

Mormon Stories Switzerland Retreat

“Navigating Life During and After a Faith Crisis”

September 21-22, 2018 | Bern, Switzerland

John Parkinson Dehlin

has a PhD in counseling and clinical psychology. His research and clinical interests center around the nexus of mental health and religion.

Carole Hamer has been writing about Mormonism under the pen-name “C.L. Hanson” or “chanson” for decades. She has written personal essays published in *Baring Witness*, 36 *Mormon Women Talk Candidly about Love, Sex, and Marriage* and in *Free Inquiry* magazine’s 2011 Mormon-themed issue, in addition to writing the novel *ExMormon* and blogging for *Main Street Plaza*. She is a co-founder of Mormon Alumni Association Books.

Petri Holopainen is a lawyer and amateur historian. A lifelong Mormon, he served a mission in Edinburgh, was married in the temple, and has served as young men’s first counselor, elders’ quorum president, branch president, and the first counselor in the bishopric.

Friday | September 21, 2018

10am - 5pm

Sightseeing in the Berner Oberland (optional)

7pm-10pm

Welcome and Attendee Introductions

Navigating a Mormon Faith Crisis

Saturday | September 22, 2018

9am-5pm - all sessions will be translated

Morning Workshops

Improving Mental Health and Joy — John Dehlin

Maintaining Healthy Relationships — John Dehlin

Communicating with Believers — John Dehlin

Lunch (provided)

Afternoon Workshops

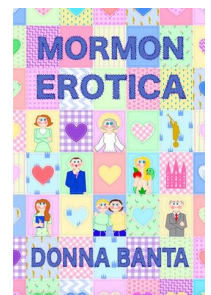
Lawyers story: Trying to Defend the Indefensible — Petri Holopainen

Breakout sessions:

Tea-time book club discussion of Mormon Erotica — Carole Hamer

Life after a faith transition — John Dehlin

Mormon Erotica, Donna Banta’s new novel from Mormon Alumni Association Books, is a fun and entertaining look at love and romance stretching across the faith divide. All participants will receive a free copy in advance of the retreat. (You may opt out of this if you like. The book does contain some discussion of sexuality, but despite its tongue-in-cheek title, is quite tame.)



The Open Stories Foundation mission is to promote understanding, healing, growth, and community for people experiencing or impacted by religious transition.

These events focus on healing and growth during and after a faith transition. John Dehlin goes to great effort to make the conversations safe and affirming for believers and non-believers, church attendees and non-attendees. While attendees will sometimes vent their frustrations with their experiences, John is fiercely committed to nurturing a constructive and positive environment where all are supported and affirmed.