



"...and they caught 153 fish."

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An Evening with John Pentland

Sunday Oct. 29, 2017

7 – 9pm

Westminster United Church

Celebrating 125 years of ministry in the community



John Pentland is a spiritual teacher, public speaker, and public theologian/lead Minister at Hillhurst United Church in Calgary, and author of the Canadian bestseller: “Fishing Tips: How Curiosity Transformed a Community of Faith.”

John was born in Ontario and moved from place to place for many years. He attended postgraduate school at Queen’s University; holds a B.A. and Masters of Divinity from Emmanuel College in Toronto; M.Div. and holds a Masters in Theology from Princeton Theological Seminary; and holds a Doctorate in Ministry from the Chicago Theological Seminary. (His thesis: Speaking Faith in Public Space.) For the past 30 years he has lived in Alberta, where he served in rural churches, then worked for United Way of Calgary, before joining Hillhurst United Church as lead minister in 2004.

John is, first and foremost, a lover of questions with deep curiosity about what makes good religion. He has been a featured presenter at over a dozen conferences and events across Canada and the US in the past year alone. He has also spoken to various denominations/congregations across Canada and the USA. He has led workshops on a variety of topics, including: the Enneagram and Spiritual Formation; Wine and Spirituality; and A Religion of One’s Own. (further details available)

John loves to cycle everywhere, and is a partner and parent of 4 children between 6 and 25 years of age. In his free time he is now working on his second book, in which he plans to answer the question: “What if we had good religion?”

Order of the Evening

Gathering Music – Don Menzies

Words of Welcome – Carol Latter, Board Chair, Westminster United Church

Opening Prayer

Hymn MV 1 Let Us Build a House

Words of Introduction - Rev. Sherri McConnell, minister, Westminster United Church

Presentation by Rev. Dr. John Pentland

Hymn VU 595 We are Pilgrims

*Freewill Offering – during the singing of the hymn, a freewill offering will be collected. In celebration of Westminster's 125 years of ministry, all monies raised this evening will be donated to **1Just City**, the umbrella organization that supports the Outreach/Community Ministries of Winnipeg Presbytery. **Charitable tax receipts from 1JustCity** are available for donations of \$20 or more. Please ensure your full name and mailing address is on the enclosed envelope. Even though the envelope says it is a Westminster Communion envelope, please be assured they will be forwarded to 1JustCity. (cheques should be made payable to **1Just City**)*

Prayer of Thanks

Time for Questions

Wrap Up

Hymn VU 420 Go to the World

Closing Prayer/Blessing

Departing Music

Coffee and Cake in the Lecture Hall

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themselves so they can in turn build up their communities. We are filling in the cracks of broken lives, from a warm meal all the way to advocacy.

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