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Rauschenbusch's Legacy Still Relevant

By Rev. G. Travis Norvell, Pastor of Judson Memorial Baptist Church in Minneapolis, MN, and
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On April 9-11 nearly 150 people (scholars, seminarians, pastors, and laypeople from all over the U.S., Nova Scotia, Canada, and Oldenburg, Germany) gathered at the Mercer University Atlanta Campus, home of ABHS, for The Legacy of Walter Rauschenbusch conference. To be honest, it was an exhausting three days: 15 presentations, and a sermon by Rev. Dr. Raphael Warnock, receptions and coffee breaks and meals and shuttles to and from the hotel. But it was worth every exhausting moment.

One hundred years after the death of Walter Rauschenbusch, Christians, people of faith, and people of conscience ask what is the connection between our contemporary situation and the social gospel?

The Rauschenbusch conference celebrated the contributions of a scholar now departed a century ago, yet the themes and insights of Rauschenbusch provide great wisdom in dealing with issues today. The church still struggles with the question of social witness and biblical interpretation. Faithful Christians remain at odds with one another about matters of political engagement and socio-economic theory. Rauschenbusch hailed from a deeply pietistic German Baptist family, yet spent some of his later years labeled a "socialist" for raising questions as the Gilded Age largesse gave way to the need for something better and more Gospel-centered than unbridled capitalism. He stood in the midst of a time where a "Christian century" could be imagined with zeal and expectation, yet his writings would gain new resonance as the intervening decades brought not American

utopia, but American chaos as issues of race, gender issues, war, economics, and religious identity spun out in ways Rauschenbusch could not have predicted (or perhaps been attuned enough to anticipate).



Rev. Paul Rauschenbush looks over the Rauschenbusch exhibit

On Tuesday evening, after Paul Rauschenbush, great-grandson of Walter Rauschenbusch, gave his personal reflection on Walter's influence on the Rauschenbusch family, the story was told how the American Baptist Historical Society obtained the Dores R. Sharpe

Collection (which makes up a large portion of the Rauschenbusch Family Papers at ABHS). The story revealed not only the fragility of archival work, but also the importance of preserving material for future generations.

The papers from this conference will be published by Mercer University Press in mid-2019. Certainly, readers will get a taste of the ferment of such fine presenters and scholars gathered to wrestle anew with the Rauschenbusch legacy. In the meantime, the works of Rauschenbusch are being published in three volumes, one by one over the course of 2018. Dr. William Brackney and his editorial team have provided a great service to present and future scholars and students of Rauschenbusch with the introductory essays and bibliography that will help acquaint new generations with such a remarkable figure.

American Baptist Quarterly Call for Papers

ABQ is the peer-reviewed journal of the American Baptist Historical Society. Both established and emerging scholars are invited to submit papers written from original research. Articles and essays should be between 6,000 and 10,000 words. If you are interested in submitting a paper for one of the upcoming issues, please contact the editors Curtis Freeman (CFreeman@div.duke.edu) and Laura Levens (Laura.Levens@bsk.edu) as soon as possible.

Upcoming Themes	Submit by:
Baptists and the Holocaust	June 1, 2018
The Legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.	Sept. 1, 2018
Reception of Evangelical Mission in India	Dec. 1, 2018
Celebrating Women in Ministry	Mar. 1, 2019



Did you miss the Legacy of Walter Rauschenbusch Conference? Videos of most speakers will soon be available on the ABHS YouTube channel.

Church Anniversaries

April – June

We celebrate the faithful ministry of American Baptist Congregations and their pastors! The following churches and pastors mark anniversaries this quarter:

325 Years

Community Baptist Church of Gay Head, Aquinnah, MA; Rev. Leo Christian, pastor

275 Years

First Baptist Church, North Stonington, CT

250 Years

Mount Carmel Baptist Church, Carmel, NY; Rev. Andrew Columbia, pastor

225 Years

First Baptist Church, Danvers, MA; Rev. John Mulvihill, pastor

200 Years

First Baptist Church, LeRoy, NY; Rev. Edris Hitchcock, pastor

Bartlett Baptist Church, Rome, NY; Rev. Dr. Charles Thomas Hast, pastor

First Baptist Church, Haddenfield, NJ; Rev. Dr. Michael J. Feicht, pastor

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175 Years

Niantic Baptist Church, Niantic, CT; Rev. Jill Harvey, pastor

Noank Baptist Church, Groton, CT; Rev. Dr. Paul Hayes, pastor

First Baptist Church, Tewksbury, MA; Rev. Simeon Damas, pastor

Federated Church, Norfolk, MA; Rev. Scott Cousineau, pastor

Federated Church, Ashland, MA

150 Years

First Baptist Church, Salina, KS; Rev. Dr. Kevin Hazelton, pastor

Federated Church, Franklin, MA; Rev. Charley Eastman, pastor

First Baptist Church, Marlborough, MA; Rev. Stafford Trapp, pastor

125 Years

First Baptist Church, Milford, CT; Horace Hough, pastor

Antioch Baptist Church, Cleveland, OH; Rev. Dr. Todd C. Davidson, pastor

100 Years

First Baptist Church, Torrington, WY; Rev. Mary Fabin, pastor

75 Years

Mt. Hebron Baptist Church, Meriden, CT; Rev. Dr. Willie Young, pastor

50 Years

First Baptist Church, Bedford, OH; Rev. Debra Federico, pastor

First Cathedral, Bloomfield, CT; Archbishop Leroy Bailey and Rev. Dr. Michael David Bailey, co-pastors

Trinity Missionary Baptist Church, Honolulu, HI; Rev. Dr. Anthony Cook, pastor

25 Years

New Jerusalem Baptist Church, Framingham, MA; Rev. Percy Garrett, pastor

1 Year

Iglesia Biblica Bautista Betel, Escondido, CA; Leopoldo Reyes Carballo, Pastor

If your church is celebrating a significant anniversary, request a certificate from ABHS.

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American Baptist Historical Society membership circles are named for some of our significant Baptist forebears. Learn about these honorees in this and upcoming issues of *Primary Source*.

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Louise "Lulu" Cecilia Fleming Circle	\$126-250
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * benefits listed above, plus * 1 hour of "Research-by-mail" discounted by 50% * listing as donor in annual report 	
Jitsuo Morikawa Circle	\$251-500
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * benefits listed above, plus * Baptist history publication -- potluck! * pair of tickets to Biennial breakfast 	
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Membership Circle: Jitsuo Morikawa

Jitsuo Morikawa (1912-1989) was born to a Buddhist family near Vancouver, British Columbia. He first heard about Jesus Christ from a neighbor, Mrs. Hampton, who was the organist for nearby Maple Ridge Baptist Church and who took the motherless Morikawa siblings to Sunday School. Morikawa was baptized at the age of 16 and recalled his conversion as a “dramatic experience . . . through which I entered the mainstream of human history as purposed and planned by God.”

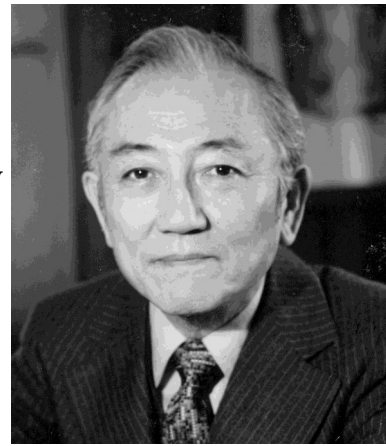
Morikawa moved to the United States for higher education, earning degrees from UCLA and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Upon graduating, he returned to Los Angeles where, under the auspices of the Los Angeles Baptist City Mission Society, he served a mission church on Terminal Island.

In 1941 Morikawa married Hazel Takii. The young couple’s world collapsed just three months after their wedding with the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor. The attack led to President Roosevelt’s Executive Order 9066, which effectively labeled people with Japanese ancestry a threat to national security. Morikawa, his wife, and over 100,000 others of Japanese descent were evacuated by the Western Defense Command to ten War Relocation Centers. The Morikawas were tagged “Family No. 34412” and taken to the Colorado River Relocation Center in Poston, Arizona.

Morikawa later reflected that his experience in the internment camp affected him in two very important ways: “It created within me a great resentment and raised serious questions about U.S. democracy and culture in which such a thing could happen. Secondly, it brought me to the enormous discovery that the church, and particularly the American Baptist Convention, could act in a moment of crisis on behalf of people rejected by society. . . I shall always remember the courageous stands of Dr. Ralph L. Mayberry of the Los Angeles Baptist City Mission Society and Dr. John Thomas of the Home Missions Societies.”

In a daring move, First Baptist Church of Chicago called Morikawa as associate pastor during the war years. His time as pastor in

Chicago came to a close in 1956 when he was called by the American Baptist Home Mission Society to be Secretary of the Division of Evangelism. Morikawa subsequently served as Secretary of the Office of Planning and Organizational



Development and then as Associate Executive Secretary of ABHMS. He also served as vice-president of American Baptist Churches in 1984-1985. Morikawa retired in 1985 after over thirty years of service to the denomination.

Morikawa was both well-loved and controversial. He preached an approach to evangelism emphasizing the conversion of the whole person: “one’s inner self in privacy, one’s social self in society, and one’s public self in the institutions of public life.” He also questioned the goal of evangelism as being simply increase of church members. Instead, he raised the question of what the church with new members ought to be doing for the reconciliation of all to God and others. Morikawa explained, “Leading people into an experience of personal commitment to Jesus Christ is a very important responsibility of the church, but we also need to work through the institutions that shape human destiny. Our laymen serve in these institutions and they’re our missionaries. The church needs to develop ways in which its laymen may become missionary actors for change in human history.”

He is remembered as one who sought to serve those whom society has treated as outcasts. Just as American Baptists did for him when he was interned at Poston, so he did for countless others as he sought to change human history and society. This call of service to the outcast resounds today, and entering the margins of society is the best way to live out the legacy of Jitsuo Morikawa. ABHMS holds a collection of Morikawa’s sermons, RG 1453.

Executive Director honored by Morehouse College



The Executive Director of the American Baptist Historical Society, Rev. Dr. Priscilla Eppinger, was inducted into the Martin Luther King, Jr., College of Ministers and Laity at Morehouse College on April 5.

The Martin Luther King, Jr., College of Ministers and Laity was established in 1985 by Dr. Lawrence Edward Carter, Sr., Dean of the Martin Luther King, Jr., International Chapel, and Dr. Hugh Morris Gloster, Sr., seventh president of Morehouse College, to honor individuals whose life and work exemplify the ethical ideals promoted by the College’s most prominent alumnus, Martin Luther King, Jr. Nominees to the College of Ministers and Laity have demonstrated and are evolving toward great achievement in their chosen vocations, a profound commitment to their community and society, the planet, and the cosmos, and are living their lives according to a high standard of cosmopolitan ethical principles.

Dr. Eppinger’s professional path exemplifies the ideals honored by the award. She took up the position of executive director of ABHS inspired by the Society’s mission to advance Baptist identity, promote historical literacy, and thereby advance spiritual and social transformation. One of her priorities as curator of the ABHS archives is to ensure the inclusion of marginalized voices in the historical record.

Prior to taking up leadership of the American Baptist Historical Society, Eppinger was professor of religion at Community of Christ Seminary (Independence, MO) and Graceland University (Lamoni, IA). There, she chaired the Peace Studies program. She also developed a proposal for a seminary master’s degree program in community, justice, and peace. Earlier ministry experience includes pastoral ministry at First Baptist Church (Plymouth, MA) which ordained

her in 1994, and North Shore Baptist Church (Chicago, IL). At the start of her career Eppinger was commissioned by International Ministries and served as an educational missionary to the Democratic Republic of Congo (then called Zaire), and subsequently worked in the ABHMS Office of Governmental Relations.

A third-generation clergywoman – granddaughter of Rev. Ted and Gertrude Eppinger and M.L. and Elaine Casbeer, and daughter of Rev. Dr. Paul and Sybil Eppinger – Eppinger is American Baptist “by birth and by choice.” Eppinger’s commitment to justice was birthed from her parents’ dedication to service to others and nurtured by a familial ethos of hospitality. Although the professional paths she and her three sisters have taken differ, all of them involve care for the needy, the pursuit of justice for the marginalized of society, and reform of skewed systems of privilege and oppression.

Recent Acquisitions

In the first half of 2018 we have received the following:

The Writings of Darius Mitteer Ratcliff, and personal papers for Milton R. Schroeder, the Samuel Berry McKinney Family (Samuel Berry and Louise Jones McKinney, Wade Hampton and Annie Ruth Berry McKinney, Lora-Ellen McKinney, Mary McKinney Edmonds), Lydia Grafton Bruce, Howard Fitch Myers, Oscar Rodriguez Quiles, and Carl Wallace Petty.

We also received organizational papers for Roy Medley (Office of the General Secretary), International Ministries, and Baptist Women of North America (BWA).

We received a large transfer of materials from the Andover Newton Theological School Library, including some papers of Walter O. Lewis and George Peck, and materials of the New England Baptist Library.

From the Archives Rare Sixteenth-century Bible

We have at ABHS a copy of the Brest Bible (1563), the first Protestant (Reformed) translation of the entire Bible into Polish. Reformer John Calvin was personally, if indirectly, involved in the translation project.

Named after the town where it was published, the Brest Bible is sometimes called the Radziwiłł Bible, after Mikołaj Radziwiłł "the Black" (1515–65), the benefactor of the project. A group of Reformed scholars collaborated on the translation from Hebrew and Greek, also utilizing Latin and French translations. Interesting features of this Bible include theological notes in the margin, and a daily Bible reading schedule.

The book is now quite rare because Radziwiłł's son, Mikołaj Krzysztof "the Orphan" Radziwiłł, converted to Catholicism and as a Counter-Reformation zealot, arranged for a public burning of all of the copies of the Brest Bible that he could locate and buy.

We heard that the Bodleian Library at Oxford University had a copy, and that Christ Church Library at the same institution did as well. We have contacted both libraries for more information. According to David Stumpp, Antiquarian Cataloguer at The Library in Christ Church, Oxford: "Yes, we have this bible. I know only a little about our copy, however, . . . I have found an entry for it with its original shelfmark annotated in our oldest interleaved copy of the Bodleian's 1674 catalogue, so it's been at Christ Church since at least the late 17th or early 18th century. The Bodleian appears to have three copies of their own."

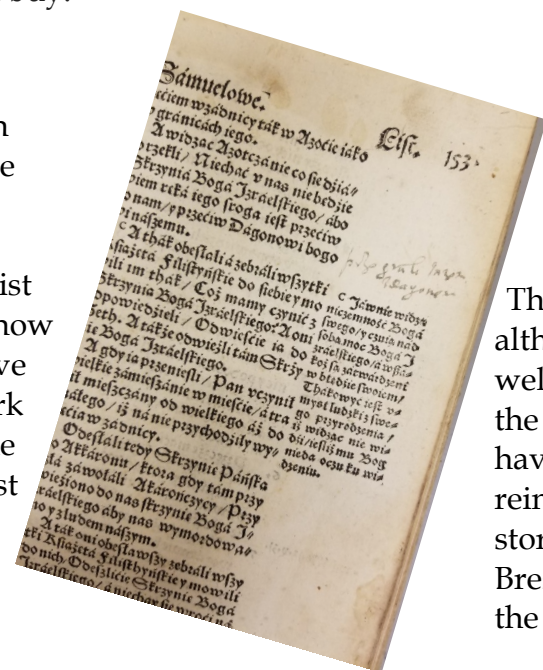
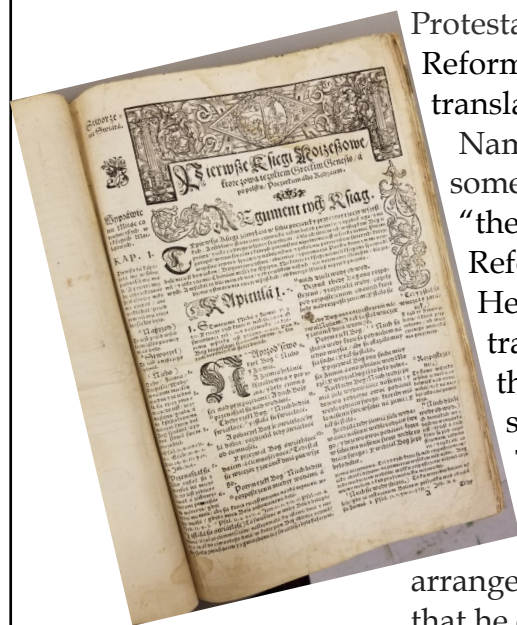
The following articles offer more about the significance of the Brest Bible:

Stanisław Koziara, "The Current State of Research by Polish Linguists on the Brest Bible: An Overview," *Reformation & Renaissance Review*, Vol. 17 No. 1, April 2015, 63-72.

Rafał Marcin Leszczyński, "The Brest Bible: Trinitarian and Christological Issues," *Reformation & Renaissance Review*, Vol. 17 No. 1, April 2015, 82-96.

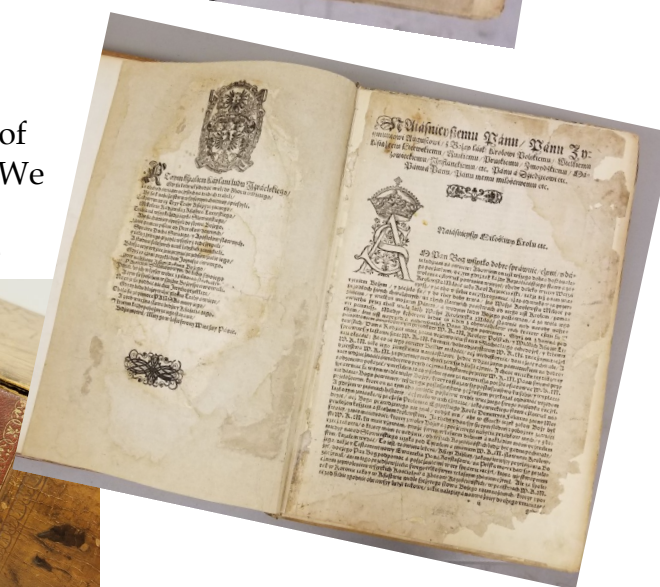
Aurelia Zduńczyk, "The Transconfessional Character of the Doctrine of Justification and its Depiction on the Title Page of the Brest Bible," *Reformation & Renaissance Review*, Vol. 17 No. 1, April 2015, 97-109.

Post this page on your church's bulletin board. When you use information from "From the Archives" remember to give credit to the American Baptist Historical Society.



"The image of Law and Grace [by Lucas Cranach the Elder] featured on the title page of the Brest Bible is set in a very tasteful architectural frame, surmounted by an arch supported on two slender columns. The composition is divided into three sections. In the bottom section, the figure of a man seated between the group of prophets and John the Baptist is positioned centrally, aligned with the axis defined by the bisecting tree. Behind them, there is the brazen serpent on the law side (on the viewer's left), and on the gospel side (on the viewer's right) the angel is announcing the good news to the shepherds. At the sides of the bottom section there is an image of the resurrected Christ on the right and a sinner being forced into Hell on the left. The title is flanked by images depicting the Lamb of God at the feet of the crucified Christ and the doctrine of original sin. The top section features the incarnation of Christ-Emmanuel and Moses receiving the tables of the law. The whole composition is designed to express the doctrines of original sin and salvation through God's grace alone." (Zduńczyk, p.101)

The Bible has been re-bound, although that binding is failing as well, and several of the first pages of the volume have been reinforced. We have ordered a perfectly-sized reinforced archival box for the safe storage of our Brest Bible into the future.



Research Snapshot



Paul and Genevieve King of Murphy, NC, came to research the church, school and hospital started by American Baptists in Kinhwa (Jinhua), China, in the late 1890s. The Chinese government recently designated the church as a National Historical Site, and has encouraged the congregation to restore the building to its original look. The Kings looked through Photo Files, Property Files, and several issues of the *Helping Hand* and *Baptist Missionary Magazine* for descriptions or pictures of the original façade. See their story on https://youtu.be/ke_bqOOM39o.

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