

SPEAKERS

Love Talks ~ Saturday Afternoon with Book Signings

Love of God ~ Diana Butler Bass

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Diana's passion is sharing great ideas to change lives and the world – a passion that ranges from informing the public about spiritual trends, challenging conventional narratives about religion practice, entering the fray of social media with spiritual wisdom and smart theology, and writing books to help readers see themselves, their place in history, and God differently. She does this with intelligence, joy, and a good dose of humor.

Love of Neighbor ~ Valarie Kaur

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Valarie is a renowned civil rights leader, lawyer, award-winning filmmaker, educator, innovator, and best-selling author of SEE NO STRANGER. She leads the [Revolutionary Love Project](#) to reclaim love as a force for justice. Valarie burst into American consciousness in the wake of the 2016 election when her Watch Night Service address went viral with 40 million views worldwide. Her question “Is this the darkness of the tomb – or the darkness of the womb?” reframed the political moment and became a mantra for people fighting for change.

Love of Self ~ Mihee Kim-Kort

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Mihee is a Presbyterian minister, agitator, speaker, writer, and slinger of hopeful stories about faith and church. Her writing and commentary can be found in the New York Times, TIME, BBC World Service, USA Today, Huffington Post, Christian Century, On Being, Sojourners, Faith and Leadership, The Revealer (forthcoming), and Religion Dispatches (forthcoming). She is co-pastor, with her spouse, of First Presbyterian Church in Annapolis, MD and a doctoral candidate in Religious Studies at Indiana University.

Congregational Talk ~ Monday Morning

Ashley Cleere, NACCC Executive Director

In June, Ashley will complete her first year as Executive Director of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches. A Congregational Foundation Theological Studies graduate, she served NACCC churches in Pennsylvania, Oregon, and Connecticut. Then, following the call to ministry kindled while in college, she held multiple positions at Piedmont University from 1999 to 2016. Her recent move to Milwaukee, returning to the Great Lakes region, recalls fond memories of her early childhood in northern Michigan.