

# Wesleyan-Pentecostal Symposium: The Role of Experience in Theology

March 22, 2016, Tyndale Seminary (Revised February 4, 2016)

Convened by James Pedlar and Van Johnson

\*All sessions take place in the Tyndale Chapel unless otherwise noted.

10:00	Welcome and opening worship	
10:15	Donald W. Dayton, Keynote address	
11:05	Break	
11:20	[ROOM TBD] Bradley Truman Noel, “Experiential Verification: The Pentecostal Advantage in Hermeneutics?”	[ROOM TBD] John Vlainic, “How a Theology of Experience Shows Up in Pastoral Care.”
12:00	Lunch	
1:00	[ROOM TBD] James E. Read, “‘Whatever it is which reason or experience shows’: Experience in a Wesleyan approach to ethics”  Stephen J. Bedard, “Experience as Christian Apologetics.”	[ROOM TBD] Justin Schwartz, “Objectivity is the Fruit of Subjectivity: Experience as a Fundamental Category for Theology in the work of Bernard Lonergan”  Janelle Zeeb, “Comparing Arminianism and Open Theism on Theodicy: An Example of How Experience Affects our Preferences for Theological Systems”
2:20	Break	
2:35	Peter D. Neumann, “Pentecostal Mediated Immediacy: Overcoming Experience of God as Ecumenical Barrier”	
3:15	James E. Pedlar, “Experience and Theology: Lessons from some Canadian Examples.”	
3:55	Dismissal	

**Donald W. Dayton** (PhD, Chicago) is a leading voice in Wesleyan and Pentecostal scholarship. Now retired, he taught at several schools including Asbury, North Park, Drew, and Asuza Pacific.

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**Janelle Zeeb** (MTS, Tyndale) left a career in aerospace engineering to study at Tyndale, where she recently completed an outstanding master’s thesis on open theism. She is preparing for doctoral studies.

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