

Rev. Dr. Gilbert Meilaender: Biographical Summary & Conference Topic Information



Gilbert Meilaender is Senior Research Professor at Valparaiso University. He taught at the University of Virginia (1975-78), at Oberlin College (1978-96), and at Valparaiso University (1996-2014), where he held the Duesenberg Chair in Christian Ethics. He holds the M.Div. (1972) from Concordia Seminary (St. Louis) and the Ph.D. (1976) from Princeton University.

Professor Meilaender is the author of many books and articles in the field of Christian ethics. Among his books are *Friendship: A Study in Theological Ethics*; *Bioethics: A Primer for Christians*; *The Way that Leads There: Augustinian Reflections on the Christian Life*; *Not by Nature but by Grace: Forming Families through Adoption*; *Thy Will Be Done: The Ten Commandments and the Christian Life*; and (an edited volume of readings) *Working: Its Meaning and Its Limits*. He is co-editor (with William Werpehowski) of the *Oxford Handbook of Theological Ethics*. He has served on the Board of Directors of the Society of Christian Ethics, as an Associate Editor of *Religious Studies Review*, as a Consultant Editor of *Studies in Christian Ethics*, and as an Associate Editor of the *Journal of Religious Ethics*.

Professor Meilaender's work in the area of bioethics is well known. He is a Fellow of the Hastings Center and was a member of the President's Council on Bioethics from 2002 to 2009.

2024 Northern Pastors Conference Topic Focus

Many of the issues troubling the church today are anthropological. That is, they raise questions that force us to think about the nature of the human person. That will be the focus for the talks in these four sessions. The first talk will explore some puzzles and problems in how to understand what we mean by "persons." The following three sessions will focus in turn on the reproduction revolution, on tradition and revision in sexual ethics, and on death in the history of redemption.