



invites you to a Jesus Seminar on the Road event:

Crisis, Immigration and Imagination

Loss and Reclaiming of Peoplehood in the Ancient and Post-Modern Worlds

March 29-30, 2019 in Billings, Montana

with Westar scholars Chebron Kernell *and* Hal Taussig

What if the New Testament and related texts were not written to start a new religion but to address dislocations of populations, violence, and loss within the Roman Empire? Inspired by 21st-century studies, scholars from Westar's Christianity Seminar will revisit this literature as texts expressing diverse elements of protest and liberation. What new interpretations of popular "Christian" texts result from this approach? At the same time, this seminar will address similar conditions and renewal in Native American settings. Here too new studies and creativity are promising important and fundamental shifts for the dilemma of American peoples.

All Events at

Billings First Congregational Church
310 North 27th Street
Billings, MT 59101

Sponsor

Billings First Congregational Church

Registration

All Sessions

Pre-registration (by March 15, 2019)	\$60
Registration (after March 15, 2019)	\$75
Additional Family Members	\$50

Single Sessions

Friday Evening, 7:30–9 PM	\$20
Saturday Morning, 9:30 AM–noon	\$30
Saturday Afternoon, 1:30–4 PM	\$30

Contacts

Westar Institute

PO Box 346
Farmington, Minnesota 55024
(651) 200-2372
events@westarinstitute.org

Local Sponsor

Mike Mulberry
revmikemul@firstchurchbillings.org
(406) 245-6477



Chebron Kernell (M.Div, Phillips Theological Seminary) is the Executive Secretary of Native American and Indigenous Ministries, for the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church. In this role, Rev. Kernell raises awareness, increases advocacy, and supports equality among Native American and Indigenous communities. He is an enrolled member of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma and is of Muscogee Creek heritage.



Hal Taussig (Ph.D. The Union Institute) is a recently-retired Professor of New Testament at Union Theological Seminary in New York. He lectures around the country and world. He is the editor of the award-winning *A New New Testament* (2013), a United Methodist minister, and author of fourteen books. His mediography includes *The New York Times*, *Time Magazine*, *The Daily Show*, *People Magazine*, *Newsweek Magazine*, *National Public Radio*, and many more.

Weekend sessions include:

Displacement, Loss, and Reinvention: This joint lecture looks at the cases of native peoples and early Christ people.

Understanding Social Crises in Early Christ Movements: Christianity did not arise as a single, monolithic movement.

Stolen Lands: The Trauma of Displacement and Forced Migration: Why does popular American culture remain comfortable with "historical silencing of indigenous people?"

Reclaiming Peoplehood in the First and 21st Centuries: First and Second Century Christ-communities and 21st-century native American communities share common challenges.

