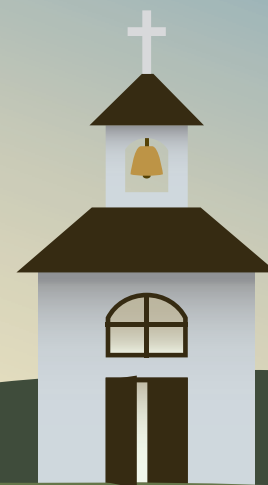


# Faith and Rural Life

## *Down to Earth Ministry*

February 27, 2012 • 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
at W. Burkette and Rose M. Raper Hall, Mount Olive College

A gathering of clergy and laity in Eastern North Carolina  
to explore the shape of Christian community and the nature  
of Christian mission in our small-town, rural context.



### Keynote Speakers



#### **FROM THE TRACTOR: THOUGHTS ON AGRICULTURE IN NC**

**Steve Troxler**, *North Carolina Agriculture Commissioner*  
1:15 PM | Lois K. Murphy Regional Center



#### **THE CHURCH AS GOD'S EXTENSION AGENT?**

**Fred Bahnson**, *Writer and Co-Founder of Anaboth Community Garden*  
3:30 PM | Southern Bank Auditorium



#### **THE RURAL CHALLENGE NEEDS YOUR CHURCH**

**Billy Ray Hall**, *President of the North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center*  
7:00 PM | Lois K. Murphy Regional Center

### Workshops

• The Rural Church as Catalyst for Community Development • Place of Possibilities: Becoming a Missional Church That Blesses Your Community • Becoming the Church Together: Immigration, the Bible, and Our New Neighbors, • The Pastor as Spiritual Guide • Growing Food and Growing Community: Feeding Rural Neighbors with Local Food • The Practice of a Fit Faith • Serving at Risk Children in Our Communities • The Present and Future of Agriculture in North Carolina.

### Registration

**Registration, including the cost of lunch and dinner, is \$15.**  
*(A few scholarships are available for those who find the cost prohibitive).*

The lectures are open to the public. Participants are asked (but not required) to register in advance on the conference website at [www.moc.edu/faithandrurallife](http://www.moc.edu/faithandrurallife) or by contacting **Laura Getz** at 919-635-2787 or [lgetz@moc.edu](mailto:lgetz@moc.edu).

### An Ecumenical Gathering of Christians at Mount Olive College

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