Guest Speakers, Lectures and Workshops

Wim Rietkerk
Wim was born in the Netherlands and has been working for L'Abri, together with his wife Greta, since the start of the Dutch L'Abri in 1971. He has also been pastor of a Reformed Church in Holland. His field of study was philosophy of religion and he has authored several books, one of which is, If Only I Could Believe.

Plenary Lecture:
- The Wounded Soul of Europe

Sunday Worship Sermon

Workshops:
- Build up Your Soul
- The Life-Affirming Power of Grace
- Picasso as Model for 20th Century Postmodern Man

Dick Keyes
Dick is the director of L’Abri Fellowship in Southborough, Massachusetts. He holds a B.A. in history from Harvard University and an M.Div. from Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. He is the author of True Heresy in a World of Celebrity Counterfeits, Beyond Identity and Chameleonic Christianity.

Lectures:
- What is the Matter with Us?
- The Blues and God (with Ben Keyes)

Workshops:
- Is Certainty Ever a Liability?
- Freedom and Boundaries in Christian Life and Thought
- Living in the Shadow of the Fall

Andrew Fellows
Andrew is a Canadian, born and raised in Ontario. In 1986 he went on a two week trip to England and never returned. He spent seven years pastoring a church in England and in 1995 joined English L’Abri. He and his wife Helen have four children.

Plenary Lectures:
- Christianity and Culture: a Quest for a Social Identity
- How Do Idols Work in the 21st Century?

Workshops:
- Why Intraduction is Deadly
- A Biblical Framework for Apologetics: Paul in Athens
- In Praise of Symbol
- Cultivating a Counter-Consciousness (the Importance of the Christian Mind)

Doug Curry
Doug's vision for community was nurtured in Nepal, where he and his wife, Maggie, worked with internees as missionaries until 1996. Doug is a student of anthrop-ology, and has received a Master’s degree in Christian studies from Regent College. Before founding Bowen Island L'Abri less than a year ago, he and Maggie worked at L'Abri, Greamtham, in England.

Plenary Lecture:
- Eastern Spirituality: Aladdin’s Lamp or Pandora’s Box?

Workshops:
- A Theology of the Dump: Does God Recycle?
- A Tour of Bowen Island L'Abri (Sunday afternoon)

Mardi Keyes
Mardi is the co-founder of the Southborough L'Abri. She frequently lectures at universities throughout New England, addressing issues relating to Christianity and Feminism. She holds a degree in Biblical History from Wellesley College.

Plenary Lecture:
- Marriage: Avoiding Idolatry and Cynicism

Workshops:
- The Challenge of Homosexuality
- Hospitality

Jock McGregor
Jock was a staff member in the Swiss and English L'Abri and for the past four years has been at the Rochester, Minnesota branch of L'Abri. With a B.Sc. undergraduate degree and M.Div. from Regent College, Jock has had a longstanding interest in the relationship between Christianity and Culture.

Plenary Lecture:
- Surviving the Temptation of Reality TV

Workshops:
- The Contemporary Search for Community
- The Challenge of Religious Pluralism
- View Jesus
- The DaVinci Code: Untangling Fact from Fiction
- Lord in History and in the Gospels
- Freedom (Not Free Will vs Determinism)
- Why Introspection is Deadly
- Feminism. She holds a degree in Biblical History from Wellesley College.

Mark Ryan
With his wife Terri, Mark is a staff member at Southborough L’Abri. An Australian, Mark has graduated from several theological colleges and seminaries in Australia and the USA. His interests, centre around helping ‘everyday people’ to grasp and know Christianity as a truthful, coherent and satisfying worldview.

Workshops:
- Another Universe Next Door: The Worldview of the Qur’an
- Honoured Prophet/Mistaken Savior: How Muslims View Jesus
- There’s Something About Mary: Mary, Mother of Our Lord in History and in the Gospels
- A Foreign Flower in Christian Soil: Gnosticism Yesterday and Today

Richard Bradford
Richard is from Burlington, Ontario. He and his wife Karen met at Swiss L'Abri as students several years ago and returned four years ago as workers. He has an undergraduate degree in Philosophy from Trinity Western University and a graduate degree in Philosophy from McMaster University.

Workshops:
- Freedom (Not Free Will vs Determinism)
- The Mystery of Evil
- Irony, Cynicism and Hope
- View Jesus
- The Modern Self (the Importance of the Christian Mind)

Larry Snyder
Larry Snyder worked for many years in Swiss L'Abri and has been at the Rochester branch since 1986. Larry graduated from Covenant Seminary, after completing undergraduate studies in History/Political Science. History still remains a major area of interest.

Workshops:
- The DaVinci Code: Untangling Fact from Fiction
- The Meaning of the Cross

Nancy Snyder
Nancy Snyder has been with husband, Larry, in the work of L'Abri in both Switzerland and Rochester, MN. A former nurse, she speaks on behalf of the work of ‘Help a Child,’ founded by Anky Rookmaker, which aids thousands of children in India, Africa and elsewhere.

Workshops:
- Help a Child
- Growing Gray in Never-Never Land

Conference Schedule

Thursday, August 5
1:00 pm Registration opens in the Law School Lounge
7:00 pm Plenary Lecture

Friday, August 6
9:00 am - 10:30 pm Lectures and Workshops

Saturday, August 7
9:00 am - 10:30 pm Lectures and Workshops

Sunday, August 8
10:00 am On-campus Worship Service
1:00 pm Tour of Bowen Island L'Abri for out-of-towners