

Come to the Waters

*San Francisco Theological Seminary Seminars
Exploring our Faith ~ Expanding our Understanding*

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***Faith and Public Life:  
The Church's Role in the 21st Century***

**Dates:** August 28 - 30

**Location:** Glacier Presbyterian Center (the camp!)

**Professor:** Dr. Jim McDonald – President of SFTS

**Description:** *The world is in a profound state of turmoil. Fear abounds. People are suffering. We have toxic leaders, dysfunctional systems, and a politically polarized church and society. Increasingly, the world, driven by hostility and apprehension, seems intent on building walls to separate people one from another. We must also acknowledge that religion itself too often contributes in a negative, harmful way to the pain and suffering of others. The state of the world is a call for compassion. It's a call for the church to be a sign of hope, a place of acceptance and love, a catalyst for peace, healing, and justice.*

*This seminar will explore the biblical and theological foundations of the Church's loving, hopeful engagement with the world, and ask how a pastor and congregation can be both prophetic and pastoral in pursuing ministries of justice, healing, and peace.*

**Who should attend?**

- **EVERYONE!**
- Pastors & CREs
- Those who may consider a CRE ministry
- Ruling Elders, Session members, Deacons

**Cost:**

Commuters (includes Monday Dinner, Lunch on Tuesday and Wednesday) ..... \$27/person/day  
 Single Room (all meals included) ..... \$156/person  
 Double Room (all meals included)..... \$97/person



A lifelong Presbyterian, Jim McDonald became San Francisco Theological Seminary's 11<sup>th</sup> president in July 2011. He is Professor of Faith and Public Life.

Before coming to SFTS, Jim worked for 13 years at Bread for the World, a faith-based grassroots advocacy organization in Washington, D.C. that urges policymakers to reduce hunger in this country and around the world. In 1998, after completing a Ph.D. in International Relations from American University, he joined Bread for the World as an international policy analyst and led a broad legislative coalition that secured substantial debt relief for the world's poorest countries. In 2000 he became Bread's Vice President for Policy and Program. In 2010 he became Bread's Managing Director.

**Class Schedule Overview:**

1. Biblical Foundations of Public Ministry
2. Power and the Prophetic: The Intertwining of Politics and Theology in American History
3. Preaching in a Polarized Society: Addressing Social Issues from the Pulpit
4. Vital Congregations: Engaging the Local Community and our Global Citizenship
5. Practicing What We Preach: Loving God, Neighbor, and Self

**August 28:**

4:00 – 5:30 Check in  
6:00 Dinner  
7:00 Class 1

**August 29:**

8:00 Breakfast  
9:00 Class 2  
12:00 Lunch  
1:00 Class 3  
4:00 Class 4  
6:00 Dinner

**August 30:**

8:00 Breakfast  
9:00 Class 5  
12:00 Sack lunch

*To Register:*  
  
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*The Camp is located south of  
Lakeside on Highway 93 near mile  
marker 93.*

