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2010
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(Monday through Thursday)

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NWCW 2009 registration fee:

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Seminars Each Day on
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Morning
Seminars

Session I
Tuesday 10:30-11:45 AM

Session II
Thursday 8:45-10:00 AM

Session III
Thursday 10:15-11:30 AM

Level 1 - First time participants (recommended)
Level 2 - Assumes a moderate level of understanding
Level 3 - Advanced level seminar

1 Ecumenism 101 Level 1 (Session I)

Speakers:
Dr. Thomas Ferguson (TEC) and
Dr. Michael Trice (ELCA)

This seminar is for all those who are new to the formal structures of the ecumenical movement. It provides a brief history and introduction to the movement, context for current dialogues, overview of national and international ecumenical conversations, and a sampling of new and emerging discussions. The presentation will draw on the attendees' experience of ecumenical engagement and will encourage conversation and interaction.

2 Ministry: A Retrospective on the Impact of Baptism, Eucharist & Ministry Level 1 (Sessions I & II)

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Joe Small
(PCUSA)

This seminar is the third in a three-year series on "Baptism, Eucharist, and Ministry," Faith and Order Paper No. 111 issued by the World Council of Churches in 1982. This year's focus will be on the theological and practical implications of Ministry. Among items to be discussed is whether increased mutual understanding expressed in the statement may allow some churches to recognize each others' order(s) of ministry and exchange ministers when such might further the mission of the church.

3 Racism as an Impediment to Ecumenism Level 2 (Sessions II & III)

Speakers:
Bp. Hope Morgan Ward (UMC)
Jane Oasin (TEC)
Curtis Kearns (PC-USA)

This seminar is the second of a multi-workshop series on dismantling racism in our churches as we seek to live faithfully into God's gift of unity. It will explore the implications of racism to Christian unity from the Caucasian perspective and the various resources our communions have to share as we seek to live into God's admonition to act justly, to love mercy and walk humbly with our God.

4 The Origin of the Modern Ecumenical Movement - The 100th Anniversary of the Edinburgh Conference Level 3 (Session I)

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Steven Bevans,
SVD (RC)

This seminar highlights the 1910 World Missionary Conference, held in Edinburgh, Scotland, convened to study missionary endeavors in light of the circumstances of the day. By creating the International Missionary Council, the Conference affirmed the ideal of evangelization of the world in its generation, as stated by the conference organizer, J. R. Mott. Over 1200 delegates from around the world participated, representing many Christian bodies, including 160 Missionary Boards or Societies. Conference subjects included: carrying the gospel to the non-Christian world, the local church in situations of mission, education, non-Christian religions, missionary training, church-state relations, and Christian unity. Many see the Conference as the beginning of the modern Ecumenical Movement.

5 Interfaith Relations: Current Status from a Christian Perspective Level 3 (Sessions I & II)

Speaker: Dr. John Borelli (RC)

How do Christians relate in a pluralist, interreligious world? This seminar looks at current issues and the status of relations between Christians and Jews, Muslims, Hindus and Buddhists and the current relationship between ecumenical and interfaith relations in general; broader topics will be raised for discussion such as legitimacy, authority, consensus, religious pluralism, and dialogue.

6 Ecumenical Consultation on Ethical Decisions: Panel Level 2 (Sessions II & III)

Speakers: Fr John Crossin (RC)
Rev. Dr. Robin Steinke (ELCA)
Rev. Dr. Timothy Sedgewick (TEC)

Ethical and moral issues are challenges to ecumenical relationships. How should there be ecumenical consultation as a church body is considering a decision on moral and ethical issues? Each presenter will provide a framework for approaching ethical and moral concerns from their theological, ecclesiological, and ecumenical tradition.

7 A Tale of Two Pontiffs: Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs Between John Paul II and Benedict XVI I Level 2 (Session I)

Speaker: Fr. Dennis McManus PhD

What's the difference between recent Popes? This seminar provides an overview of the ecumenical and interreligious policies of Popes John Paul II and Benedict XVI. It will examine the backgrounds - cultural, personal, theological - of each Pope and their developed thinking on how the Catholic Church can approach the establishment of good relations and the construction of dialogues with other religious communities. Attention will be given to present conflicts and likely outcomes and updates on current issues before the USCCB.

8 Preaching Ecumenism Level 2 (Sessions II & III)

Speaker:
Rev. Dr. Michael Kinnamon
(DoC)

This workshop will examine the important task of preaching ecumenism, asking how Christians can best communicate the Good News of God's reconciling, community-forming love, made known in Jesus Christ. Participants will 1) read various sermons (emailed in advance) that are explicitly ecumenical in focus, exploring if and why they are effective; 2) develop outlines for possible sermons based on scriptural and patristic texts; and 3) suggest principles or guidelines for preaching that is intentionally ecumenical.

9 The Holy Spirit and Christian Unity Level 3 (Sessions II & III)

Speakers:
Dr. Despina Prassas (Orthodox)
Rev. Dr. Robby Waddell (COG)

The Orthodox and Pentecostal traditions converse on the gift and role of the Holy Spirit for Christian Unity. For the Orthodox, the gift of the Spirit brings about a liberation of life's possibilities, which in no way is supernatural or unique. The Spirit descends on human nature in order to transform the way in which we do what we do, thus harmonizing our existence with God's will and renewing our understanding of our abilities. In the Pentecostal tradition, the Spirit's role is the empowerment of Christian witness. The inspiration of speech in glossolalia is paradigmatic. The Spirit also empowered a change in the way early Christians acted, e.g. hospitality, prayer, and common welfare. It is in the Spirit of hospitality that Christian unity naturally develops.

10 CCT Domestic Poverty Initiative Level 3 (Sessions I & III)

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Richard Hamm

Christian Churches Together represents faith families of the historic Protestant, Roman Catholic, Pentecostal, Evangelical, and Orthodox Churches. The major social issue that CCT is addressing is domestic poverty. This initiative unites the efforts of Christians in addressing this humanitarian need.

11 Building New Fire Level 2 (Sessions I & II)

Speakers: Jordan Blevins
Shantha K. Reddy

When more young adults than ever are disenfranchised from the Church, the New Fire movement is seizing the opportunity to connect and organize young adult ecumenical leadership to re-invigorate and re-envision cooperative Christian community. A new generation has discovered the transforming work of Christian unity amidst the many diverse and wonderful expressions within the body of Christ. Through the sharing of story, tradition, education, and resources, young adults are finding new ways to witness to the reconciling love of Christ at work in the world. At its core, "New Fire is movement-building work to call the Church to re-imagine its mission to live out the God-given mandates of love, justice, unity, and peace on a global, regional, and local level."

12 Just Faith Curriculum Level 2 (Session I)

Speaker: Jack Jezreel

JustFaith® is an extensive, conversion-based process that provides a context in which participants can grow in their commitment to care for the vulnerable and to become advocates for justice. This program serves to strengthen the growing commitment of churches to be agents of social transformation, mercy and compassion. JustFaith was first conceived and distributed within Roman Catholic parishes. However, broader interest within the Christian community has prompted an ecumenical version, offered in partnership with Bread for the World, a nationwide Christian movement that seeks justice for the world's hungry people by organizing churches to lobby our nation's decision-makers.

WELCOME TO TAMPA

TAMPA sits on the eastern bay of the Gulf of Mexico. Along with its sister cities on the other side of the bay (St. Petersburg, Clearwater, Largo and others), the Tampa Bay area is a center of Florida life. From powdered sand beaches and water sports to theme parks and sports teams, it's a destination vacation spot for the world. At the end of April, the days will be warm and comfortable, cooling off at night - a perfect time to visit. The bay is a witness to a fragile ecosystem of land and sea supporting greater and greater demands from human development. Our witness to the gospel in a post-modern, interreligious world faces parallel demands to show that faith in Christ delivers on the promise of life.

Over the many years that the National Workshop has

been meeting we have nurtured our common vision that, as Jesus prayed, the Church may be more visibly one. We have come together as Christians who diligently work on building relationships, developing dialogue, finding commonalities, and honoring differences. The workshop is a retreat and a vocation -- a time of spiritual and professional refreshment and a time for us to listen to our greater calling as the baptized of one faith, one Lord and one Spirit. It's a time to invite more people to see the vision of a Church in unity, set in a fragile world in disarray. Come, let us re-discover together these things of which we are witnesses - in hope that the world will receive the good news of healing and salvation.

On behalf of the Local Planning Committee
Rev. Russell L. Meyer, Chair

Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. Luke 24:46-48