During the Pastors & Leaders | Deep Faith 2022 conference, we will draw insights from the late Alan Kreider’s book, *The Patient Ferment of the Early Church: The Improbable Rise of Christianity in the Roman Empire* (Baker Academic, 2016), as we seek guidance and inspiration for the challenges of our time.

In the midst of these challenges, we know that this is not the first time God’s people and their leaders have found themselves in a kind of wilderness. The Bible tells us that the Hebrew people wandered quite literally in the desert for many years. And the church, from its beginnings in the New Testament until now, in many places over many years, has faced times of great upheaval and struggle brought on by disease, war, discrimination, persecution, economic inequality, and technological change. Somehow, in the midst of peril, God’s work and God’s people have not only survived, but thrived. And if their testimonies are to be believed, their lives and leadership have often been shaped by surprising hope.

For more info and to register: https://www.ambs.edu/lifelong-learning/pastors-and-leaders

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**ADVENT**

The 2021 "Advent at Home" worship guide offers seven weeks of devotional materials, beginning with the first Sunday of Advent, Nov 28, and ending on Epiphany, Jan 6, 2022. “Dare to imagine!” walks participants through the biblical account of Jesus’ birth, beginning with the prophecy of the Messiah’s arrival in Jeremiah and ending with the Magi visiting Jesus. Download the free guide from Mennonite Church USA here.

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**MARCH 21-24, 2022**

at **SPRUCE LAKE**

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Speaker: Kris Wint, pastor at Finland Mennonite Church in Pennsburg, PA

Worship Leader: Spruce Lake Worship Band

Additional information and registration will be available soon!