

ABOUT BEING CHURCH

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June 5-11, 2016

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Henderson Summer Leadership Conference 75th Anniversary Celebration

Miller Summer Youth Institute 20th Anniversary Celebration

Being Church. We love the Church. But we know that the 20th century church is not meeting the needs of the 21st century world. For many of us we are not certain that the church is relevant any longer. For others, we do not understand what all the fuss is about.



Over the course of one week, we invite you to join together in community to consider Church. Three speakers will help us consider what it is to *be Church*. Eric H. F. Law of the Kaleidoscope Institute will be here June 5-8 to offer certificate training in Gracious Leadership. The goal of this training is to give laity and clergy the skills to create diverse communities grounded in grace and hospitality. June 9 there is the opportunity to earn one of two professional development certificates in areas that greatly impact the church of the 21st century: **Youth Ministry or Cyber Ethics**. June 10-11 Nadia Bolz-Weber and Rachel Held Evans will join us to further the conversation of being Church. Nadia's work is the work of a pastor living out gracious leadership in diverse communities. Her newest book, *Accidental Saints: Finding God In All the Wrong People*, will guide our communal consideration. Rachel Held Evans will join us to continue engaging Church as she works with us to consider her newest book *Searching for Sunday: Loving, Leaving and Finding the Church*.

As the Henderson Summer Leadership Conference celebrates 75 years of ministry and the Miller Summer Youth Institute celebrates 20 years of ministry it is our goal to bring together an intergenerational, inter-racial, interdenominational group of laity and pastors to consider being Church today. The tremendous vocational tradition of SYI— Who is God calling you to be and what is God calling you to do?— matched with the outstanding educational history of SLC will be a winning combination as we join together to wrestle with the big questions that face us as the Church in the 21st century.

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