

Key Note Speaker: Rev. Michael Pountney, Ed.D., D.D., Michael is a priest and preacher, teacher and author, and Honorary Associate at St. Matthias Anglican Church, Victoria. Formerly Principal of Wycliffe College, Toronto, Parish Priest in Montreal, and staffworker for IVCF Canada, Michael recently completed four years with IFES Eurasia developing leadership for university ministry in the countries of the former Soviet Union. A lover of liturgy, Michael has a passion for uncovering truth contained in a wide variety of artistic expressions, with particularly strong interest in Film and Literature.

Panel Presenters:

Julia Stobbe is a Masters student at Carey Theological Seminary and Child / Youth Ministries Coordinator for West shore Alliance Church. Julia is a gifted photographer and grass-roots writer. Her thought provoking blogs have been quoted in the works of several well known women in the Emerging Church genre.

Jenny Hainsworth is the choir director and resident iconographer at All Saints of Alaska Orthodox church in Victoria, where her husband is parish priest. Her formal education includes a diploma in Classical Studies and a BA (hons) in the History and Structure of the English language (UBC) and 'one sixth of a PhD' in the same. Jenny is the mother of two energetic young daughters...and she really likes pie!

James Kingsley is a graduate of the University of Victoria Fine Arts Department. As a fan of modern communication James maintains several blog sites with regard to the Arts, local church, and various theological ponderings. James is currently living/working as an intern for The Place at Lambrick Park Church.

Doug Farr is a multi-instrumentalist, 'deepthinking' music instructor with a knack for making the harmonica sound classic, and the flute like an electric guitar...

Other Contributors:

Matthew Christopher Davidson – Contemporary Contemplative Service and Conference Development / **Randy Hein** – Panel Moderator / **Daniel** (guitar) and **Nancy** (cello) Mari / **Christine Neufeld** – Conference Coordinator, workshop facilitator / **Jason Nobel** - artist, workshop facilitator

OCTOBER 20 & 21

ST. DAVID'S BY THE SEA

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telling the truth*

A FORUM ON THE ARTS AND THE WORSHIPPING CHURCH

the poasis collective presents **the art of redemption*

The title of this conference expresses the sentiment that art is only as powerful as it is an authentic reflection of the way things really are. As it is with art, so it is with the gospel, and also with the Church.

Artists need to interact honestly with other artists; art needs to interact with art, planners, producers and parishioners need to hear and be heard. What will happen if Christian artists and supporters unite to tell the truth together, for all to see?

WE WANT TO ASK, "How can Christian artists in the community of Greater Victoria unite around creative and practical initiatives to impact their local churches and communities? What would it look like if we began to pool our talents and seriously impact our communities? The seeds have been planted – where can the vision grow?"

ALL TRUTH IS TRANSMITTED THROUGH A MIXTURE OF MEDIA. IN A SIMILAR WAY, THE LORD IS REVEALED BY ALL CREATION GOD IS CREATOR. HE HAS MADE HUMANITY IN HIS IMAGE. THIS MEANS THAT TO BE TRULY HUMAN, WE MUST CREATE. HUMAN CREATION IS PARTICIPATION IN THE LIFE OF GOD. CREATIVE ACTIVITY IS WORSHIP CREATING TOGETHER IS WORSHIPPING TOGETHER WE HOLD IN COMMON, A LITURGY. THIS WORSHIP CAN BE HELD IN COMMON BETWEEN US, ACROSS THE FAULT LINES OF CHURCH DIVISION. TELLING THE TRUTH EXISTS TO BRING CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN AND THROUGH THE ARTS, IN ORDER TO CELEBRATE AND FURTHER EXPLORE THIS COMMON WORK



FRIDAY OCT 20TH

6:45 pm - registration opens**

Key Note Address: Reverend Michael Pountey
“Mayhem and Marvel: Untidy Grace in an Un-nice world”

“SHOW AND TELL (the truth)”

Join us for an opportunity to practice the presence of God in an environment created by the offerings of worship of various artist participants. Visual, written, musical and graphic arts submissions welcomed (please contact us if you're interested).

Introduction of “Images of Redemption” Project

**Stringed accompaniment by Dan and Nancy Mari

SATURDAY OCT 21ST

8:30 am - *Morning “UnChapel”*

*A Creative Contemplative Service**

Scripture reading, prayer, song, movement led by Matthew Christopher Davidson

**this service draws from the richness of several Christian traditions and will provide inspiration for the possibilities of more contemplative worship in local church traditions*

Key Note 2: *On a Clear Day: The Visionary Art of Redemptive Grace* ~ Reverend Michael Pountney

Panel Discussion ~ moderated by Randy Hein
“How Have You Seen the Arts Represent the Gospel?”

A directed question period with opportunity at the end of the panel session for further discussion with presenters of interest.

Panelists include:

*Julia Stobbe on “A Community Art Event for Youth / Children: The Westshore Alliance Experience”

*James Kingsley on “Designing Communication”

*Jenny Hainsworth on Arts in the Orthodox traditions

*Doug Farr on the musical arts: “Lord, Have Mercy”

LUNCH at Beklens (*included with registration)

Gulu Walk participants are dismissed with our blessings

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSIONS

But is it art?

A discussion on ways to approach visual media ~ Led by Jason Nobel, artist and member of The Place Community.

Bodies and Souls : Rediscovering the purposeful and physical aspects of corporate worship

(or a worship planner's journey in a non-denominational church) Led by Christine Neufeld, worship leader at Saanichton Bible Fellowship

Looking Ahead/What now?

We'll close out the conference with a discussion about local initiatives for the upcoming year **3:15 - conference wraps**

GENERAL REGISTRATION \$40*

(*includes \$10 gift certificate for Saturday lunch at Beklens)

\$5 discount for Early Registration (payment received before October 9th, 2006)

\$10 discount for Artists submitting work for “SHOW AND TELL” gallery Friday night. (Please notify conference coordinator of intent to submit by Oct 9th via poasis@gmail.com)

\$50 & up for “Patrons” or Attendees who would like to offer financial support for Poasis sponsored art events and conferences

*Special discounts available for student /youth groups with leaders & “starving artists.”

Mail Registration along with contact information (name, phone, email, mailing address) to:

*Telling the Truth Conference c/o Christine Neufeld
4260 Dennis Drive, Victoria BC, V8X 4V6
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