

Plans already in place for 2016 Synod School

It hit 550.

That's how many people – from the tiniest children to the older adults – took part in Synod School July 26-31 at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa.

And while another season of the ever-popular, mid-summer ministry just recently ended, some elements of next year's program are already in place. It is scheduled July 24-29 at BVU.

John Bell, at right, a world-renowned lecturer, preacher and teacher, will be the convocation speaker. Based in Glasgow, Scotland, Bell is a member of the Wild Goose Resource Group, an autonomous project of the Iona Community that equips congregations and clergy in the development of new forms of relevant and participative worship.

Bell is a past convenor of the Church of Scotland's Panel on Worship and presently convenes the committee revising the Church Hymnary. He has produced many collections of original hymns and songs, but he remains primarily concerned with the renewal of congregational worship.

Burns Stanfield and Friends are slated to be evening worship leaders.