



*Western Plains District*  
Church of the Brethren

## **GENERAL SESSION LEADER FOR GATHERING 2017**

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Theological Seminary in partnership with the Earlham School of Religion in Richmond, Indiana. He is a senior contributing editor for Cross Currents journal in New York and publishes in the areas of Theopoetics, Peace Studies, and Religion and Culture. He will lead our two General Sessions helping us explore more deeply the implications of God as Poet and we as God's poetry.

Professor Holland explains that "Theopoetics, simplistically stated, is a more imaginative expression of theology leading one deeper into the mystery and transcendence of God and spirituality." Living as we do in a day when traditional vocabularies of the Good News often fail to inspire or attract, these sessions may help us in the "creative quest for new vocabularies and new forms for naming God, world, self, and others." Look forward to challenging and thoughtful General Sessions at Gathering 2017.