

ABCUSA Theologians Conference

“Baptists and the Spirit: Living into God’s Future”

A Pre-event of the ABCUSA 2013 Mission Summit, Overland Park, KS

Thursday, June 20 8:30 AM – 6:00 PM

**Central Baptist Theological Seminary
Shawnee, Kansas**

This highly interactive and engaging conference is designed to provide ample opportunity for conference attendees to talk with one another, explore ideas together, and establish thoughtful connections with other American Baptists who identify themselves as theologians. Using paper presentations from various voices as starting points, participants will consider (American) Baptist notions of pneumatology and eschatology as they relate to questions of economic justice, worship, leadership, ecumenical and inter-religious dialogue, missional/global engagements, Baptist history and identity-shaping, beloved community, and post-colonialism in American Baptist contexts.

Featuring Theologians

Molly T. Marshall

David L. Bartlett

Leslie Callahan

Loida Martell-Otero

Chakravarthy Zadda

(See reverse for bios)

Register through ABCUSA Mission Summit Registration process at <http://www.americanbaptists2013.com/>

Registration Fee: \$80 (includes lunch, snacks and shuttle transportation between the Overland Park Convention Center and Central Baptist Theological Seminary)



Paper Presentations by:

Ineda P. Adesanya

Kent Berghuis

Dan Brockway

Karyn Carlo

Amy L. Chilton Thompson

Jennifer Davidson

Oscar García-Johnson

Larry Greenfield

David Gregg

George Hancock-Stefan

Meredith A. Holladay &

Matthew Sturtevant

Jonathan Malone

Loida Martell-Otero

Robert L. Mazinger

Ned Allyn Parker

Daniel Roeber

Brett Smith

LeAnn Snow Flesher

David L. Wheeler

Transforming Presence: Baptist Identity and the Holy Spirit in Christian Ethics Toward a Vibrant Eschatology: Reclaiming Prophetic Language for a Forward Leaning Ministry Releasing Idols: Discovering God's Future in MultiCultural Ministries 60 Years of Baptist Pneumatological Publications - A Historical Review Baptist Pneumatologies in the 18th and 19th Centuries The Holy Spirit as Power: The Political Implications of the Third Reality of the Godhead A Process Vision of the Holy Spirit as a Resource for Baptist Mission The Spirit in Advance: The Holy Spirit in Worship Planning The Regionalization of the Sacred: The American Baptist Churches Going Glocal Neither 'Left Behind' nor Deciphering Secret Codes: An Evangélica Understanding of Eschatology Wherein Lies Our Eschatological Hope? The Preaching Process and the Transforming Authority of the Spirit: Moving Towards a Theology of Preaching The Healing Year: Liturgical Time as the Kairos for Developing Frameworks for Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Dialogue American Baptists and the Abundant Life: What has Spiritual Direction to Do With It? Being Partakers of the Divine Nature How Broad the Spirit? Creation's Groans and Spirit's Sighs: Cultivating Attentiveness to the Spirit Through the Practices of Concerns and Celebrations James Wm. McClendon's "Then is Now": Imagining Ourselves Differently as Theologizing Communities Facing Each Other: Emerging Challenges Due to the Changing Nature of Denominational Structures

fostering ongoing, vigorous theological conversations among American Baptist theologians, pastor-theologians, and theological educators

Presented by the Office of the General Secretary of ABCUSA and the Emerging Theologians Task Force

MOLLY T. MARSHALL

For the past thirty years Molly T. Marshall has been in theological education. She served as Visiting Professor of Theology, Spiritual Formation, and Worship for two years and was elected as the Professor of Theology and Spiritual Formation with tenure at Central Baptist Theological Seminary in 1997. Beginning in 2004 she served as Central's Acting Academic Dean until her current appointment as President. Previously, Dr. Marshall was Associate Professor of Theology at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. She has served as youth minister, campus minister, and pastor in churches across Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, and Kentucky. A graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University, she received her M.Div. and Ph.D. from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Further graduate work has been completed at Tan-tur Ecumenical Institute, Jerusalem, Israel; Cambridge University, Cambridge, England; and Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, New Jersey and the Institute for Ecumenical and Cultural Research.

(excerpted and edited from <https://www.cbts.edu/staff-listings/listing/1/>)

DAVID L. BARTLETT

David Bartlett is Professor Emeritus of New Testament at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia, and Lantz Professor of Preaching Emeritus at Yale Divinity School where he served as Dean of Academic Affairs for eleven years. He now serves as Theologian in Residence at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, Georgia. Bartlett is an ordained American Baptist minister and has served parishes in Minneapolis, Chicago, and Oakland. His Lyman Beecher Lectures were published by Westminster/John Knox in 2003 under the title *What's Good About This News?* He also wrote the study of I Peter for *The New Interpreter's Bible*. He is co-general editor, with Barbara Brown Taylor, of a twelve volume series, *Feasting on the Word* (Westminster John Knox). Professor Bartlett's spouse, Carol Bartlett, is a clinical social worker. The Bartletts have two grown sons.

LESLIE CALLAHAN

Leslie Callahan has been serving as the first female pastor of St. Paul's Church in Philadelphia since 2009. Dr. Callahan earned the Bachelor of Arts in Religion from Harvard University/Radcliffe, the Master of Divinity from Union Theological Seminary, and the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Religion from Princeton University. Her research interests include religious history in the United States, particularly independent African American Christianity and Pentecostal studies. Dr. Callahan was ordained in 1997 at Judson Memorial Church and served as Minister of Christian Education at the First Baptist Church of Princeton, New Jersey. She also served as interim pastor of Salem Baptist Church of Jenkintown, Pennsylvania. Dr. Callahan served on the faculty of New York Theological Seminary (NYTS) and the University of Pennsylvania.

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LOIDA MARTELL-OTERO

The Rev. Dr. Loida I. Martell-Otero is Professor of Constructive Theology at Palmer Theological Seminary/Eastern University, in Pennsylvania. She is a licensed doctor in veterinary medicine as well as an ordained minister in the American Baptist Churches/USA. She is a bi-coastal Puerto Rican who has taught in various institutions of higher learning including the University of Puerto Rico's College of Allied Health Professionals, Boston's Center for Urban Ministerial Education, and New York Theological Seminary. She pastored in New York's urban centers for 15 years. She co-edited *Teología en Conjunto: A Collaborative Hispanic Protestant Theology* (WKJ), and co-authored *Latina Evangélicas: A Theological Survey from the Margins* (Cascade Books). She has published various articles on *evangélica* soteriology, Christology, and vocation. Her recent research on Taíno religious beliefs has focused on its links with theological anthropology/embodiment, eschatology, and spirituality. She loves teaching and has recently developed a passion for photography.

CHAKRAVARTHY ZADDA

The Reverend Chakravarthy Zadda is a Baptist pastor from India. As Danker Foundation Scholar and The Grover Wright Scholar at Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, he is working for a PhD degree in World Christianity and Mission, researching on Dalit Christian rights of India. As an ordained minister from ABC Metro Chicago, Rev. Zadda is involved in empowering the ethnic Churches for the issues of peace and justice in the Chicago land area. He has lectured and taught courses in the area of missiology at several Baptist and Lutheran regional and national conferences organized by American Baptist Churches (ABC) and Evangelical Lutheran Churches of America (ELCA). Rev. Zadda brings a lot of enthusiasm and personal experience to his workshops because of his active involvement with the National Council of Churches of India (NCCI) for the advocacy of Indian Christian rights. Rev. Zadda is married to Chosen Glory and blessed with Richie (14yr) and Reshma (12yr). He is presently serving as Chaplain and Coordinator for the International Students at Lutheran School of Theology Chicago (LSTC). He is currently on the Board of Directors as the Chair for World Peace Networks of Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America.