

# Luke and Early Christian Diversity

Saturday, January 23, 2016

9:00 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.

Acton United Methodist Church, Granbury

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The earliest Christians responded to teachings of and about Jesus in a wide variety of ways. Yet, the orthodox Christian affirmation is that all true Christians held identical beliefs from the very beginning. This workshop considers Luke (and Acts) as instrumental in shifting early Christians away from diversity and into uniformity through the stories the author tells and doesn't tell. We will consider the importance of Luke's stories, and those other stories, to the shaping of the church we envision in the 21st century.



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\$35 Registration Fee

\$5 for Brite Students

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