

# Canadian Rockies Theological Conference 2023

April 18-20 2023

Coast Canmore Hotel and Conference Centre

Canmore Alberta Canada

## Fiction and Fact: The Writings of Bishop Bo Giertz

Lutheran Churches are among those that describe themselves as being “Confessional Churches”. That is to say that we think that doctrine is important, despite any number of admonitions over the years to dispense with a doctrinal approach to preaching and catechesis. But taking that approach has led to churches being blown astray by the ever shifting Zeitgeist. We are convinced that we need more doctrine, not less, if we are to speak God’s truth into a confused world.

The problem is that doctrines can be both hard to understand, and harder apply to real world situations. The writings of Bishop Bo Giertz have proven themselves to be a useful tool in addressing this problem. Many people have found *The Hammer Of God* to be indispensable in both understanding the doctrine of Law and Gospel, and of preaching accordingly. His novel *Faith Alone: The Heart Of Everything*, recently translated by Pastor Bror Erickson, does the same with the doctrine of the Two Kingdoms.

In the words of last year’s speaker, Chad Bird: *“When I caught wind of a rumor that the novel Erickson was currently translating, Faith Alone: The Heart of Everything, was actually better than The Hammer of God, I scoffed. ... Then I picked up a copy and began to read. I say “read” but that’s not exactly accurate. To say I was “reading” is like saying a parched man is “drinking.” I was guzzling, folks, imbibing page after page. And—I kid you not—I was in suspense until the closing page, keen to see how Giertz would usher his narrative to its surprise dénouement. I was not disappointed. Nor am I the least bit ashamed to say that I am gladly eating crow over my initial unbelief about Faith Alone outdoing The Hammer of God. Without a doubt, it does.”*

Join us at this year’s Canadian Rockies Theological Conference to explore the theological approach of Bishop Bo Giertz, especially how historical novels can be used as a tool for teaching the faith.

## Our Speaker



**Pastor Bror Erickson** graduated from Concordia Theological Seminary at Ft. Wayne, IN in 2004. He served as a pastor in Tooele, Utah from 2004-2014 and is currently serving with his second call at Zion Lutheran Church in Farmington, New Mexico, where he lives with his wife Laura. Bror is a contributor to 1517.org and is an avid reader and translator of Bo Giertz. Bror’s first introduction to Bo Giertz was in 1996 in Rome, when he was stationed at Aviano Air Base with the US Air Force. Subsequently, Bror learned Swedish so he could read and translate other works of Bo Giertz. Pastor Erickson’s first Giertz translation project was *To Live with Christ* while on vicarage. Since then he has completed translations of *The Knights of Rhodes*, *Then Fell the Lord’s Fire*, *With My Own Eyes*, and Bo Giertz’s commentary on Romans. Bror has also translated *Witness* by Hermann Sasse, and contributed to *A Hammer for God* essays in honor of Bo Giertz. Bror is currently working on several translation projects for 1517 Publications, including Bo Giertz’s Commentaries on the Synoptic Gospels and two volumes of Giertz’s sermons, *A Year of Grace*.

# *Canadian Rockies Theological Conference Registration Information*

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## **Fiction and Fact: The Writings of Bishop Bo Giertz**

### **Step 1. Booking your hotel accommodations:**

*Participants in the CRTC who are staying in the hotel must book their room directly with the **Coast Canmore Hotel & Conference Centre** in Canmore Alberta, as directed by the website.*

*To save costs you might choose to share a room with someone, as each room has two queen size beds. The total cost for the room per night is \$133.60 (Canadian, all taxes included) per night for a room with 2 queen beds. The hotel has agreed to extend the conference rates for participants for 3 days prior to, and 3 days after the conference (based upon availability) for those wishing to extend their stay.*

*The link for booking rooms is <http://coa.st/crtc2023>*

*The **GROUP CODE** is: **CCM-GFC5761** or group name **Canadian Rockies Theological Conference**.*

*Or if you prefer, call 1-800-663-1144*

### **Step 2. Conference Registration**

*To register for the conference itself, you must fill out the registration form and mail it along with a cheque for the appropriate amount (as indicated on the form) to:*

**CRTC Registrar**  
**112 Lakeside Blvd Strathmore AB Canada**  
**TIP 1A1**

*All costs are in Canadian dollars. We have the ability to receive and cash cheques in US dollars. Please calculate the exchange using an online currency calculator like the one found at:*

*<http://www.bankofcanada.ca/rates/exchange/daily-converter/>*

***Please make cheques payable to “NALC Canada Section” with “CRTC” on the memo line***

*For those flying into the Calgary airport, there is a direct shuttle to and from Coast Canmore Hotel & Conference Centre .The link is below.*

*<http://www.banffairporter.com/>*

*Or you can call them at **1 888 449 2901***

*Or, you can rent a car as there will be ample free time allowing you to explore all that the Banff area has to offer.*

## ***CRTC 2023 Registration Form***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Prov/State: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please check appropriate box(es)*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Full conference rate (all meals and conference) | \$375.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conference only rate (no meals)                 | \$275.00 |

**TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_

***Remember to book your room separately with the  
Coast Canmore Hotel & Conference Centre!***

***Remember to make your conference registration cheques out to:***

***NALC Canada Section with CRTC*** on the memo line.

*Refunds will be paid for registrations cancelled 30 days prior to the conference (March 18, 2023)*

*Email inquires may be sent to the registrar at:*

[adminloa@telus.net](mailto:adminloa@telus.net)

*Email inquires may be sent to the CRTC organizers at:*

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