

# Steven P. Mueller

**Professor of Theology**

**Dean, Christ College**

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## **Education**

Ph.D. Durham University (England)  
Major: Systematic Theology  
Dissertation: *The Christology of C. S. Lewis: A Lutheran's Evaluation*

S.T.M. Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft Wayne, IN  
Major: Systematic Theology  
Minor: Exegetical Theology

M.Div. Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft Wayne, IN  
Concentration: Exegetical Theology

B.A. Christ College Irvine  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Faculty Award in Religion  
Faculty Award in Speech  
Outstanding Senior Award  
Major: Liberal Arts (DCE Program)

## **Professional experience**

1995-present Concordia University, Irvine California  
Professor of Theology & Dean of Christ College

1999-2012 Abiding Savior Lutheran Church, Lake Forest California  
Pastoral Assistant

1998-2002 All Saints Lutheran Mission, Aliso Viejo, California  
Pastoral Assistant

1991-1995 Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sioux City, Iowa  
Assistant Pastor

1990-1991 Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana  
Teaching Assistant, Department of Pastoral Theology

1990-1991 Bethany Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana  
Director of choral and handbell music

## **Service to the Church**

2006	Introductory Workshop Leader for <i>Lutheran Service Book</i> .
2004-2010	Pacific Southwest District Task Force for Professional Church Work Recruitment.
2002-2007	Editorial Board, Called by the Gospel textbook series
2002-2011	Board of Directors, Arrowhead Lutheran Camp (Vice-President 2003-2005; president 2005-2011).
2000-present	Instructor, CUENet Online colloquy program
2005	Chairman, CUS task force to design church work recruitment events for LCMS "What a Way" Campaign
2000-2001	LCMS Task force "Building Consensus in Worship
1997-1998	Reviewer of hymn & liturgical materials for <i>Hymnal Supplement 98</i>
<b>Community Service</b>	2000-2003 Member, The Arroyo Seco Library Network Council. (Representing Academic Library Concerns to the Library of California.

### **Publications**

- "God, You Send Your Word." Hymn Text. Setting by Charles Raasch. Concordia University, 2012.
- The Reformation Heritage Bible Commentary*. Concordia Publishing House, 2012-. (General Editor)
- Your Word Brought Forth the Universe." Hymn text. Setting and Concertato by William R. Brusick. St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Oviedo, FL, 2012.
- "*The Doctrine of God*." in Joel Heck and Angus Menuge, eds. *At the Foot of the Cross: A Lutheran Vision for Education*. Austin: Concordia University Press, 2011.
- "Worship." in Edward A. Engelbrecht, ed. *The Lutheran Difference: An Explanation and Comparison of Christian Beliefs*. St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 2010.
- "Lord You Call Us as Your People." Hymn Text. Setting by Michael Burkhardt. Concordia University, 2010, Morningstar, 2012.)
- "Is Justification Relevant Today?" *Concordia Pulpit Resources* 20:2 (February 2010).
- "The Stories of Advent." Advent Sermon Series. *Concordia Pulpit Resources* 20:1 (November, 2009).
- The Lutheran Study Bible*. St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 2009.

(contributor and associate editor).

"In Many Times and Various Ways." Hymn text. Lake Forest: Abiding Savior Lutheran Church, 2009.

*The Encyclopedia of Christian Civilization*. Blackwell, 2008, 2011. (contributor)

*Theologia et Apologia: Essays in Reformation Theology and its Defense*. Eugene Oregon: Princeton Theological Monographs, 2007. (co-editor, contributor)

*Called to Believe: A Brief Introduction to Christian Doctrine*. Eugene Oregon: Wipf and Stock, 2006. (author/editor)

"Christ, the Word of God, Incarnate." Hymn text. *Lutheran Service Book*, 2006. (Also included in *Christian Worship Supplement*, Northwestern 2008).

"The Lion, the Witch, and the Savior." *The Lutheran Witness*, Dec. 2005.

*Called to Believe, Teach, and Confess: An Introduction to Doctrinal Theology*. Eugene Oregon: Wipf and Stock, 2005. (author/editor)

"Loving Christ, Serving Others." Lutheran Social Services of Southern California 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bible Study, 2005.

"Beyond *Mere Christianity*: An Assessment of C.S. Lewis." *Christian Research Journal*, Sept/Oct 2004.

*Worship*. Lutheran Difference Bible Study Series. Concordia Publishing House, 2004.

"Exploring Narnia With Your Children." *Family Talk*. Summer, 2003.

*Not a Tame God: Christ in the Writings of C. S. Lewis*. St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 2002.

*Outspoken Heroes of the Faith: Mission Opportunities*. Concordia Publishing House, 2002. (With Nina Mueller)

"Talking to Your Children About Violence." *Family Talk*. Spring, 2002. (With Nina Mueller).

*Miracles of Jesus* (Concordia Publishing House, 2001)

*Lenten Bible Study*. Series A Study Guide and Leader's Guide. St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 2001.

*Parables of Jesus*. (Concordia Publishing House, 2000).

"*The Theology of the Crucifix: The Christian Understanding of an Incarnational Image*," in Daniel N. Harmelink, *Let Christ be Christ: Theology, Ethics, and World Religions in the Two Kingdoms*.

(Tentatio Press, 1999).

*Journey Through God's Word An Introductory Course: Revelation.* (Concordia Publishing House, 1999)

"C. S. Lewis and the Atonement," *Concordia Journal* April 1999.

*Journey Through God's Word An Introductory Course: The Psalms.* (St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1999)

"Born Again... and Again and Again," *The Lutheran Witness* 117:10 (October 1998)

"Translated Theology: Christology in the Writings of C. S. Lewis," in Angus Menuge, *C. S. Lewis: Lightbearer in the Shadowlands*, (Crossway Books, 1997).

### **Papers Delivered**

"Twelve: The Church in the End Times." Plenary Address. Higher Things, Irvine. July 2012.

"Christianity, Islam, and Jesus." Higher Things, Las Vegas, Nevada, July 2011.

"Worship is Theology." Concordia Texas, March, 2011.

"Relational Imagery in Scripture and its Contemporary Applications." The Harry and Caroline Trembath Lecture in Confessional Theology. Concordia University, February 15, 2011.

"C.S. Lewis and Spiritual Warfare." Pacific Southwest District Pastor's Conference. Scottsdale, AZ, September 2009. Rocky Mountain District, 2010.

"Lutheran Theological Distinctives and Higher Education." Concordia University Irvine Faculty Retreat. Irvine, CA, August 2009.

"C.S. Lewis: Defender of the Faith: Implications for Campus Ministry." Christ on Campus. Palo Alto, CA, June 2009.

"Imaginative Apologetics: C.S. Lewis and the Defense of the Christian Faith." Contending for the Faith, Ft. Wayne, IN May 2009.

"The Relevance of Justification in a Secular, Post-Modern, Post-Christian, Neo-Pagan World." Society of Concordia Theological Faculties, Raleigh NC, March 2009.

"An Introduction to Hinduism." United States Air Force, Los Angeles Base Chaplaincy Lectures, Oct, 2008.

"The Doctrine of Justification." Pacific Southwest District Lay Minister's Conference, Fall, 2006.

"Secure Your Own Oxygen Mask First." Pacific Southwest District Principal's

Conference, Palm Desert, CA. August, 2008.

"C.S. Lewis: Defender of the Faith." Higher Things Conference, Irvine, CA, July 2008.

"The Distinction between Preaching and Teaching." Oratio et Meditatio Pastor's Retreat, Fall, 2006.

"Law and Gospel." Pacific Southwest District Lay Ministers' Conference. Fall, 2006.

"Starting the Conversation: Talking to Youth About Vocations in Ministry." On the Edge Conference (High School Church Work Recruitment), Sept 2006.

"The Lion, the Witch, and the Savior." Various locations including churches, schools, and campus ministries (Stanford and UCLA). Winter 2005-Spring 2006.

"The Doctrine of the Trinity." Pacific Southwest District Lay Ministers' Conference. Fall, 2005.

"Why is My Church So Weird?" On the Edge Conference (High School Church Work Recruitment), Sept 2005.

"A Plan for Implementing a New Doctrine Textbook and for Concordia University System Collaboration." Conference of Concordia Theological Faculties, Concordia Seminary St. Louis, Missouri. Fall 2005.

"A Closer Look at the Lutheran Confessions." Pacific Southwest District Lay Ministers' Conference. Fall, 2004.

"Postmodernism and Apologetics: Exploring Worldviews and Responses." English District Western Region Pastor's Conference. October, 2003.

"An Anatomy of the *Corpus Doctrinae*: the Ordering of Dogmatic Theology." LCMS Theology Professors' Convocation. Dallas, Texas. March 2003.

"The Trinity: from Luther to the Social Trinitarians." LCMS Theology Professors' Convocation. Dallas, Texas. March 2003.

"Christianity and Scholarship in a Post-Christian World: The Model of C.S. Lewis." The Trembath Convocation, Concordia University, February, 2003 (also presented at Christian Heritage College, El Cajon, California. Honors Retreat, September, 2003).

"The Enduring Witness of C. S. Lewis" Christianity in Focus, Abiding Savior Lutheran Church, October, 2002. Also presented at Crown of Life Lutheran Church, Sun City, Arizona, June, 2004.

"C.S. Lewis the Theologian." Lutheran Bible Institute of California, April-

May, 2002.

“The Spiritual Formation of Pre Seminarians.” Presented at *Courageous Confession: Shaping the Life of the Church*. (Theological Symposium of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis) Sept 17, 2002.

“Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly” California-Nevada-Hawaii District DCE Conference, May 30-June 1, 2001

“The History and Theology of Christian Rituals” Christianity in Focus, Abiding Savior Lutheran Church, January, 2000. (Presented in collaboration with Dr. Jack Schultz.)

“C. S. Lewis as a Paradigm for Popular Theology” Durham University Lectures in Contemporary Theology 8 May 1997. (Also presented to Circuit 14 pastors, Spring, 2000)

“Dining and Serving at the Supper of the Lamb: The Pastoral Care of Pastors” Downey Circuit Pastor’s Meeting, 13 February 1995

“Lutheran Worship in a Changing World” Pacific Southwest District Equipping Conference, 1997; and Circuit Pastors’ Meeting, Lancaster, CA. Feb. 1998

“Building a More Effective Youth Ministry” Iowa District West Sioux City Circuit, Le Mars Circuit, and Spencer Circuit, 1994

“Ten Theses on Children and Music” Iowa District East Church Educator’s Conference, 1993

**Professional memberships**

Evangelical Theological Society

Society for Biblical Literature