



Hein-Fry
book of faith
CHALLENGE



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Year ONE (2015-2016)

Vision and invitation

The Hein-Fry Book of Faith Challenge launches in 2015 to enliven the biblical engagement of the whole church by encouraging the development of new examples of faithful, innovative, and effective ways of teaching and learning Scripture. One student from each of our eight seminaries is invited to take the challenge: *Create an innovative class/ encounter/ series engaging Scripture in a congregation setting.*

Spring events and student participants

*Friday, April 1, 2016, Wartburg Seminary
Convener: Dr. Troy Trostgruben*

Luther – Elise Tweten
Project: *Faith in Fearful Places*

LSTC – Jason Churchill
Project: *A Journey in the Psalms*

PLTS – Stuart Richardson
Project: *Bountiful Churchyards*

Wartburg – Carina Schiltz/Eric Hanson
Project: *Studying Scripture & Community Building*

*Saturday, April 23, 2016, Gettysburg Seminary
Convener: Dr. Mark Vitalis Hoffman*

Gettysburg – Jennifer Crist
Project: *Communities of Hope Explores Faith with Art*

LTSP – John Heidgerd
Project: *The Soul Café*

LTSS – Drew Ingram
Project: *Faith Across Generations*

Trinity – Alexandria Long
Project: *Sex, the Bible, and Campus Ministry*

Keynote speaker and lead responder:

Dr. Diane Jacobson, retired Director for the Book of Faith Initiative for the ELCA

Project responders: Bishop Mary Froiland, Dr. Martin Lohrmann, Rev. Matthew Agee, Deacon Marsha Roscoe, Rev. Robert Myallis, Rev. Michelle Holley Carlson, PhD

Year TWO (2016-2017)

Vision and invitation

The Hein-Fry Book of Faith Challenge continues its vision to enliven the biblical engagement of the whole church. Project participants are challenged to invite others to open Scripture and join the conversation for the sake of their own faith formation and discipleship as well as for the sake of their broader communities. At the spring events, we consider our *reformation heritage and its influence on our reading of Scripture.*

Spring events and student participants

*Friday, April 21, 2017, Lutheran Theological Seminary
at Philadelphia Convener: Rev. Dr. Nelson Rivera*

Gettysburg – Allison Johnson
Project: *Being Embraced by the Gospel*

LTSP – Lauren Heywood
Project: *Dwelling in the Story*

LTSS – Alyssa Mazzei
Project: *Renewed in Nutrition*

Trinity – Daniel Gutman
Project: *The Sixth Day*

*Friday, April 28, 2017, Luther Seminary
Convener: Rev. Dr. Kathryn Schifferdecker*

Luther – Patrick Jenkins
Project: *Galatians: Free in Christ to Live By Faith*

LSTC – Kyle Symanski
Project: *Context, Community, & Isaiah: A Craft Bible Study*

PLTS – Rebekah Swanson
Project: *Radical Hospitality: A Quick Study in Flipping Tables and Loving Your Neighbor*

Wartburg – Kristi Grieder
Project: *Labyrinth Learning: Exploring Art, Creativity and Online Study of Scripture*

Keynote speaker and lead responder:

Rev. Dr. Timothy J. Wengert, *“The 95 Theses As Luther’s Template for Reading Scripture”*

Project responders: Bishop Jon Anderson, Rev. Michelle Holley Carlson, PhD, Rev. Horacio Castillo, Rev. Fritz Fowler, Dr. Mary Jane Haemig