



## **LIBERATED BY GOD'S GRACE**

*Creation Not for Sale,  
Human Beings Not for Sale,  
Salvation Not for Sale*

**Coast Canmore Hotel and Conference Centre (formerly the Radisson)  
511 Bow Valley Trail, Canmore (403) 678-3625**

### **Keynote Speaker: *The Rev. Dr. Anna Madsen***



Anna Madsen is a "freelance theologian" in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. After graduating from Trinity Lutheran Seminary, she served a small South Dakota parish for three years before earning a Ph.D. in systematic theology in Regensburg, Germany. Immediately prior to her return to begin teaching at Augustana College, an accident killed her husband and severely injured her young son Karl. Daughter Else was eight months old at the time. This event shaped her theology and her life profoundly, not least of all by being a springboard to create OMG: Center for Theological Conversation. Here, individuals and groups, laity and clergy, come for questions, conversation, and study. She also speaks, blogs and writes at <http://omgcenter.com/>

### ***Session 1 – You Can't Sell What's Free***

Perhaps "prolepsis" isn't a word that one flings out of the pulpit on an average Sunday. It means, quite literally, a "taking-before". Christians are, in fact, called to take life before death: to live a life of proleptic grace by receiving and offering freedom from death, and freedom for living, in the name of the Risen One. Proleptic living is a tough sell, precisely because it is freely offered, and freely given.

### ***Session 2 – You Can't Commodify What Isn't to Sell***

Land, air, water, time, space, relationships: all in their own way become victims of and vehicles for objectification and marketing opportunities. Into this mix comes a theological perspective that recalibrates the very notion of ownership, and simultaneously transforms it into the perspective and language of stewardship. Come and taste, come and see, come and experience, come and live, come and share in this place that is and is not ours.

## Guest Bishop



We are pleased that Bishop Elaine Sauer from the Manitoba/Northern Ontario Synod will be with us for the conference. Formerly a junior high school teacher, Bishop Elaine studied at Lutheran Theological Seminary, Saskatoon, graduating with a Masters of Divinity in 1998. She was originally called to serve the MNO Synod in youth and campus ministry, continued to serve the ELCIC as Assistant to the Bishop for Synodical Relations in 2003, and subsequently was called to serve the MNO as bishop in April 2006. Bishop Elaine is married to Rev. Rick Sauer, mother to Stephen (Erin), David and William (Natalie), and Grandmother to Corbin, Ella and Gabrielle.

## Thursday Speaker

**Sharon Smith of Sanctuary Mental Health Ministries in Vancouver - “The Lived Experience of Mental Health Recovery and the Gifts of a Christian Community”.**

Sanctuary Mental Health Ministries is a not-for-profit, charitable organization committed to journeying with churches and parishes to facilitate belonging and inclusion. The Sanctuary Community is a mosaic of people contributing to a purpose we care deeply about: to prepare people of faith to support mental health recovery within their community. (<http://www.sanctuary-ministries.com/>)

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**Fees** (Please note: registration fee does NOT cover your accommodations)

Fees include

Tuesday – breakfast and lunch; Wednesday – breakfast and lunch; Thursday – brunch; speaker’s honorarium and expenses; sound and audio equipment; worship supplies; northern subsidy; hotel assembly room costs and committee expenses.

\$270 adult participants, including rostered, spouses, lay leaders and retired

\$ 20 per child’s meal (children under the age of 10 are free)

\$150 students registered with the Committee for Theological Education & Leadership

\$100 daily rate (includes lunch and some conference costs)

## Accommodations

Payment for your accommodations is NOT covered by the conference registration fee. The Conference will again be held at the Coast Canmore Hotel and Conference Centre, and that hotel has offered the following special rates:

\$84.00/night advance purchase with a three-night minimum stay; this is a non-refundable, no changes/cancellations or refunds rate

\$102.00/night which includes a cancellation option (cancellation must be made the day before expected arrival)

To make a reservation please call their toll free number: 1800.706.6199 quoting the group code ‘**CCM-GFC979**’ or group name ‘**Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada**’. Alternatively, you can make online reservations using this web link <http://coa.st/wgs1>



## Outdoor Opportunities

Local hotels have a great deal of information about local events and activities, so please refer to the pamphlets available in their lobbies. Please remember to bring warm outdoor clothing; swim suits, exercise clothing. There is an extra park fee if you plan to enter Banff National Park.

## Afternoon Options

Opportunities for exercise, study, conversation and fun have been scheduled for those who wish to participate. The following options are being offered, some for an additional fee:

- ❄️ Walking tour of Canmore – This will be a leisurely stroll of about 2 km including time for a coffee break. It will take approximately 2 hours. The guide will draw attention to some of the historical buildings that mark the development of the town – Canmore Hotel, CPR Trestle Bridge, St. Michael’s Anglican Church, NW Mounted Police Barracks, Ralph Connor United Church, Mine Shareholder’s Cabin and the Civic Centre.
- ❄️ Hike the Heart Creek Interpretive Trail – This is an easy and interesting 3-km hike with a popular place for rock climbing on the cliffs that surround the stream. After a brief climb, you will arrive at the interpretive trail and the seven log bridges.
- ❄️ Banff Upper Hot Springs – The hot springs is one of Banff’s most famous attractions. It was discovered in 1884 and became the first national park in Canada. The pools are fed by 100% natural mineral waters to a temperature of 37 – 40 degrees C. There is a cost of \$7.30 for adults (youth and seniors are \$6.30).
- ❄️ Cross Country Skiing – The Nordic Centre offers 65 km of groomed trails all accessible from the Centre and 6.5 km of illuminated trails for night skiing. A beautiful meadow located in the middle of the trail system offers spectacular views of Canmore, Bow Valley and the surrounding Rocky Mountains.
- ❄️ Dog Sled Rides – Snowy Owl Sled Dog Tours have provided this unique experience for tourists for the last 28 years. Their custom sleds carry 2 adults. A two-hour ride is offered at a cost of \$159 per person. You must book individually, 3 weeks ahead and must pay at the time of booking, with a credit card. Please arrive 45 minutes ahead of the departure time at 109, 829 - 10th St. Canmore. Contact info: [leaddog@snowyowltours.com](mailto:leaddog@snowyowltours.com) or 403-678-4369. Warm clothing is recommended although blankets are provided.

❄️ Conversation De-Briefing: Keynote Presentation – Luncheon tables will be identified as ‘reserved’ for those who wish to have a conversation about the morning’s presentation.

❄️ Conversations: “Participating, Discovering, Experimenting” with Pastor Julianne Barlow

## **Announcements and Use of Space**

Groups choosing to acquire separate meeting space must make reservations directly with the hotel, arranging for payment before leaving. We encourage the use of posters and handouts for sharing announcements.

### *Sincere Thanks to –*

- The Conference Planning Committee: Rev. Faith Brace, Cathy Kochendorfer, Rev. Dr. Tim Wray;
- All of the conference presenters!
- Our Refreshment Break Sponsors
- The Welcome Reception Hosts

*Your evaluation forms were carefully considered in developing the plans for this year’s Conference and implemented to the best of our abilities. We hope that the arrangements reflect that input.*

*This annual gathering provides time to offer your support to ministry colleagues; to give yourself a necessary break in routine; to experience worship from a different perspective and the privilege of considering the insights of the respected keynote presenters.*

## STUDY CONFERENCE SCHEDULE 2015

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<b>Morning</b>		8:00 am: Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am: Worship 9:15 am: Announcements 9:30 am: Key note Speaker 10:30 am: Break 10:50 am: Guest Bishop, Rev. Elaine Sauer 11:20 pm: Key note continued, with Q & A	8:00 am: Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am: Worship 9:15 am: Announcements 9:30 am: Key note Speaker 10:30 am: Break 10:50 am: Bishop Larry 11:20 pm: Key note continued, with Q & A	9:15 am: Opening Prayer and Brunch  9:45 am Speaker: Sharon Smith “The Lived Experience of Mental Health Recovery and the Gifts of a Christian Community”
<b>Noon</b>		12:30 pm Lunch (provided)	12:30 pm Lunch (provided)	11:30 am Godspeed and Departure; check-out
<b>Afternoon</b>	4:00 pm Registration 5:00 pm Dinner (Georgetown Inn) Coffee is available	Free Time (see “Options”)	Free Time (see “Options”) or  <b>“Conversations: Participating, Experimenting, Discovering”</b> with Pastor Julianne Barlow 1:30 - 2:30 pm (main hall).	
<b>Evening</b>	7:30 pm: Welcome Holden Evening Prayer at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church  Welcome Reception	8:00 pm Healing Service (Rev. Dr. Anna Madsen will be preaching)	7:30 pm: Eucharist Service (Bishop Elaine will be preaching)	