

The 2012 Winter Pastors' School
Fork in the Road Moments: Developing Resilience
With the Rev. Dr. Laurie J. Ferguson
January 30 – February 2, 2012
Hastings College, Hastings, Nebraska



In *Building Church Leadership – Using Coaching Models*, the Rev. J.C. Austin writes, "So what do pastors need to learn the most? In a word, 'resilience.' Pastoral ministry right now in the United States is facing a crisis of resilience. A recent study by Duke Divinity School that found that, 'Even taking into account differences in age, income, employment status, insurance status, and gender, the rates of disease for clergy were much higher for diagnoses of diabetes, arthritis, asthma, and high blood pressure, and the rate of clergy depression is roughly double that of everyone in the United States.' For a community that's concerned about the well-being of clergy and taking care of them, this is a crucial issue." Coaching develops the resiliency clergy need for ministry.

The Pastors' School will begin with **the first presentation at 3:00 pm on Monday, January 30**, and will end with a communion worship service before lunch on Thursday, February 2. All classes and meals will be in the Hazelrigg Student Union on the Hasting College campus. Participants will be housed at the Holiday Inn Express. This hotel features a hot breakfast, an evening 'manager's reception,' a heated indoor pool, and a hot tub – all included in the registration price of \$165. (This is the first increase in four years.) Please indicate whether you plan to check out on Thursday, or stay overnight and check out on Friday. *If you do plan to stay Thursday night, it will be at your expense. You will be able to get the conference rate for your evening's stay.*

Dr. Laurie J. Ferguson is a Presbyterian minister, professional certified coach and licensed psychologist. The focus of her work is at the 'fork in the road' moments with people who want to make meaningful changes in their lives. She teaches and consults about developing resilience for leaders and organizations. Dr. Ferguson is currently a Senior Research Fellow for Auburn Seminary in the area of coaching and adjunct lecturer at Union Seminary.

The Winter Pastors' School is sponsored by the presbyteries of Central Nebraska, Homestead, and Missouri River Valley, with Hastings College and the Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation as supportive partners. The cost of this year's Winters Pastors' School for participants from the three sponsoring presbyteries is \$165 **which covers all meals, lodging, and events.** An **additional \$85 fee** will cover the cost of meals, lodging, and events for spouses. **(The cost for participants from other presbyteries is \$265, or \$335 with spouse.)** The Foundation has a limited number of scholarships (up to \$100) available for this event. Please contact Gary Eller at the Foundation.

To guarantee placement at this year's Pastors' School at the event rate, please send registration (below) by January 6, 2012. A \$25 fee will be added to registrations made after January 6. (Your registration fee can be submitted any time prior to January 30, 2012.)

Please make checks payable to the "Inter-presbytery Committee," and mail to:
2012 Winter Pastors' School, c/o Becky Balestri, 851 N. 74th St., Omaha, NE 68114

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Non-smoking ___ or smoking ___ motel room. Thursday morning _____ or Friday morning _____ checkout.

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