



The Parish Collective, Parish Collective PDX, and Warner Pacific College are partnering together for an evening of conversation, exchange, and literary discovery around the topic of... **“Rethinking Church.”**

It will be a delightful time of conversation, epiphany, inspirational thinkers, and practical church imaginings. This is a time of belief in the ever-incarnating reality of the people of the Jesus-Way.

Please come and enjoy some celebrated local authors and a ballroom full of local, neighborhood-based practitioners as we imagine afresh what faith-gathering can and must look like in our radically shifting world.

- **When:** Thursday, June 12, 7 – 9 pm
- **Where:** Warner Pacific College, McGuire Auditorium
- **Hosted by:** Michelle Lang (Assoc. Director of Campus Ministries) and Tony Kriz (Author in Residence)
- **Cost:** There is no admission fee for the event; however, there will be a request for donation at the door to cover costs. Everyone is volunteering their time and expertise for the event.
- There will be coffee and cookies.
- There is no need to RSVP.

Featured Authors:

Paul Sparks is a Community Organizer and Social Entrepreneur. His place-based expertise and trusted friendships in neighborhoods across North America make him an indispensable consultant to community organizations, academic institutions, and faith-based groups. Paul is the co-founding instructor for the innovative Leadership in the New Parish Certificate at the Seattle School of Psychology and Theology. He lives in Tacoma with his wife Elizabeth.

Tim Soerens is a social entrepreneur and co-founding director of the Parish Collective. As co-director of the Parish Collective, he convenes ministry leaders, teaches, and consults with organizations seeking human flourishing in particular neighborhoods while also working

collaboratively across the city. As social entrepreneur he is a founding adviser of Impact Hub-Seattle, an innovative co-working space for change makers in both non-profit and business sectors. He also co-founded the Inhabit Conference, Leadership in the New Parish, and is a curator for Social Capital Markets, the world's largest gathering of socially-motivated investors and entrepreneurs.

Dwight Friesen is a professor, new parish theologian, author, speaker, former church-planter, and co-founder the annual Inhabit Conference in Seattle. Having led Christian missional communities for more than a dozen years, Dwight now trains new parish leaders at The Seattle School of Theology & Psychology, and with the Parish Collective. Born and raised in Canada, he lives in Washington state with his wife and son, and seeks to be a good neighbor.

John Pattison is the co-author of "Slow Church: Cultivating Community in the Patient Way of Jesus" (Spring 2014) and "Besides the Bible: 100 Books that Have, Should, or Will Create Christian Culture" (2010), both from InterVarsity Press. He is also the Managing Editor of *CONSPIRE Magazine*. Previously he served as the Deputy Editor of the Burnside Writers Collective. He is a regular contributor to *Relevant Magazine* and the *Englewood Review of Books*. A member of the National Book Critics Circle, his essays, articles, and reviews have also appeared in *Books & Culture*, *Neue Magazine*, as part of Powells.com's Review-a-Day program, and in newspapers and magazines around the country. He lives in Oregon's Mid-Willamette Valley with his wife and two daughters.

Kelly Bean served as pastor/cultivator of Third Saturday Organic Community, which gathered in her living room for twenty-four years. She is coplanter of Urban Abbey, an egalitarian intergenerational intentional community in north Portland, Oregon. A pastor, speaker, writer, mentor, activist, and artist, Kelly has been creating and leading strategic networks for women in ministry for the past ten years with both National Emerging Women Leaders Initiative and Convergence. She is contributor to a *Fuller Seminary* publication on the church in contemporary culture and has written for *E-Florescence*, *Mutuality*, and *Idea-Labmagazines*. Kelly is pursuing a masters degree in ministry leadership from George Fox Seminary and working to complete a certification in mediation and conflict resolution from Marylhurst University. She is a mother of three children, grandmother of three, and wife of Ken.