

The Center for Practical Theology presents

Lunch Colloquium:

“Homeward Bound: Pastors and Their Closing Churches”

by visiting researcher Rev. Dr. Gail Lee Cafferata, Ph.D.

February 28, 2013 from 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM in STH Room 325



The closing of a congregation is the death of a spiritual community. Sadly, many are experiencing this loss but little has been written about clergy's experience of this process. How do pastors live and preach the Gospel in this difficult time? What are their challenges and supports? How does the closing of a church affect their pastoral identity and personal lives? This study of Protestant pastors who have closed churches will honor their ministry by studying the ecclesiastical, ethical, and social psychological dimensions of the process of church closing. Its findings will help the Church respect and affirm the dignity of God's people in these difficult circumstances.

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