

# God's Surprising Wonders

February 1–4, 2012

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—Daniel 4:3 (The Message)

## 2012 Association of Presbyterian Church Educators (APCE) Annual Event

### Sponsoring organization

Association of Presbyterian Church Educators (APCE)

### Member denominations:

Christian Reformed Church in North America

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### Friday five-hour, in-depth seminars:

#### **“Wonders, Surprises, and Challenges in the Book of Job” with Carol Bechtel**

Believers often look to the Bible’s book of Job when they’re wrestling with the question: “Why do bad things happen to good people?” The character Job, after all, was a very good man who suffered in some of the very worst ways. In this workshop we’ll explore what his story does—and does *not*—teach about the problem of suffering. We’ll also look at ways we can be faithful Christians even in the face of limited information—that is, when we don’t have all the answers!

#### **“Worship and Education . . . As If the Wonders of God Were Our Hands” with Cláudio Carvalhaes**

Is there a relationship between worship and education? Is worship a place for education? Does one educate somebody to worship? How do faith, bodily senses, and ritual connect? How do Christian education and worship help us experience the wonders of God? How does education at home help us worship? Does worship help us create a home? How do we deal with Christian education and the worship/cultural wars? How do we hand the wonders of God to each other and to the next generations? Are the sacraments wonders of God? These questions and more will be explored as we take time to engage each other’s knowledge and experiences. We will help each other find ways to experience the wonders of God in our lives and in our communities.

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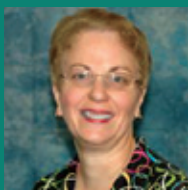
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### Preachers



**Rev. Susan Davis Krummel**, opening worship

General presbyter and stated clerk of the Presbytery of Great Rivers of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)



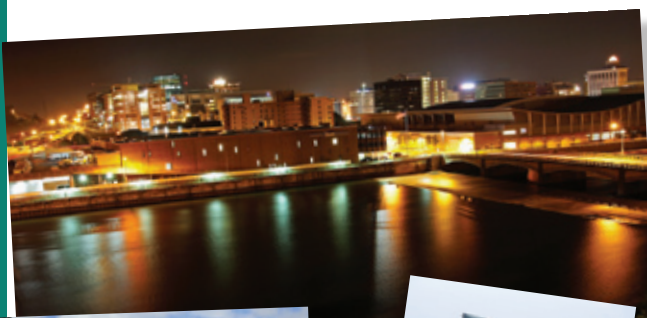
**Rev. Dr. Cláudio Carvalhoes**, closing worship

Assistant professor of worship and preaching at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary

### Conference surprises:

- One fabulous hotel connected to the convention center
- Two educator certification classes
- Opening worship with communion
- Welcome dinner and celebration at the Grand Rapids Public Museum
- Skype conversations with distinguished offsite guests
- Extended plenary Thursday with Sandy Sasso
- Regional and denominational breakfasts
- Over 70 workshops, offsite workshops, and tours
- Two five-hour, in-depth seminars

### Grand Rapids, MI



### Hotel:

Amway Grand Plaza Hotel  
187 Monroe Avenue NW  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

### APCE conference rates:

\$129.00 single/double  
\$129.00 triple/quad

After July 1, call  
**616.776.6450 (Local)**  
**800.253.3590 (Toll Free)**  
Or visit [apcenet.org](http://apcenet.org) after July 1 for a direct link to Amway Grand Plaza Hotel reservations online.

### Registration:

Online registration and more comprehensive information about the conference will be available at [apcenet.org](http://apcenet.org) after September 1.



**Rabbi Sandy Eisenberg Sasso**, plenary presenter

Sasso, of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck in Indianapolis, is an internationally known author of eleven children's books and (for adults) *God's Echo: Exploring Scripture with Midrash*. Two of Sasso's children's books were selected by *Publishers Weekly* as Best Books of the Year. She is the winner of the 2005 Sugarman Family Book Award and the 2006 Best Book of Indiana Award and the 2004 recipient of the Helen Keating Ott Award for Outstanding Contribution to Children's Literature.



**Rev. Dr. Carol Bechtel**, in-depth seminar presenter

Bechtel is professor of Old Testament at Western Theological Seminary in Holland, Michigan. Before joining Western's faculty in 1994, Bechtel taught at the Presbyterian School of Christian Education in Richmond, Virginia. Bechtel is the author of several books and numerous Bible studies, including *Life after Grace* (Westminster John Knox, 2003) and the 2007 *Horizons* Bible study, *Above and Beyond: Hearing God's Call in Jonah and Ruth*.



**Rev. Dr. Cláudio Carvalhoes**, in-depth seminar presenter

Cláudio Carvalhoes, born, raised, and ordained in São Paulo, Brazil, is the assistant professor of worship and preaching at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Carvalhoes, a well-known speaker, writer, performer, and consultant, has published articles in both English and Portuguese on the relationship between worship, globalization, immigration, art, and postcolonial theologies and liturgies. Carvalhoes is a member of the board of the Brazilian online journal, *Tópico – Idéias de Norte a Sul*.



**Ms. Shari LeMonnier**, conference artist

Shari LeMonnier, a member of PC(USA), is an artist and educator. As a graduate of Southern Methodist University and the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, LeMonnier has received numerous grants and international acclaim for her traveling exhibits and lecture series.

