

# Empowering Women in Ministry

OCTOBER 11, 2019 // GRANTHAM CHURCH

A conference for Brethren in Christ pastors and laypeople

Co-sponsored by the Sider Institute at Messiah College and Awaken: The Brethren in Christ Network for Women in Ministry

## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



**Dr. Jo Anne Lyon** serves as the ambassador of the Wesleyan Church. An ordained minister and a champion for women in ministry and leadership, Lyon served for eight years as the first female general superintendent of the

Wesleyan Church. A nationally known speaker, writer and church leader, Lyon has served as the Wesleyan Church's representative on the boards of numerous organizations, including the National Association of Evangelicals, Bread for the World, Asbury Theological Seminary and the National Religious Partnership for the Environment. She holds a master's degree in counseling from the University of Missouri and honorary doctorates from United Wesleyan College and Southern Wesleyan University.



**Dr. Janette H. Ok** is assistant professor in the Department of Biblical and Theological Studies at Azusa Pacific Seminary (Azusa, CA). As a biblical scholar, she studies the New Testament, early Christianity and the formation of

Christian identity. As a church leader, she has more than 20 years of ministry experience and currently serves as a pastor at Ekko Church in Anaheim, California. These interdisciplinary interests have shaped her preaching, teaching and scholarship, giving her a practical focus on church ministry and Christian leadership. Ok holds a bachelor's degree from the University of California, Los Angeles, and an MDiv and PhD from Princeton Theological Seminary.

*This conference seeks to celebrate women in ministry in the Brethren in Christ Church U.S. and to kindle the church's passion for seeing women discover and use their God-given gifts in mutual ministry within the body of Christ.*

It will encourage leaders and laypeople in the Brethren in Christ Church to consider such questions as:

- How have Brethren in Christ women served the church in the past? How are they serving in the present?
- How can the Brethren in Christ Church empower women to embrace and thrive in spirit-directed ministry?
- How can we all encourage, support, strengthen and advocate for women in ministry in our denominational family?

## CONFERENCE DETAILS

The conference "Empowering Women in Ministry" is co-sponsored by the E. Morris and Leone Sider Institute for Anabaptist, Pietist and Wesleyan Studies at Messiah College and Awaken: The Brethren in Christ Network for Women in Ministry. It will provide Brethren in Christ pastors, laypeople and friends from related denominations with the opportunity to reflect on important issues in theologically informed ways.

The conference will be held on **Oct. 11, 2019**, at the Grantham Church.

The conference requires a registration fee of \$35, which includes conference materials, refreshment breaks and a catered luncheon.

*Attending this conference is an opportunity to fulfill one Lifelong BIC Learning credit, an expectation for all Brethren in Christ pastors within each renewal period.*

### ARE YOU A PASTOR IN THE ATLANTIC OR SUSQUEHANNA CONFERENCES OF THE BRETHERN IN CHRIST U.S.?

You can [register for free](#), courtesy of your conference and Awaken! Contact your conference administrative assistant to register.



For more information, contact the Sider Institute at [siderinstitute@messiah.edu](mailto:siderinstitute@messiah.edu), or visit the Sider Institute website at [messiah.edu/siderinstitute](http://messiah.edu/siderinstitute).



Lodging is available in area motels and hotels. Contact the Institute for a list of local hotels.

## Empowering Women in Ministry REGISTRATION CARD

This conference is open to all interested people. Registration deadline is **Friday, October 4, 2019**.

### REGISTER ONLINE

Visit [messiah.edu/siderinstitute](http://messiah.edu/siderinstitute) and click on the "Register" link.

### REGISTER FOR FREE WITH YOUR CONFERENCE

Pastors from the Atlantic and Susquehanna regional conferences of the BIC U.S. should **register for free** by contacting their regional conference administrative assistant.

### REGISTER VIA POSTAL MAIL

Send this form, along with the \$35 registration fee, to The Sider Institute, One College Avenue Suite 4033, Messiah College, Mechanicsburg PA 17055. Make checks payable to "Messiah College."

Name(s) (required) \_\_\_\_\_

Address (required) \_\_\_\_\_

Email (required) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (optional) ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Church affiliation (required) \_\_\_\_\_

### For Brethren in Christ pastors:

Would you like Lifelong BIC Learning credit for attending?  Yes  No





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**CONFERENCE SCHEDULE** *(Subject to change)*

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<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	Registration
<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Words of Welcome & Opening Prayer
<b>9:10 a.m.</b>	Centering Worship
<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	Celebrating Women's Stories: Women Leaders in the Brethren in Christ Church (Panel Discussion)
<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	Refreshment Break
<b>10:45 a.m.</b>	Keynote Presentation - Dr. Jo Anne Lyon
<b>Noon</b>	Lunch
<b>1:30 p.m.</b>	Keynote Presentation - Dr. Janette H. Ok
<b>2:30 p.m.</b>	Closing Reflections
<b>3:00 p.m.</b>	Dismissal



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