



# Bible and Spiritual Life Community

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## *Asilomar 2019 Schedule*

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Theme:

“Change your hearts and lives!”

Here comes the kingdom of Heaven!”

*Matthew 4:17, Common English Bible*

## Friday, August 2 "The Kingdom of God and Changing the Vertical Qualities of Our Spiritual Life"

- 8:45 am Welcome and Orientation
- 9:00 Lola's Music Opener
- 9:05 Richard: Conference Theme, Today's Focus on the Vertical
- 9:30 Lola sings
- 9:35 Barry: Conference Theme & Parables, God's Reign in the Heart of the Psalter, and Jeremiah 31 on the New Covenant
- 10:00 BREAK
- 10:15 Helen: *"and so shall we ever be with the Lord."* (I Thess. 4:16-17)  
*What did the early Church do to compensate for Jesus' absence? Exploring the need for the continuing presence of the risen Lord in the early Church and in our lives today.*
- 10:50 Lola: thoughts and music
- 11:00 Barry: Torah, Psalms, and Job broadening our concept of Sacred Space – how and where we experience God ;  
Repentance and Deepening our relationship with God through the Major Prophets
- 11:15 BREAK
- 11:30 Feedback; Kate Bowler TED Talk; Richard's Comments
- 12:15 pm Lunch next door on the deck of the Rosedale Inn
- 1:30 – 2:30 Breakout 1  
An interactive opportunity...with two concurrent offerings in different spaces. Helen and Barry will offer their breakouts twice both days to allow participants to attend both

### Helen: **Practicing Centering Prayer**

*"As the deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God?" (Ps. 42:1, NIV)*

Barry: **The Earth is the Lord's (Ps 24:1) Biblical Inspiration for Creation Care**

How can the Bible inspire our care and prayers for the environment? Discover texts in the Torah, Psalms, and Job portraying the flora and fauna praising God; God establishing a covenant with all creation along with Sabbath rest for the land, animals, and marginalized while warning against the overconsumptions of all creation.

2:45 - 3:45 Breakout 2

Two community members will offer breakouts exploring our theme and their experience with it

4:00 – 5:00 Breakout 3

Helen and Barry will repeat their earlier breakouts

5:00 – 7:15 Dinner Break – choose your own options

7:15 – 8:45 Worship: Celebrating the Presence of God through Jesus

9:00 Firesides

Informal dialogue with today's presenters in front of fireplaces around campus

## Saturday, August 3 "The Kingdom of God and Changing the Horizontal Qualities of Our Spiritual Life"

8:45 am Opening Song and Announcements

9:00 Richard: Conference Theme, Today's Focus on the Horizontal

9:30 Lola Sings

9:35 Barry: **The Centrality of Connectedness in the Kingdom of God**

Explore this topic from Paul's development of the body of Christ, as well as First Corinthians, the gifts of the Spirit, and his baptismal formula (Galatians 3:26-28.)

10:00 BREAK

10:15 Helen: **Thy Kindom Come**

"Community today can no longer be a single tradition. It has to be the planet." (Huston Smith) Finding our relationship with God in our relationship with our neighbor.

10:50 Lola Sings

11:00 Barry: **Overview of Themes of Connectedness**

Overview of themes of inclusivity, diversity, and creation care in the Bible, along with repentance in Job as a means of deepening a sense of connectedness to God, one another, and creation

11:15 BREAK

11:30 Feedback, YouTube video on Connectedness, and Richard's Comments

12:15 pm Lunch next door on the deck of the Rosedale Inn

1:30 – 2:30 Breakout 1

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Barry: **Biblical Visions of Inclusivity and Diversity**

After the Babylonian exile Ezra and Nehemiah were excluding those deemed "other" from the Jerusalem community while the authors of Job, Ruth, Jonah, and Isaiah 55-66 responded by foreigners' devotion to God and God's embrace of all people.

Helen: **Rooftop Visions and Liminal Spaces**

Standing on the threshold: "God has shown me..." God spoke to Peter on the rooftop activating a major disruption that catalyzed and authorized a whole new direction for the early Church (Acts 10).

2:45 – 3:45 Breakout 2

Helen and Barry will repeat their earlier breakouts

4:00 – 5:15 pm Exercise in Appreciative Inquiry

5:15 – 7:30 Dinner choose your own options

7:30 – 8:45 Worship: Celebrating Our Unity in Christ

8:45 – 10:00 Bonfire with Hot Chocolate, S'Mores, Songs and Fellowship