

The American Luther Research Center

The American Luther Research Center is proud to host Dr. Larry Rasmussen speaking on Martin Luther's influence on the theology of Dietrich Bonhoeffer. This is the fourth in a series of annual Luther lectures showing the impact and relevance of Martin Luther in today's world.

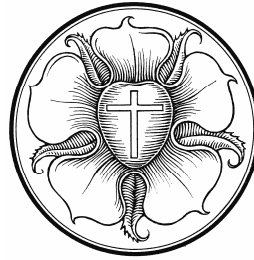
The Center is an ecumenical, inter-faith, non-theological organization created to foster a profound understanding of the historical, cultural and educational values of Martin Luther and the Reformation. The Center's Luther Lecture Series leads up to October 31, 2017, and the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation.

In addition to the Annual Luther Lecture, the Center sponsors "Jews of the Luthertown Wittenberg in the Third Reich," a traveling exhibit depicting the fatal destiny of several German families and individuals at the hands of the Nazis. The exhibit has appeared in Jerusalem; Wittenberg; Chicago; Tulsa; Allentown, Pa.; Springfield, Ohio; Aventura, Fla.; and Dallas's Museum of Biblical Art. The Center also offers support for those planning Reformation trips to Luther sites in Germany.

Fourth Annual Luther Lecture

Thursday, October 2, 2014

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.



Registration Information

There is no charge to attend "Luther Then, Bonhoeffer Now," but reservations are required. R.S.V.P. by Monday, September 15, to Sandra Bauer at 972-241-3545, fax to 214-369-2795, or e-mail sbauer@international-capital.com.

Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church is located at 8011 Douglas Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75225 (five blocks south of Northwest Highway just east of the Dallas North Tollway). Lunch will be provided; voluntary contributions will be accepted.

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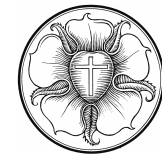
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Luther Then, Bonhoeffer Now

Lutheran Docility (a la Rom. 13) and the Call to Engage.

A Speech by Dr. Larry Rasmussen

No theologian influenced German pastor and anti-Nazi dissident Dietrich Bonhoeffer more than Martin Luther. At the center was Luther's theology of the cross. Yet Bonhoeffer loved his conservative Prussian culture. The rise to power of German fascism in 1933 was the (Luther-land) crisis that led Bonhoeffer to a deep critique of not only Germany but also the West, or what he called "Euro-American civilization."

Bonhoeffer's prison thoughts look to a future of unprecedented human knowledge, technology and power (world-come-of-age). For an era very different from Luther's, Bonhoeffer's thoughts are an uncanny premonition of challenges before us. So, asks Dr. Larry Rasmussen, what do we make of them for our own political and religious vocation? How do we "claim Christ for a world-come-of-age"?



Martin Luther (GFP)

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Schedule of Events

10:00 Registration

10:30 **Session 1**

A Political Theology of the Cross:
Luther's Impact on Bonhoeffer

11:30 Break

11:45 **Session 2**

1933: The Crisis for Western Religion
and Morality

12:30 Lunch

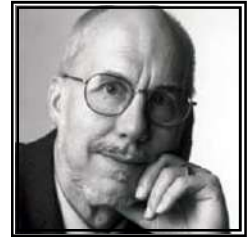
1:00 **Session 3**

How to Claim Christ for a World-Come-
of-Age

1:30 Q and A

2:00 Adjourn

Dr. Larry
Rasmussen



Larry L. Rasmussen is one of the world's foremost Christian environmental ethicists. A Minnesota native, he studied history and philosophy at St. Olaf College and received a bachelor of divinity degree from Luther Theological Seminary in 1965. After earning his Th.D. from Union Theological Seminary in 1970, he served as an assistant professor of religion at St. Olaf and a professor of Christian ethics at Wesley Theological Seminary. In 1986 he was appointed Reinhold Niebuhr Professor of Social Ethics at Union Theological Seminary, retiring in 2004. He was co-moderator of the Justice, Peace and Creation unit of the World Council of Churches from 1990 to 2000.

Dr. Rasmussen has mentored a generation of Christians in eco-theology and "green religion." He spearheaded the "greening" at Union Theological Seminary as an institution and rooted his courses and scholarship in the practice of environmental justice with communities and community leaders. He has published more than a dozen books, including the landmark, award-winning *Earth Community*, *Earth Ethics*. He is currently directing a 10-year project on Earth-honoring Christianity at Ghost Ranch in Abiquiu, New Mexico.