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REGISTRATION FORM: The National Workshop on Christian Unity 2008

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Please note: Your name, address and phone number will be listed in the NWCUC registrants list unless you check this box:

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Our NWCUC Rate at the Chicago Marriott O'Hare is \$125 per night, single/double.

Please check all appropriate boxes:

Full Registration: \$125 **by FEBRUARY 29, 2008**; \$150 thereafter.

One-Day attendance: \$50. Circle one: **Tues Wed Thurs**

Student: \$50 (full registration)

Registration for Wednesday Evening Cultural Event: \$50 (see opposite side for information)

Morning Seminar choices, circle three (3):

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I wish to receive a Continuing Education Credit.

This is my first time with a Full Registration at NWCUC.

I plan to attend the closing luncheon on Thursday.

Special Needs: Dietary Handicapped Access Other

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The National Workshop on Christian Unity

Origins of the National Workshop

In 1963, a group of Roman Catholics, in the context of Vatican II, saw a need to equip local leadership for the task of ecumenical ministry. In 1969, they invited leaders of other Christian communions to join them, and today the national ecumenical officers of the churches continue their oversight of the workshop, which is planned by national and local committees. The workshop is sponsored by the National Association of Ecumenical Officers. There are both denominational and ecumenical sessions during the workshop. This is the 45th year of the National Workshop on Christian Unity, which celebrates the spirit of ecumenism by:

- Providing meeting seminars for all who are concerned with the ministry of Christian unity: laity, clergy, ecumenical officers, theologians, staff of ecumenical organizations;
- Stimulating an exchange of ideas and experiences among people concerned with Christian unity and the bodies they represent;



- Being a source and balance between national planning and local responsibility; general ecumenical discussions and particular interchurch conversations; and regional leadership efforts and local realities;

- Encouraging denominational networks to develop and serve as a framework within which they can interact, and

- Celebrating the unity that already exists among Christians and searching for ways to overcome the divisions that remain.

The National Workshop Logo

The logo affirms the cross which is central to Christian unity. The elements on either side of the cross suggest hands of prayer embracing the reconciling cross, at the same time creating the outline of a chalice, which represents the real although imperfect communion of Christianity, and the anticipated full unity which is the goal of the ecumenical movement. The late John R. Fulton designed the logo for the National Workshop on Christian Unity.

PLEASE REMEMBER:

YOU MUST REGISTER SEPARATELY for the Workshop and for Individual Network Programs!

Please contact your individual Network for details on their fees and requirements (a listing of networks is found on page 2).

YOU MUST make your own hotel, roommate and travel arrangements.

NWCUC Fee Structure

Full Registration \$125, by February 29, 2008.
\$150 thereafter

Daily Attendance \$50, per day

Student Rate \$50 (full registration)

Partial refunds of 50% will be granted through January 31, 2008
There will be NO refunds after February 1.

***ticket required:** Any luncheon so indicated is arranged by advance registration, made through the specific sponsoring Network. No meal ticket will be available at the door. The luncheon precedes the talk. Those wishing to hear a particular speaker will be admitted into the room without cost, after the luncheon.

****ticket required:** Included as part of the NWCUC Registration Fee.

Featured speakers for the 2008 Workshop

PREACHER: OPENING PRAYER SERVICE

■ Sr. Dr. Lorelei F. Fuchs, SA

Theological Consultant, The Interchurch Center



Sister Lorelei Francis Fuchs, SA is a member of the Society of the Atonement, Graymoor, Garrison, NY. She is currently theological consultant at The Interchurch Center, New York. Prior to joining the Center's administrative staff, she was an associate director of the Graymoor Ecumenical & Interreligious Institute, New York. Sister participates in various local bilateral dialogues in New York and serves on the National Council of Churches Faith and Order Commission. She is a member of the Methodist-Roman Catholic Joint Commission and a member of the Plenary Commission of the World Council of Churches Faith and Order Commission. On the National Planning Committee of the National Workshop on Christian Unity, she was National Chairperson for the 2006 workshop. Sr. Fuchs is an adjunct lecturer of religion at Mercy College, Dobbs Ferry, New York and a summer lecturer at the Centro Pro Unione, Rome. She is on the staff of the Centre for Ecumenical Research of the Faculty of Theology, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium, where she has also lectured. Co-editor of *Encounters for Unity and of Growth in Agreement III* and author of *Koinonia* and the *Quest for an Ecumenical Ecclesiology*, Sr. Lorelei's other published works include articles in various journals and books, compilations of ecumenical bibliographies and handbooks. Sr. Fuchs holds a Bachelor of Arts degree (AB) from Wheeling Jesuit University, West Virginia and a Master of Arts (MA) in Theology from the University of Notre Dame, Indiana. Her second Master's degree (MTh) is from the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (Louvain), Belgium, where she also received a *Sacrae Theologiae Licentia* (STL), a Doctor of Theology (PhD) and a *Sacrae Theologiae Doctor* (STD).

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

■ Rev. Dr. Michael Kinnamon

General Secretary of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA



Michael Kinnamon is widely regarded as a leading voice in the ecumenical movement and in his denomination, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Before assuming leadership of the NCCUSA, he was the Allen and Dottie Miller Professor of Mission and Peace at Eden Theological Seminary where he taught courses in the global and local mission of the church, the history and theology of the ecumenical movement, peace and justice, interfaith dialogue, modern theology and literature from around the world. He has served as the Executive Secretary of the World Council of Churches Faith and Order Commission and General Secretary of the Consultation on Church Union (now Churches Uniting In Christ). He recently chaired the Justice and Advocacy Commission of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA. In 2004 he received the first Award of Excellence for Work in Christian Unity from the National Council. Dr. Kinnamon is the author or editor of a dozen books, the most recent being, *The Vision of the Ecumenical Movement and How It Has Been Impoverished by Its Friends*. He and his wife, Katherine, also an ordained minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), co-authored a book of daily prayer, *Every Day We Will Bless You*.

BIBLE STUDY LEADER

■ Dr. James W. Fleming

Director of the Explorations in Antiquity Center in LaGrange, Georgia



James W. Fleming is an internationally renowned archaeologist and educator of the biblical world. Dr. Fleming is the director and founder of the Explorations in Antiquity Center in LaGrange, Georgia, an archaeological museum and teaching center with full-scale replicas of important archaeological sites in the Middle East that have been created to help students better understand the Hebrew and Greek scriptures. He also founded the Archaeological Museum and Pilgrim Center at Ein Karem, Jerusalem. He is on the Advisory Board of *Biblical Archaeology Review* and has taught archaeology and biblical geography at the Ecumenical Institute for Advanced Theological Studies, a Vatican-owned ecumenical institution between Jerusalem and Bethlehem. He has been adjunct faculty for St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN; St John's Seminary, Collegeville, MN and St. Michael's College, Toronto, Canada.

Dr. Fleming's lively and unique teaching style weaves together four perspectives for understanding the biblical context: theology, archaeology, history, and geography. He uses an ecumenical approach to bring together various traditions and recent discoveries that help illuminate the biblical texts in a way that promotes Christian unity and interreligious understanding.

CLOSING PANEL/DISCUSSION

MODERATOR

■ Dr. John P. Blessington

Executive Producer of Cultural and Religious Broadcasts, CBS Television

PANELISTS

■ **Dr. Margaret O'Gara**, Professor of Theology at the University of St. Michael's College, Toronto, Ontario.

■ **Very Rev. Leonid Kishkovsky**, Director of External Affairs and Interchurch Relations, Orthodox Church in America.

■ **Dr. Joseph D. Small**, Director, Theology, Worship and Education, Presbyterian Church USA.

"The Local Churches and the Global Church"

An ecclesiology of communion provides a lens through which the panel and participants may want to take up the common and divergent understandings of the nature of the church, local and global. "This shared vision of the church as a partnership of divine love also calls us to learn from one another, identify issues in need of attention in our own traditions, and seek to identify movement forward toward greater agreement as a result of our dialogue." *Through Divine Love: the Church in Each Place and in all Places*. United Methodist-Roman Catholic Dialogue, 2005

We thank the many generous sponsors who have made the 2008 NWCU possible. We offer a special note of appreciation to the American Bible Society for sponsoring the Bible Study and to the Military and Hospitalier Order of St. Lazarus of Jerusalem for sponsoring the Keynote Address.

Wednesday Evening Cultural Event



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Spertus Institute of Jewish Studies

Museum and Library Tour, Dinner, Welcome by Jewish community leaders.

Spertus is a gift to Chicago's many religious communities as it invites people of all ages and backgrounds to explore the multifaceted Jewish experience. Through its innovative public programming, exhibitions, collections, research facilities and degree programs, Spertus inspires learning, serves diverse communities and fosters understanding for Jews and people of all faiths, locally, regionally and around the world.

The participants in this year's NWCUC will have an opportunity to see the exhibits in the Spertus Museum and learn of the resources in Asher Library with expert guides. The meal in the newly constructed kosher café managed by Wolfgang Puck dining area will also provide a venue to meet some of the Jewish community leaders with whom the Chicago area ecumenical/interreligious network has worked.

Schedule (subject to adjustment) is to have buses, from the Marriott O'Hare Hotel and/or from the CUIC worship service, arrive at Spertus at 7:00 p.m. The evening program continues with the tours and then an unrushed meal during which we can have conversation with members of the Jewish community. Return to the hotel will be by 9:30 p.m.

The cost of the evening (including bus, tour and meal) will be \$50. We are limited by space to the first 90 signing up, so please check the box for the Cultural event on your registration form.

More information on Spertus can be found at <http://www.spertus.edu/>

Morning Seminar Topics

Choose 3

Tuesday (T), Wednesday (W), Thursday (Th)

Level 1 – First time participants (recommended)

Level 2 – Assumes a moderate level of understanding

Level 3 – Advanced level seminar

1 Ecumenism 101 – Level 1 (T)

- **Dr. Thomas Ferguson**
- **Dr. Michael Trice**

This seminar is for newcomers to 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 conversation and engagement, 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 Beyond Bilaterals: Ecumenical Implications of the Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification (JDDJ) – Level 2 (T,W)

- **Rev. Dr. Cheryl M. Peterson, ELCA**
- **Rev. Dr. Michael Lee Nelson, UMC**
- **Br. Jeffrey Gros, FSC**

Dr. Peterson will speak on the JDDJ and introduce the idea of 'beyond bilateral' which emerged in the Columbus 2001 consultation. Dr. Nelson will refer to the association of the WMC with the agreement on the doctrine of justification as stated in the JDDJ, what happened in Seoul in July 2006 and what the implications might be. Br. Gros will open the discussion further to the understanding of the doctrine of justification in other traditions, such as Orthodox and Baptist, in relation to the JDDJ and the association statement.

3 Baptism: Ecumenical Implications of Theology, Ritual and Practice - Level 2 (T, W)

- **Rev. Ruth A. Meyers**
- **Very Rev. Robert B. Flannery**

This seminar will focus on the theological and practical implications of Baptism as put forth in the recent survey and subsequent document of the Illinois Conference of Churches, "Baptism: An Ecumenical Study of Similarities, Differences and Opportunities." Other studies and research will be used as background and supportive material. Discussion will be held regarding ways to celebrate baptism for inter-church couples as well as consideration of the use of an ecumenical baptism certificate.

4 Ecumenical Scripture Studies: Can We Read Scripture in Common? An Ecumenical Bridge – Level 3 (W,Th)

- **Dr. Frederick Gaiser**
- **Dr. Philip Towner**

How can ecumenical partners study the scriptures together? Is there a distinct method or venue or historical vantage point that has enabled an ecumenical approach to biblical exegesis? Should all responsible scripture study today reflect ecumenical awareness? What ingredients would such ecumenical awareness bring to biblical interpretation?

5a Capacity of Faith to Inform Culture in the 21st Century: "The Christian Faith as the Matrix for Culture" – Level 2 (T)

- **Rev. Robert Barron**

This presentation will show how the fundamental doctrines of Christianity—creation, Trinity, grace, redemption, resurrection—provide the matrix for a whole way of thought and action. Throughout its history, this distinctively Christian culture has been in a tense relationship with the various cultures that it has confronted. The same is certainly true today. The workshop will explore ways in which the conversation between the Christian and secular cultures can be facilitated.

5b Capacity of Faith to Inform Culture in the 21st Century: "Faith Generates a Culture: the Challenges of Secularism, Nihilism, and Ecumenism as seen from a Latino Catholic Perspective." – Level 2 (Th)

- **Dr. Peter Casarella**

Christian faith has as its very foundation a belief that Christ is revealed as a new Adam, whose mission for the world includes the promotion of the unity of all believers and of mankind. The faith of Latina and Latino Catholics is sometimes falsely portrayed as inhabiting a cultural and religious *barrio* in which little or no attention is paid to this fundamental truth. The point of this presentation will be to reflect on the Biblical, spiritual, and ecclesiological foundations for making a proposal generated in and through the Christian faith that will foster genuine unity in the world today. In the process, the specific challenges faced by Latino Catholics with regard to secularism, nihilism, and the Biblical mandate for Christian unity will also be discussed

6 Ecumenical Advocacy on Moral Issues – Level 2 (W,Th)

- **Rev. Dr. Michael Kinnamon**

Advocacy offices in Washington are sponsored by the churches to enable ready access to government and timely response to its actions. How do these offices work? How are current moral issues addressed, issues of war and justice, economics, human rights, and advances in medical science, to name a few? Is there an ecumenical approach to global issues such as genocide, interreligious violence, the AIDS crisis, to enable a united Christian voice to be heard?

Eight or more of the 18 Sessions are available each day of the Workshop.

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7 Emerging Church – Level 1 (W, Th)

■ Dr. Dwight Friesen

An introduction to the Emerging Church movement and its participation in, perceptions of, and commitment to the ecumenical movement.

8 HIV/AIDS: Parallel and Together - Level 1 (T,W)

■ Right Rev. John B. Chane

■ His Grace Bishop Demetrios of Mokissos

The scourge of the HIV/AIDS epidemic is being addressed by organizations and churches worldwide. Clergy and lay people, working as individuals and in groups within and outside of the Church, have initiated programs designed to train health care workers, to support the education of individuals and families, and to assist other organizations in their attempts to obtain access to treatment and to help stop the proliferation of the virus. One such program is the "Treatment Action Campaign (TAC)" founded in Cape Town, South Africa, in 1998. Right Rev. John Chane, Episcopal Bishop of Washington, DC, and Bishop Demetrios, Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago, will present their insights and what the churches are doing and can do.

9 How Dynamics of Race Influence Ecumenism (historic and current) – Level 1 (T,W)

■ Bishop Thomas E. Hoyt, Jr.

■ Rev. Stanley L. Davis, Jr.

The present-day ecumenical movement began at a time when most of today's communions were segregated (by church law or defacto). The only African American communions participating in the movement are the historic Black Methodist Churches. This seminar will explore the reception received by these Churches (i.e. Christian Churches Together) and how race has surfaced in recent years as a primary focus of Churches Uniting in Christ.

10 The Church and the Triune God: Agreed Statement of the Anglican/Orthodox Theological Dialogue – Level 3 (T,W)

■ Bishop Mark Dyer

The Cypress Agreed Statement of the International Commission for Anglican—Orthodox Theological Dialogue is the fruit of the third phase of Anglican—Orthodox international dialogue. It reflects the further consideration given to ecclesiological issues discussed in earlier phases and registers considerable agreement over a range of issues ranging from the Trinity and the Church to Episcopé, Episcopos and Primacy, to Priesthood, Christ and the Church, and deals with such controversial issues as Women and Men, Ministries and the Church and Heresy, Schism and the Church. Bishop Dyer served as co-chair of the Commission which produced this document from 1990.

11 New Horizons in Christian Unity – Level 1 (W,Th)

■ Rev. Raphael Allen

■ Mr. A. J. Boyd

■ Dr. R. M. Keelan Downton

Believers, not belongers; Spiritual, not religious; Post-ecclesial, not post-Christian. How has the generation that grew up with the internet, cell phones, and the multimedia worship experience engaged the ecumenical mandate? What is on the horizon as Generations X and Y grow in their contribution to the call for unity? The panel will discuss the future of ecumenical efforts from diverse perspectives within the postmodern generations.

12 State Councils of Churches: Focus on Structure – Level 1 (Th)

■ Rev. Dr. Jane Fisler-Hoffman

■ Rev. Warren Murphy

The reality of less time and money available for our churches has implications on the statewide ecumenical level. Over the last few years, the Illinois Conference of Churches has gone through a process of restructuring partially due to those factors, but also out of a definite intention to create something new in regard

to ecumenical dialogue and procedure. The State of Wyoming also has a unique way of approaching ecumenical matters for its member judicatories. These diverse states, one large and one small, will be used as examples. We will see how they function structurally in today's ecumenical climate and share ideas as well as possible directions for the future.

13 Theology Student Essay Contest – Level 1 (T)

■ Winners

In honor of the 100th anniversary of the observance of an octave of prayer for Christian unity by the Society of the Atonement at Graymoor, NY (which later came to be known as the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity), theology students have submitted papers using the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Theme, "Pray without ceasing." Students have been asked to explain how the theology and practice of prayer promotes and brings about an eschatological reality and promise of Christian Unity. They have also been asked to write a prayer that speaks to their own tradition's understanding of this eschatological reality and promise. Come explore and discuss with these students.

14 Analysis on Full Communion – Level 2 (T,Th)

■ Very Rev. Dr. William H. Petersen

For several years the Faith and Order Commission in the United States studied the emergence and use of the term "full communion" in the ecumenical movement. This workshop comes out of the corpus of that work and, with attention to diversity of usage and progress of reception, will present an analysis of the term in regard to its problems and possibilities in forwarding the ecumenical movement.

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15 Interreligious Relations Chicago Style: Edgewater Community Relations Association (ECRA) – Level 1 (Th)

In many Chicago neighborhoods, churches and synagogues are collaborating with programs designed to help keep their community viable by addressing multiple issue of poverty, crime, homelessness, hunger, loneliness and mental illness. A panel from ECRA churches, synagogues and mosques will explore interreligious relations within a multi-cultural community.

16 Muslim-Christian Women: Two Models of Chicago Dialogues – Level 1 (Th)

- Ayse Arslan, Executive Assistant, Niagara Foundation
- Rev. Catiana McKay, United Methodist Church
- Dalila Benameur, Mosque Foundation, Bridgeview IL
- Andreatte Brachman, St. Fabian Roman Catholic Parish

Chicago is home to a large and growing Muslim community. Over the last decade many exciting initiatives have emerged, especially among women. A Muslim and a Christian will share experiences of their women's dialogues. One dialogue is between the Turkish Cultural Organization and the Northern Illinois United Methodist Church Conference. Another dialogue is between women members of the Mosque Foundation and St. Fabian Catholic Church, Bridgeview, Illinois.

17 Chicago Ecumenical Story: A Protestant Ecumenical Experience of Shared Ministries – Level 1 (T)

- Rev. Monte Johnson, Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, ELCA
- Rev. Gabi Aelabouni, St. Elias Christian Church, ELCA
- Rev. Larry Kamphausen, Church of Jesus Christ, Reconciler
- Rev. Laura Gottardi-Littell, Church of Jesus Christ, Reconciler

A panel will tell how a group of churches in Edgewater have creatively shared collaborative ministries beyond denominations to act ecumenically at the grass roots. The leaders in the Edgewater area will describe their ministries together.

18 Social Justice Chicago Style: Keeping the Family Together – Level 1 (W)

- Rev. Jacques Conway, Neighborhood United Methodist Church
- Ms. Elena Segura, Assistant Director, Office for Peace and Justice, Archdiocese of Chicago
- Imam Abdul Malik Mujahid, President of Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago
- Mr. Nazar Sloboda, Ukrainian Catholic Eparchial Chancery Staff

There are many justice issues that ecumenical coalitions address in the urban context. Using the lens of "keeping the family together" our panelists address three areas of concern: Gun violence, immigration and community organizing.

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8 am		7:15-8:15 EDEIO Eucharist		
9 am	8:30-4:00 NWCU & Network Registration	8:30-10:00 EDEIO Executive Committee Breakfast meeting	9:00-3:00 CADEIO Board of Directors Meeting	
10 am				
11 am		11:00-11:45 EDEIO Newcomers' Orientation		
12 pm		12:00-12:45 EDEIO Newcomers' Luncheon		
1 pm		1:00-2:15 EDEIO Business Plenary #1		1:00-2:00 LERN Executive Board Meeting
2 pm				2:00-3:00 CADEIO Newcomers' Orientation
3 pm		3:00-5:30 ECCO Newcomers' Orientation	3:00-5:30 LERN Plenary Session	
4 pm	4:00-4:45 NWCU Newcomer's Orientation	3:00-6:00 EDEIO Provincial Meetings and Dinner		
5 pm		5:00-6:00 CADEIO Regional Meetings		
6 pm				
7 pm				
8 pm	7:30-9:00 Opening Prayer Service and Reception, Mary Seat of Wisdom Church: Sr. Dr. Lorelei F. Fuchs, SA, Theological Consultant, The Interchurch Center, Preacher Buses will be available			
9 pm				

WEDNESDAY, April 16

8 am	7:00-7:30 Catholic Eucharist in hotel	7:15-8:45 Graymoor Ecumenical and Interreligious Institute Breakfast	
9 am	8:15-8:30 NWCU Morning Prayer		
10 am	8:45-10:15 NWCU Plenary Bible Study: Dr. James W. Fleming, Director and Founder of the Explorations in Antiquity Center, LaGrange, Georgia		
11 am	10:30 - 11:45 NWCU Morning Seminars (choose seminar topic from other side of this page)		
12 pm	12:00-1:45 LARC Luncheon and Program (**ticket required)		12:00-1:45 ECCO Luncheon (**ticket required)
1 pm			
2 pm		2:00-3:00 ECCO Program	2:15-4:45 LERN Plenary
3 pm	2:30-4:30 CADEIO General Assembly	2:30-4:00 EDEIO Business Plenary #2	3:00-4:00 Communion Meetings
4 pm			
5 pm			
6 pm	5:30-6:30 CUIIC Worship Service. First Baptist Congregational Church of Chicago, 1613 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago. Buses will be available.		
7 pm			
8 pm	7:00-9:30 NWCU Wednesday Evening Cultural Event (optional) Spertus Institute of Jewish Studies. Museum and Library Tour, Dinner, Welcome by Jewish community leaders. Note: Tickets are required, an additional \$50. See registration form. Buses will be available.		
9 pm			

TUESDAY, April 15

8	7:15-8:45 National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA Breakfast			
9	8:15-8:30 NWCU Morning Prayer			
10	8:30-4:00 NWCU & Network Registration	8:45-10:15 Opening Plenary and Keynote Address: Rev. Dr. Michael Kinnamon, General Secretary of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA		
11		10:30-11:45 NWCU Morning Seminars (choose seminar topic from other side of this page)		
12		12:00-2:00 EDEIO Luncheon (**ticket required) Right Rev. C. Christopher Epting	1:00-2:30 LERN Plenary	12:00-1:45 CADEIO Luncheon (**ticket required) Rabbi Herman Schaalman
1				2:00-3:00 ECCO Seminar
2		2:00-3:30 EDEIO Seminar #1 "TEC/UMC Interim Eucharistic Sharing" - Open to NWCU registrants	2:30-3:30 Tour of ELCA Lutheran Center	3:00-4:15 CADEIO Seminars
3				4:30-5:45 CADEIO Seminars
4		3:45-5:30 EDEIO Seminar #2 "Non-Abrahamic Traditions" - Open to NWCU registrants	4:00-5:00 LERN Regional Caucuses	
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6	6:00-8:00 Episcopal/Lutheran/Methodist Eucharist and Informal Reception, St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 306 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge IL			
7		6:30-9:00 Catholic Eucharist and Reception (Saint Joseph Ukrainian Catholic Church) Buses will be available.		
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THURSDAY, April 17

8	7:00-7:30 Catholic Eucharist in hotel		
9	8:00-8:45 NWCU Plenary Bible Study: Dr. James W. Fleming, Leader		
10	9:00 -10:15 NWCU Morning Seminars (choose seminar topic from other side of this page)		
11	10:45 - 12:30 Panel/Plenary: "The Local Churches and the Global Church" Three Panelists Representing Three Perspectives		
12	12:30-1:30 Closing Luncheon (**ticket required)		
1	1:45-2:45 NPC Meeting for Review and Transfer of Chairs		
2		2:00-4:00 LERN Executive Board Meeting	
3	3:00-5:15 EDEIO Executive Committee 2008 Planning Meeting		3:00-5:15 ECCO Executive Committee 2008 Planning Meeting
4			3:00-5:15 CADEIO Board of Directors Planning Meeting
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6	5:30-6:30 Lutheran Eucharist		
7	6:30 LERN-EDEIO Executive Boards Dinner (Invitation only)		
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Directory of Network Acronyms

CADEIO Catholic Association of Diocesan Ecumenical
and Interreligious Officers (formerly NADEO)
CUIIC Churches Uniting in Christ
ECCO Ecumenical Colleagues: American Baptist
(USA), African Methodist Episcopal, African

Methodist Episcopal Zion, Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ), Christian Methodist
Episcopal, Friends, the International Council of
Community Churches, Moravians, Presbyterian
Church (USA), Reformed Church of America,
United Church of Christ, United Methodist
Church, Orthodox Churches and others.

LARC Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic
LERN Lutheran Ecumenical Representatives Network
NAEIS National Association of Diocesan Ecumenical
and Interreligious Staff
NCCCUA National Council of the Churches of Christ
in the USA

NEOA National Ecumenical Officers Association
NPC National Planning Committee of the NWCU
WCC World Council of Churches