

Wesleyan-Pentecostal Symposium: The Role of Experience in Theology

March 22, 2016, Tyndale Seminary (Revised March 14, 2016)

Convened by James Pedlar and Van Johnson

*All sessions take place in the Tyndale Chapel unless otherwise noted.

10:00	Welcome and opening worship	
10:15	Donald W. Dayton, Keynote address	
11:05	Break	
11:20	CHAPEL Bradley Truman Noel, “Experiential Verification: The Pentecostal Advantage in Hermeneutics?”	ROOM CH 306 John Vlainic, “How a Theology of Experience Shows Up in Pastoral Care.”
12:00	Lunch – Dining Hall (Level 200, F-wing)	
1:00	ROOM A316 James E. Read, “‘Whatever it is which reason or experience shows’: Experience in a Wesleyan approach to ethics” Stephen J. Bedard, “Experience as Christian Apologetics.”	ROOM A310 Justin Schwartz, “Objectivity is the Fruit of Subjectivity: Experience as a Fundamental Category for Theology in the work of Bernard Lonergan” Janelle Zeeb, “Comparing Arminianism and Open Theism on Theodicy: An Example of How Experience Affects our Preferences for Theological Systems”
2:20	Break	
2:35	Peter D. Neumann, “Pentecostal Mediated Immediacy: Overcoming Experience of God as Ecumenical Barrier”	
3:15	James E. Pedlar, “Experience and Theology: Lessons from some Canadian Examples.”	
3:55	Dismissal	

Donald W. Dayton (PhD, Chicago) is a leading voice in Wesleyan and Pentecostal scholarship. Now retired, he taught at several schools including Asbury, North Park, Drew, and Asuza Pacific.

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John Vlainic (MDiv Asbury, ThM Wycliffe) is a Free Methodist minister who has been active in Canadian Wesleyan theological circles for many years and is chaplain at Hamilton General Hospital.

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Stephen J. Bedard (MDiv, ThM, MA McMaster Divinity) is a Baptist pastor, teacher, writer, editor, and apologist, currently completing a Doctor of Ministry at Acadia Divinity College.

Justin Schwartz (MDiv, MA Lincoln Christian U) is an evangelical with Restoration Movement roots who is focusing on Bernard Lonergan as he completes his PhD at Regis College, UofT.

Janelle Zeeb (MTS, Tyndale) left a career in aerospace engineering to study at Tyndale, where she recently completed an outstanding master’s thesis on open theism. She is preparing for doctoral studies.

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