

**MISSIONAL PREACHING WORKSHOP
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2010**

9 am - 2:30 pm

**Location: Rancho Bernardo
Community Presbyterian Church
Rev. Dr. Mark Lau Branson of
Fuller Theological Seminary**

Preaching is one of the core practices within our larger role as interpretive leaders. We shape and deliver sermons in the midst of numerous commitments - perhaps to the lectionary or other sequences of texts, to a theological tradition, to a specific congregation, and to the contextual matters of late modernity and our own very concrete locales. If our ecclesiology is missional - that is, if a core matter of our identity and agency concerns our engagement in God's love for our neighbors and God's priorities for human redemption and reconciliation - then how do those commitments shape our preaching? There is no one way to practice 'missional preaching'; but there are various preacherly practices that shape us differently so that our approaches to texts and contexts create an environment in which God's people are more likely to imagine and walk their way into missional engagement. Most specifically, the conversations we have with members and neighbors, across various human boundaries, can equip us and change our congregations so that the Spirit enlivens biblical texts and re-narrates our own lives - and preaching thus serves the awareness, imagination, and motivational purposes of the Spirit in our midst.

**Cost: No charge - made possible by a grant
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Lunch will be provided

RSVP: to Heather Paton at

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By Wednesday, September 8

(but the sooner the better)