

About Tim

Ranching with his family northeast of Calgary, Tim is a fourth-generation farmer on the family homestead.

Living on the family farm has brought a number of gifts into Tim's life: closeness to nature, inter-generational relationships, manual labour, integration of faith, the thrill of the harvest and a sense of place.

Throughout his adult life and studies, Tim has enjoyed various opportunities to engage in rural life. In 2015 Tim and his wife, Joanne, moved back to the farm. He, his uncle, and his dad together manage 3000 acres of grassland and feed crops.

Tim is the pastor at Lutheran Church of the Master (Airdrie) and is involved with Circle M (Centre for Rural Community Leadership and Ministry) and the ABT Synod Care of Creation ministry team.

Tim is an alumnus of the U of A Faculty of Agriculture (BSc) and Lutheran Theological Seminary Saskatoon (MDiv, DMin).



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Retreat Of Our Own 2020

VALUING CREATION: THE ECONOMICS OF SAVING

a theological reflection retreat
for Lutheran & Anglican
learners at Sylvan Lake, AB

WITH

REV. DR. TIM WRAY
September 11 - 13



Description of Sessions

Christians have long wrestled with the question, “What must I do to be saved?” In 2020, concern for personal salvation also includes more concrete concerns about saving our planet.

We may be alarmed by cries that a global movement could have saved the earth if we had acted yesterday. We may be soothed by promises that the markets and technology will save us if prioritized. What do the resources of Christianity have to offer this contemporary crisis? Where is our hope?

Science is a discipline of observation. As a farmer I ask, “What is science teaching us about the resilience of nature?”

Theology is the discipline of the study of God. We approach theology with the humility of mere humanity. We will explore Bible stories, seeking wisdom to answer these questions:

- What is creation for?
- What are people for?
- What must we do to be saved?

From this discussion, a vision of the salvation of creation and humanity may germinate. As a facilitator, a farmer and a person of faith, my expectation is that “our hearts will burn within us as [the Word] opens to us the Scriptures.” (Luke 24:32)



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Schedule



FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 11

- 7:00 p.m. Registration Begins
Opening reception
- 8:00 p.m. Opening worship (Holden Evening Prayer)



SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 12

- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast
- 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 9:00 a.m. **Session I. Creation 1: Beyond a Command Economy**
- 10:15 a.m. Coffee
- 10:30 a.m. **Session I. continued.**
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Free time
- 6:00 p.m. Supper
- 7:30 p.m. **Session II. Creation 2: Labour and Labour Pains**
- 9:00 p.m. Evening worship



SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13

- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast
- 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:45 a.m. **Session III. A New Creation: Walking through the Dust Cloud**
- 10:30 a.m. Closing Eucharist
- 11:30 p.m. Lunch & Farewell

