

# Homiletics

**Convener:** Timothy Leitzke (taleitzke@gmail.com) is the pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA) in Valparaiso, Indiana, and an Adjunct Professor of Theology at Valparaiso University.

**Members in Attendance:** Jennifer Ackerman, Gennifer Brooks, Edward Foley, Timothy Leitzke, Andrew Wymer

**Visitors:** Matt Cortese SJ, Wayne Croft, Seyeom Kim, Michael Wilke

**Description of Work:** This year's seminar was equal parts review/critique of papers and planning for next year. We spent a considerable amount of time planning a direction as a seminar.

## **Papers and Presentations:**

- Timothy Leitzke: "Two Proposals for Research in Homiletics: Culture and Trauma." The author presented two rough proposals and sought feedback.
- Jennifer Ackerman: "Preaching the Gospel of Justice." This presentation was a review and critique of a forthcoming book as well as a discussion of strategies for presenting at the Festival of Homiletics.
- Edward Foley: "Is There an Anthropocenic Homiletic? Preaching in the Midst of the Anthropocene Event;" "Preaching with the Sciences: The Neuroscientific Turn;" and a "Narrative Proposal" for research. Foley led a discussion and critique of new neuroscientific approaches to preaching.

**Other Work and Plans for the Future:** Papers from Edward Foley (preaching and neuroscience), Jennifer Ackerman, Gennifer Brooks, Andrew Wymer, and Timothy Leitzke.