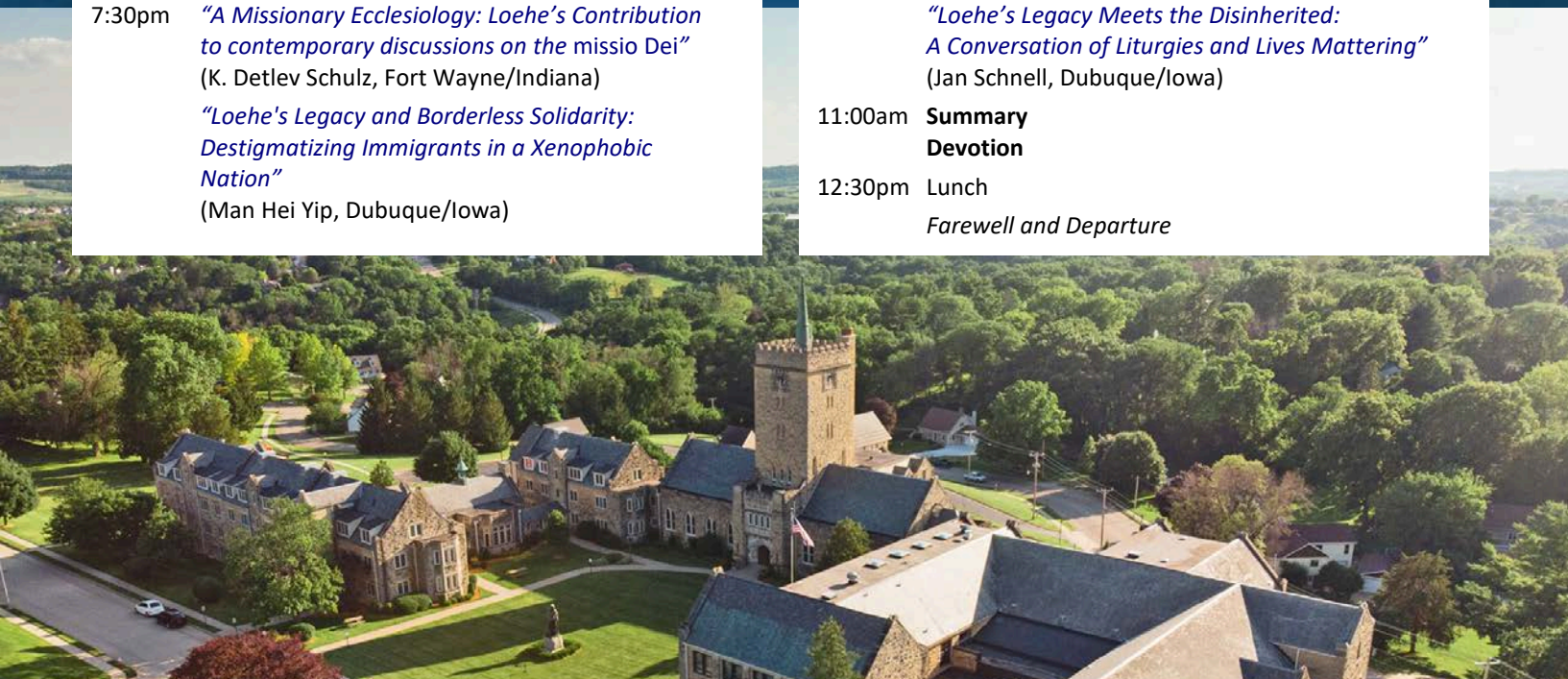
- 8:30am Morning devotion
- 9:00am *"Why bother with dusting off and updating Deinzer? Reflections on Writing a New Biography of Loehe"*
(John Stephenson, Ontario/Canada)
- 11:00am *"Loehe about himself: Where did Loehe see the Essential in his Foundations?"*
(Rudolf Keller, Ansbach/Germany)
- "Dogmengeschichte und Dogmenentwicklung: Loehe's Posture Towards 19th Dogmatic Trends"*
(James Ambrose Lee II, Chicago/Illinois)
- 12:30pm Lunch
- 2:30pm **Presentation of papers**, discussion groups
- 4:30pm **Business meeting**
- 6:00pm Dinner
- 7:30pm *"A Missionary Ecclesiology: Loehe's Contribution to contemporary discussions on the missio Dei"*
(K. Detlev Schulz, Fort Wayne/Indiana)
- "Loehe's Legacy and Borderless Solidarity: Destigmatizing Immigrants in a Xenophobic Nation"*
(Man Hei Yip, Dubuque/Iowa)

Tue, 27 July 2021

- 7:30am Departure to Waverly
- 10:00am *"The Relationship of the Functional and Ontological in Wilhelm Loehe's Theology and Practice of the Pastoral Office"*
(Steven J. Pietsch, Adelaide/Australia)
- "The Reception of Luther's oratio, meditatio, tentatio in Loehe's Approach to Pastoral Theology"*
(John T. Pless, Fort Wayne/Indiana)
- 11:30am **Guided tour of Waverly**
- 12:30pm Lunch
- 2:00pm Departure to Saint Sebald
- 3:00pm **Guided tour of Saint Sebald**
- 4:00pm Departure back to Dubuque
- 6:00pm Dinner
- 7:30pm *"From the 19th century Deaconess Institute to the Diaconical Enterprise in the 21st century: The Role of the Deaconess Community in Neuendettelsau"*
(Matthias Honold, Neuendettelsau/Germany)
- "Serving on Bended Knee, Serving on Tiptoe: The History and Future of the Diaconal Movement in the United States"*
(Jenny Wiley Legath, Princeton/New Jersey)
- 9:00pm Sociable evening

Wed, 28 July 2021

- 9:00am *"Loehe's Liturgical Legacy: Addressing Crises of Identity and Mission Then and Now"*
(Thomas H. Schattauer, Dubuque/Iowa)
- "Loehe's Legacy Meets the Disinherited: A Conversation of Liturgies and Lives Mattering"*
(Jan Schnell, Dubuque/Iowa)
- 11:00am **Summary**
Devotion
- 12:30pm Lunch
- Farewell and Departure*



Conference Speakers

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Prof. Dr. Craig L. Nesson

Academic Dean, Professor of Contextual Theology and Ethics, and William D. Streng Professor for the Education and Renewal of the Church, Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa.

Nesson is the author of *Wilhelm Loehe and North America* (2020), *Paul Leo: Lutherischer Pastor mit jüdischen Wurzeln [1893-1958]* (2019), *The Integrity of the Body of Christ* (2016, with Arden Mahlberg), *Beyond Maintenance to Mission* (2010), and *Shalom Church* (2010). He teaches in the areas of ethics, discipleship, ecclesiology, mission, leadership, American genocide, and theological education. Prof. Nesson is a graduate of Michigan State University, Wartburg Theological Seminary, and the University of Munich.



Prof. Dr. John Stephenson

Professor of Historical Theology, Registrar, Director of Library, Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary, St. Catherine's, Ontario, Canada.

Born in the North of England in 1953, John has been in North America since 1982 and a Canadian citizen since 1997. Educated at the universities of Oxford, Cambridge, Durham, and Tübingen, his doctoral treatise focused on Luther's eucharistic theology, whose ramifications have been his major area of academic concentration ever since, resulting in the Lord's Supper volume of Robert Preus' Confessional Lutheran dogmatics. He is the author of several monographs and of many articles in learned journals, recently becoming somewhat of a blogger and a columnist. His current major research focus is completing a biography of Wilhelm Loehe.



Prof. Dr. Rudolf Keller

Extraordinary Professor of Church History, University of Regensburg, Germany.

Born in 1948, Dr. theol., Dr. theol. habil., D. theol. h.c.

Until reaching retirement age parish pastor in Lehrberg (deanery Ansbach/Bavaria).

Main areas of research: Reformation and Late Reformation, Lutheranism in the 19th and 20th century. Chairman of the Association for Bavarian Church History. Deputy President of the Martin-Luther-Bund.



Prof. Dr. James Ambrose Lee II

Assistant Professor of Theology, Concordia University, Chicago, Illinois.

Lee is an ordained pastor in the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod. He has published articles on the Neolutheranism and the Confessional Revival, Nineteenth-Century German Theology, and the relationship between the Catholic Tübingen School and Nouvelle Théologie.



Prof. Dr. Man-Hei Yip

Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology, Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa.

Yip's appointments have included Visiting Researcher at Boston University School of Theology in connection with the Center for Global Christianity and Mission, and work for the offices of the Lutheran World Federation (LWF), in Geneva, Switzerland, and Phnom Penh, Cambodia. She is the author of *Interrogating the Language of "Self" and "Other" in the History of Modern Christian Mission: Contestation, Subversion, and Re-imagination* (Pickwick Publications, 2020). She is also a contributor to *Global Lutheranism: Vitality and Challenges* (Lutheran University Press, 2018) and *Luther's Small Catechism: An Exposition of the Christian Faith in Asian Contexts and Cultures* (New Delhi, India: Christian World Imprints, 2019).



Prof. Dr. K. Detlev Schulz

Professor of Pastoral Ministry and Missions, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Schulz grew up on the "mission field" in South Africa and served as missionary in Botswana. He authored *Mission from the Cross. The Lutheran Theology of Missions*.

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Prof. Dr. Stephen J Pietsch

Lecturer in Pastoral Theology and Director of Pastoral Formation, Australian Lutheran College, Adelaide and Chairman of the Commission for Theology and Inter-Church Relations, Lutheran Church of Australia.

Pietsch was born in country South Australia and educated at Concordia Secondary College, Adelaide (1977-1981) and then at Luther Seminary, Adelaide (1982-1989). He served as a parish pastor in the Lutheran Church of Australia in rural and city parishes 1989-2008, and has served as a lecturer at Australian Lutheran College (formerly Luther Seminary) since 2008. He completed his M.Min. (2012) at Adelaide College of Divinity and his Ph.D. (2014) at Flinders University (SA), in both cases completing research on Luther's consolation of the depressed. His Ph.D. thesis was published in 2016 under the title *Of Good Comfort: Luther's Letters to the Depressed and their Significance for Pastoral Care Today*.



Prof. Dr. John T. Pless

Assistant Professor of Pastoral Ministry and Missions, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana and Visiting Professor of Practical Theology, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Pretoria, South Africa.

Pless is an ordained pastor in The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. He is a member of that church body's Commission on Theology and Church Relations. Author or editor of thirteen books and numerous chapters and journal articles and a member of the editorial council of *Lutheran Quarterly*. He was one of the founding editors of *Logia: A Journal for Lutheran Theology*. He has served as both secretary and president of the English-language section of the International Loehe Society.



Matthias Honold M.A., MBA

Head of the Central Archive of the Diakonie Neuendettelsau (now Diakoneo).

Born in 1967, Honold studied Bavarian and Franconian regional history, modern and contemporary German history, and geography at the Friedrich-Alexander-University Erlangen-Nuremberg and a Study of Health Care Management at the Campus University of Bayreuth. He has served in his current position since 1988.



Prof. Dr. Jenny Wiley Legath

Associate Director of the Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University and Lecturer in the Department of Religion.

Legath is the author of *Sanctified Sisters: A History of Protestant Deaconesses*, published in 2019 by New York University Press. She received her A.B. from Randolph-Macon Woman's College, her Masters of Theological Studies from Harvard Divinity School, and her Ph.D. from Princeton University. Her current research addresses the relationship among religion, gender, and firearms.



Prof. Dr. Jan Schnell

Assistant Professor of Liturgics, Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa.

Schnell is a liturgical theologian. Trained as a Lutheran pastor, practical theologian, and religious ethicist, she is called to teach worship at Wartburg. Much of her academic writing works against oppression and toward liberation. More specifically, she writes about how the Spirit invokes people to anticipate liberatory transformation through liturgy, as well as how a restoration of sound eschatology turns people toward those in greatest need even while expecting God's ongoing in-breaking into this world. In her teaching and research, she is committed to interdisciplinarity, theories that have street credibility, and pedagogies or methodologies that recognize the inherent value and wisdom that each participant brings. A conference speaker and teacher, she delights in God's spirited movement in the fabric of our daily lives and on the streets of our public spaces.



Prof. Dr. Thomas H. Schattauer

Professor of Liturgics and Dean of the Chapel, Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa.

Schattauer has taught at the seminary since 1996. Prior to joining the Wartburg faculty, he served as a pastor, then taught at Yale Divinity School and the Institute of Sacred Music. He is a graduate of St. Olaf College, Yale Divinity School, and the University of Notre Dame. Schattauer has authored over thirty articles and essays in liturgical history and theology. His research and publications focus on the liturgical work of the Wilhelm Loehe and current matters of worship, culture, and mission in the North American context. He is the contributing editor of *Inside Out: Worship in an Age of Mission* (1999), a participant in the work that led to *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (2006), and a past president of the North American Academy of Liturgy.