



HAS CHRIST BEEN DIVIDED?

CLOSING LUNCHEON PRESENTER: DIANA BUTLER BASS



Diana Butler Bass is an author, speaker, and independent scholar specializing in American religion and culture.

She holds a Ph.D. in religious studies from Duke University and is the author of eight books including her most recent, *Christianity after Religion: The End of Church and the Birth of a New Spiritual Awakening* (2012). Her 2006 book *Christianity for the Rest of Us: How the Neighborhood Church is Transforming the Faith* was named as one of the best religion books of the year by *Publishers Weekly* and was featured in a cover story in *USA TODAY*.

Diana regularly consults with religious organizations, leads conferences for religious leaders, and teaches and preaches in a variety of venues. She blogs at *The Huffington Post* and *Patheos* and regularly comments on religion, politics, and culture in the media including *USA TODAY*, *Time*, *Newsweek*, *The Washington Post*, CBS, CNN, FOX, PBS, and NPR.

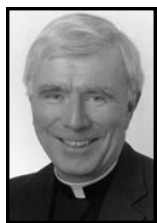
Diana has taught at Westmont College, the University of California at Santa Barbara, Macalester College, Rhodes College, and the Virginia Theological Seminary. She has taught church history, American religious history, history of Christian thought, religion and politics, and congregational studies.

She and her family live in Alexandria, Virginia.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



The Rt. Rev. David Bailey was consecrated Bishop on August 7, 2010. He previously served the Episcopal Diocese of Utah as Executive Officer, Canon to the Ordinary, and Deployment Officer. Prior to Utah, he served in Arizona as rector of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Phoenix. It was while at St. Stephen's that he began his long-term relationship with Navajoland.



A native of New York state, **The Rev. Joseph A. Komonchak** was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of New York in 1963. He received his PhD in theology from Union Theological Seminary in 1976 and has taught theology in the Department of Religion and Religious Education at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. since 1977. A specialist in the history and theology of the Second Vatican Council, he is the editor of the English edition of the five-volume *History of Vatican II* (1996), as well as the chief editor of *The New Dictionary of Theology* (1993), the author of *Foundations in Ecclesiology* (1995), and many journal articles.



The Rev. Dr. George "Tink" Tinker has served on the faculty at Iliff School of Theology in Denver since 1985, teaching courses in American Indian cultures, history, and religious traditions; cross-cultural and Third-World theologies; and justice and peace studies. He has volunteered in the Indian community as (non-stipendiary) director of Four Winds American Indian Survival Project in Denver for two decades, where he functions in the urban Indian community as a traditional American Indian spiritual leader. Dr. Tinker's publications include *American Indian Liberation: A Theology of Sovereignty* (2008); *Spirit and Resistance: Political Theology and American Indian Liberation* (2004); and *Missionary Conquest: The Gospel and Native American Genocide* (1993).

DENOMINATIONAL NETWORK GATHERINGS

Catholic Association of Diocesan Ecumenical and Interreligious Officers - CADEIO

Episcopal Diocesan Ecumenical and Interreligious Officers - EDEIO

Lutheran Ecumenical and Interreligious Network - LERN

United Methodist Ecumenical and Interreligious Training - UMEIT

Seminar Sessions:

- 1 3 CIRCLES IN THE CITY: EXPLORING THE INTER-TRIBAL EXPERIENCE OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLE LIVING IN URBAN CENTERS** | REV. DOUG BLEYLE & REV. DEBBIE ROYALS
Most urban centers hold stories and histories of indigenous presence and influence. In the major metropolitan centers of today it is common to have many tribal identities represented. Urban centers are places where indigenous people encounter and learn about other traditions, form new social relations, and instrumental in developing resources focused on the needs of indigenous people. Likewise, urban centers are also the place where the realities of homelessness, poverty, and lack of employment opportunities occur. How do the churches, with a long history of destructive and constructive engagement with indigenous people, respond to indigenous people and their lives in urban centers? Correlatively, how are the churches transformed by their engagement with indigenous peoples?
- 1 2 MORAL DECISION MAKING IN AN ECUMENICAL CONTEXT** | BISHOP JOHN BAUERSCHMIDT
It is sometimes said that reasonable minds can come to different conclusions about ethical matters. Reasonable hearts can find a way to hold differing opinions while maintaining important relationships. This seminar will explore ways in which different communities of faith bring divergent views on moral issues, with an expectation that fundamental human community can hold firm in the midst of differences. The Rt. Rev. John Bauerschmidt, Episcopal Bishop of East Tennessee, is co-chair of the Episcopal – Roman Catholic dialogue, and will reflect on ways ecumenical conversation can proceed, even amidst vastly different theological and moral points of view.
- 1 3 STORYTELLING LAB: FINDING, CREATING, AND SHARING OUR FAITH STORIES** | SEAN BUVALA
The quickest way to share any culture is through well-prepared and focused stories of the people. We'll explore and create our own personal faith stories. Then, we'll look at how that process can be taught and applied to faith communities and enhance ecumenical dialogue. Be aware that this is a hands-on, small-group-sharing "lab" workshop on the development and use of stories and storytelling.
- 2 3 MEMPHIS COVENANT** | PRESENTER TBA
As the Consultation on Church Union (COCU) transitioned to Churches United in Christ (CUIC), a covenantal agreement, "A Call to Christian Commitment and Action to Combat Racism" was signed by ten churches on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, TN, January 20, 2002, which became known as the Memphis Covenant. What is the status of that agreement today? What does it mean to be in covenant relationship? How does "covenant" compare to "full communion?"
- 2 3 PRAYING TOGETHER** | THOMAS A. KANE, CSP
A practical workshop to explore ways to put together Ecumenical Worship, examining models and resources for planning, potential land mines to avoid, and ways to work collaboratively in a variety of church settings.
- 1 2 500 YEARS OF REFORMATION** | KATHRYN JOHNSON
2017 will mark the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's posting of his Ninety-five Theses on the church door in Wittenberg, in present-day Germany. How can this anniversary be observed in ways that are not triumphalist or that look only backward? How can the ecumenical accomplishments of the last decades be integral to this commemoration? Drawing on commitments made by the Lutheran World Federation and on multiple ecumenical conversations, this workshop will ask what the ongoing meanings of "reforming" are for the entire Church. In particular, it will ask what liberation there can be for our current market-driven culture in the fresh insistence that God's abundance of gifts are "not for sale."
- 1 3 ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP IN THE SOUTHWEST AND BEYOND** | SR. JOAN BROWN
The Desert Southwest presents a number of particular challenges and opportunities for environmental stewardship. We will discuss the ecology of this region and the threats to sustainability that have implications far beyond our area. We will then celebrate the ways in which ecumenical and interfaith communities are working toward solutions and the opportunities for collaboration in communities across the country.
- 2 3 ECUMENISM: A NEW HORIZON IN HISPANIC/LATINO MINISTRY** | ALEJANDRO AGUILERA-TITUS
Hispanics/Latinos contribute a significant percentage of the growth in Christian churches across the United States. However, their ecumenical experience has been quite limited so far. This seminar describes the challenges and opportunities faced by Hispanic/Latino Christians as they navigate the new waters of ecumenism. Historical, cultural and economic factors will be considered as points of both, common ground and tension, among Christian Hispanic/Latino leaders and their churches.
- 1 2 THE ROAD BACK FROM BUSAN** | BISHOP MARY SWENSON & REV. STEVE SIDORAK
In what ways might the 10th Assembly of the World Council of Churches affect the ministries of our churches? Bishop Mary Ann Swenson, Ecumenical Officer of the UMC Council of Bishops and Rev. Dr. Stephen J. Sidorak, Jr., Ecumenical Staff Officer of the UMC will lead participants from any communion who are interested in exploring this question in the light of the Assembly which met in Busan, Republic of Korea, November, 2013. Of particular interest will be the Youth Meeting, the Faith and Order Paper, "Together Toward Life: Mission and Evangelism in Changing Landscapes," and the focus on global issues relating to water usage. Additional insights from others who attended will be welcome, and the format will be discussion.

1 Seminar Session 1 offered Tuesday from 10:30-11:45 am

2 Seminar Session 2 offered Tuesday from 2:00-3:15 pm

3 Seminar Session 3 offered Wednesday from 10:30-11:45 am



SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS

MONDAY, APRIL 28

8:30 am - 6:00 pm Network registrations, trainings, orientations, and meetings.
 5:00 pm NWCUC Newcomers' Orientation
 7:30 pm Opening Worship & Reception. The Rt. Rev. David Bailey, preaching.

TUESDAY, APRIL 29

7:15 am Breakfast
 8:45 am Welcome & Gathering Prayer
 9:00 - 10:15 am Plenary Session with the Rev. Joseph Komonchak
 10:30 - 11:45 am **1** Seminar Session 1
 12:00 - 1:30 pm Luncheon: Presentation of Gros Award
 2:00 - 3:15 pm **2** Seminar Session 2
 3:30 - 4:15 pm Network Gatherings
 6:30 pm Holy Eucharist

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

7:15 am Breakfast
 8:45 am Gathering Prayer
 9:00 - 10:15 am Bible Study with the Rev. Dr. George "Tink" Tinker
 10:30 - 11:45 am **3** Seminar Session 3
 12:00 - 1:30 pm Plenary Luncheon with Bishop Oscar Cantu, Bishop Minerva Carcano, & J. Herbert Nelson
 2:00 pm Network Gatherings
 5:30 - 6:30 pm Holy Eucharist

THURSDAY, MAY 1

7:00 am Breakfast On Your Own
 8:30 am Gathering Prayer
 8:45 - 10:00 am Bible Study with the Rev. Dr. George "Tink" Tinker
 10:45 am - 12:00 pm Closing Address with Dr. Diana Butler Bass: "One in the Spirit? The Spiritual but not Religious and the Future of Ecumenism"
 12:00 pm Closing Luncheon



For a complete detailed schedule visit www.nwcu.org.

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Please check one:

Full Registration (includes NWCUC lunches on Tues, Wed, Thurs) **\$200** before March 22; **\$225** after March 22

One Day Attendance: \$75 per day
 Circle day(s) attending: Mon Tues Wed Thurs

Student Full Registration: \$75

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Seminar Choices: **1** _____
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- ♦ Visit www.nmcu.org to register with your Denominational Network for their individual programs!