

CENTRAL PLAINS
Mennonite Conference

The Paradox of Power:
Biblical Foundations of Authority



A WORKSHOP FOR
PASTORS, ELDERS AND DEACONS

FEBRUARY 25, 2012

MANSON Mennonite Church

1310 - 8th St. Manson, IA

9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

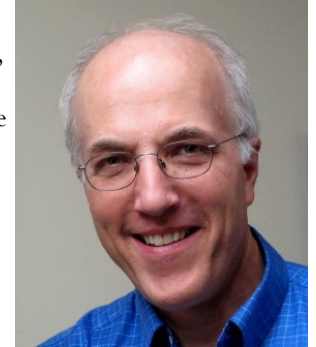
About the Speaker:

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J. Nelson Kraybill is *President Emeritus* of Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary and Lead Pastor at Prairie Street Mennonite Church in Elkhart, Indiana. He has served as a school teacher in Puerto Rico, a pastor in Vermont, and a missionary in the United Kingdom. Nelson is author of *Apocalypse and Allegiance: Worship, Politics, and Devotion in the Book of Revelation* (Brazos Press, 2010), and



serves as consultant and teacher across the church with his Dry Bones teaching ministry. An alumnus of Goshen College (Goshen, Indiana), he received a master's degree from Princeton Theological Seminary and a Ph.D. in New Testament from Union Presbyterian Seminary in Virginia. He is married to musician and physical therapist Ellen Graber Kraybill, and they have two adult daughters. Nelson regularly leads tours to lands of the Bible with TourMagination, and counts photography and sailing among his hobbies.

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THE PARADOX OF POWER: BIBLICAL FOUNDATIONS OF AUTHORITY

A major research project on Mennonite pastors in North America, *Engaging Pastors*, found that “there is an urgent need and opportunity for biblical, pastoral, and teaching authority to be strengthened in the Mennonite Church.” How to actually do this presents significant challenges for congregational leaders! This year, the Central Plains Congregational Leaders Workshop will give congregational leaders the opportunity to study the biblical foundations of authority in congregational leadership. By building common understandings of these biblical foundations, pastors and their elders or deacons can become more effective leadership teams for their congregations.

The purpose of this workshop is twofold:

1. to develop common understandings of the biblical foundations of power and authority in congregational leadership;
2. to apply the practical implications of these biblical foundations that will enable congregational leaders to develop more effective leadership teams.

Several factors contribute to the challenges of developing a common understanding about how the leadership team functions internally as well as before the congregation:

1. How power and authority are exercised from a biblical point of view
2. The transitory nature of volunteer leaders
3. The opportunities for conflict when volunteer leaders are both supervisors of staff and fellow leadership team members

Schedule: 9:30 am - 3:30 pm

9:30 - 9:50 - Opening Worship

9:50 - 10:45 - Input: Hermeneutic Foundations of Power and Authority

10:45 - 11:00 - Break

11:00 - 12:00 - Breakout Sessions

12:00 - 1:00 - Lunch - a freewill donation will be received for the noon meal

1:00 - 1:50 - Input: Practical Implications for Leadership Team Effectiveness

1:50 - 2:10 - Break

2:10 - 3:10 - Breakout Sessions

3:10 - 3:30 - Closing Worship

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