



# NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON CHRISTIAN UNITY 2016 LOUISVILLE, KY

APRIL 18 - 21 Galt House Hotel, Downtown

## Christian Unity may be closer than you think.

**F**or over 50 years, the National Workshop on Christian Unity has been gathering each year at a different city throughout the United States to bring together all those involved in the work of Christian Unity, welcoming delegates of church judicatories and ecumenists from all churches who share one faith, one baptism in Jesus Christ. We discover that there is so much more that we share than the focus on differences which has separated us far too long.

The National Workshop on Christian Unity is the only national gathering of its kind in the world, intending to equip those given the responsibility of seeking unity with ongoing formation with excellent plenaries and seminars, opportunities throughout the week to join together in prayer, and provide a context for fellow-

ship from which friendships can develop, friendships that are the starting place and cornerstone of any work of unity in the Body of Christ.

This year we gather in Louisville, Kentucky at the Galt House Hotel. The hotel located in the heart of downtown on the banks of the Ohio River, within walking distance of the Muhammad Ali Center, museums, art studios, Fourth Street Live, the Center for Interfaith Relations, theaters, the Belle of Louisville, horse-drawn carriage rides and dozens of restaurants in all price ranges.

Registration again this year is very easy. Online registration at [www.nwcu.org](http://www.nwcu.org) combines both national and network registration with just one payment. If you need to pay by check and register through

conventional mail, you can download the registration form from the website for your particular network and mail it in. Workshop registration is \$265 **before March 28** (\$290 after the 28th) plus your Network fee. If you register with no Network affiliation, an additional \$35 is due, to cover Workshop expenses.

Do not forget to make room reservations for yourself in addition to registration - online at [resweb.passkey.com/go/nwcu2016](http://resweb.passkey.com/go/nwcu2016) or calling the Galt House Hotel at 800-843-4258 and ask for the special NWCU Conference rate, \$120/night **before March 28**.

**Please note: the deadline for registration is March 28,** (Monday after Easter Sunday), so that you can be assured of your registration and meals.

"WAKING FROM A DREAM OF SEPARATENESS." MERTON

# NWCU2016 Networks and Registration

**Register today for the  
National Workshop on Christian Unity.  
Because of you, Unity will be one step closer.**

**F**or many who attend, the National Workshop is organized by *Networks*, or church organizations which have developed over time to help their ecumenical and interreligious officers. These Networks plan the national program, as well as their own organizational meetings and seminars which also run during the annual gathering of the Workshop.

If you are a member of a church that would be related to one of these Networks historically or by agreement, please register with them. Seminars sponsored by Networks are open to anyone who would like to attend; business meetings are also open but voice and vote is reserved to members according to their individual bylaws.

## CADEIO

[www.cadeio.org](http://www.cadeio.org)

Catholic Association of Diocesan Ecumenical  
and Interreligious Officers

## CEN for Unity

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Consortium of Evangelical Networks for Unity

## EDEIO

[www.edeio.org](http://www.edeio.org)

Episcopal Diocesan Ecumenical and  
Interreligious Officers

## LEIRN

[www.elca.org/Faith/Ecumenical-and-Inter-Religious-Relations/  
LERN-Network](http://www.elca.org/Faith/Ecumenical-and-Inter-Religious-Relations/LERN-Network)

Lutheran Ecumenical and Interreligious  
Representatives Network

## UMUIT

[www.ocuir.org](http://www.ocuir.org)

United Methodist Ecumenical and Interreligious Training

## 1. [www.nwcu.org](http://www.nwcu.org)

Online you will find registration opportunities to register for the Workshop.

**Full Workshop Registration** is \$265 **before March 28** (\$290 after the 28th), so be sure to register early.

**Students/Seminarians** have a Full Workshop special rate of \$100 to attend the Workshop. An additional Network Fee also may be required for students, depending upon Network. You might check with your network to investigate the availability of scholarship funds to assist you.

**One-Day Attendees** have a flat rate of \$90 (including students). Again, an additional Network Fee may be required at the time of registration.

## 2. network registration

As a part of the registration, you will be asked also to register with your Network. Because Networks underwrite many of the activities of the Workshop and their individual meetings and meals, there is an additional fee, and each Network's fees are usually different.

Network affiliation is not required to attend the Workshop. In fact, many of those attending are not members of a Network, or belong to an emerging group. Network functions throughout the Workshop are generally open to all attendees, and you are welcome.

Once you indicate your Network affiliation at registration, you will be directed to the appropriate online form.

If you are not affiliated with a particular Network, you will be asked to pay an additional \$35 fee to cover other Workshop expenses.



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### 3. reserve your room at the Galt House Hotel

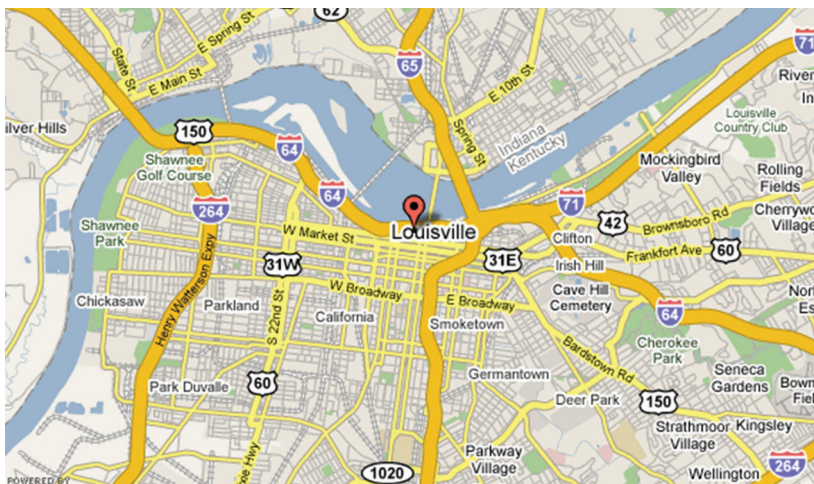
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#### In and around

- Great setting in the heart of downtown Louisville
- Popular hangouts include RIVUE Restaurant & Lounge, Down One Bourbon Bar, and Jockey Silks Bourbon Bar
- Convenience of being mere 8 miles from Louisville airport
- Fourth Street Live is just 4 blocks away
- Take a stroll to Ohio River located 1 block away
- Direct connection to KFC Yum Center via skywalk
- Several museums and the Louisville Science Center less than half a mile away

#### You should know

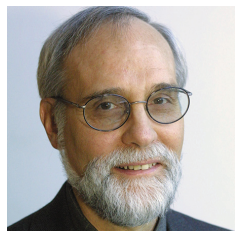
- Delightful food selections can be enjoyed from the many restaurants in the hotel
- Panoramic views from its setting on the 25th floor make revolving RIVUE Restaurant & Lounge the easy favorite among the dining options
- Facial and body treatments featured at The Xhale Salon and Spa
- Club 360 health club features state-of-the-art equipment, a smoothie bar, and panoramic views of the river and the city
- Wireless internet access free in guestrooms
- Outdoor swimming pool with sundeck
- NWCUC Attendees receive 25% discount on self-parking fee



# NWCU2016 Plenary Speakers



Kevin Cosby



Walt Grazer

## Opening Worship Preacher Rev. Dr. KEVIN COSBY

**Rev. Dr. KEVIN COSBY** was inaugurated as Simmons' 13th president in 2005. In 2007, the once fledgling college reclaimed its original campus, lost during the Great Depression, and has since expanded to three campus locations. The college has expanded its curriculum and was accredited by the Association of Biblical Higher Education (ABHE). In 2014, Simmons was recognized as the 107th HBCU. During his first decade there, Dr. Cosby refused more than \$700,000 in salary from the college.

For more than 30 years, Dr. Cosby has served as pastor of Louisville's 14,000-member St. Stephen Church, the largest African American church and the largest private employer of African Americans in Kentucky.

An author of five books, he holds a Bachelor's degree (Eastern Kentucky University); a Master of Divinity degree (The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary); and a Doctor of Ministry degree (United Theological Seminary).

He is consistently acknowledged as one of Kentucky's most influential leaders: Louisville of the Year (2007); top religious leader (Louisville Magazine, 2011); Hall of Distinguished Alumni at Eastern Kentucky University (2012); Kentucky Gallery of Great Black Kentuckians (2015).

Dr. Cosby is married to the former Barnetta Turner. They have two adult children.

## Tuesday Afternoon Keynote Speaker WALTER E. GRAZER

### "Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor: Context and Significance of Pope Francis' Environmental Encyclical"

An overview of the contents of Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment, its place in Catholic social teaching and its significance for the world today.

**Walter E. Grazer** provides policy analysis and development support services specializing in the role of religion in public policy with an emphasis on the issues of religious freedom, human rights and environmental concerns. He most recently served as a Consultant and Special Advisor to the National Religious Partnership for the Environment. Formerly, he was the Director of the Environmental Justice Program and Senior Policy Advisor for Religious Liberty, Human Rights and European Affairs for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. He also served as Deputy Director for Migration and Refugee Services and also as Policy Advisor for Food, Agriculture, and Rural Development at the Conference. Prior to his service at the USCCB, he directed the Social Ministry Program of the

Diocese of Richmond after working for the City of Richmond's Commission on Human Relations and the Richmond Community Action Program. Currently, he teaches at Georgetown University. He is co-editor with Rev. Drew Christiansen, S.J. of *And God Saw That It Was Good: Catholic Theology and the Environment*. Mr. Grazer holds a M.A. in International Relations, a M.S.W. in social work and a B.A. degree in philosophy.

Those responding to the Tuesday afternoon plenary are:

## The Rev. Jerry Cappel, PhD

The Rev. Jerry Cappel, an ordained Episcopal priest, currently serves as Environmental Network Coordinator for Province IV of The Episcopal Church. Jerry's professional interests are in adult education, ecology and faith. He serves as President of Kentucky Interfaith Power and Light, and is a fellow with the Center for Religion and the Environment and GreenFaith.

He is married to UMC ecumenist Rev. Jean Hawxhurst.

## Alexei N. Laushkin

Alexei Laushkin is the Vice-President of the Evangelical Environmental Network and Chair of the Board of the Kingdom Mission Society which seeks to strengthen Christian Unity for the age to come. His life and writing focus on biblical justice and personal wholeness/holiness as a means for renewal/revival in the life of the church. Alexei believes the church needs not only kingdom ethics, but kingdom living to fully incarnate the teachings and life of Jesus into the life of the local church. He is on the Council of Ambassadors for the Christian Community Development Association and is a regular speaker at local church events and conferences. He is married with two children.

## Wednesday Plenary Luncheon followed by Panel RITA GEORGE-TVRTKOVIĆ, PhD

### "Backdoor Ecumenism: Lessons from the Millennial Classroom"

Sponsored by The Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem

Many have been asking: how can we get the next generation interested in ecumenism? But this is the wrong question: my experience teaching millennials in the college setting suggests that they can quite easily become interested, if the topic is approached through the backdoor. By "backdoor ecumenism," I mean that discussions of interreligious topics (which tend to attract millennials initially) quite often lead to discussions of ecumenical topics, if we are attentive to the possibility and seize the moment. In short, we should not forget what we already know: interreligious and ecumenical dialogues are of one piece, and we can't (or



shouldn't) have one without the other. In this plenary, I will discuss examples of "backdoor ecumenism" with millennials in the classroom and around the dialogue table.

**Rita George-Tvrtković** (Ph.D., University of Notre Dame) has served as associate director of the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs and currently is associate professor of theology at Benedictine University, where she specializes in historical theology and medieval and contemporary Christian-Muslim relations. Her current book project is *Christians, Muslims, and Mary: A History*.

The network panelists responding to the Wednesday plenary are:

#### **Daphne Creasman**

Daphne W. Creasman is a second-year M.Div. student at Emory University's Candler School of Theology and a candidate for ordained ministry in the United Methodist Church. She serves as the UMC's representative to Religions for Peace USA's North American Interfaith Youth Network.

Her aspirations for her ministry include justice and peaceful reconciliation efforts within and beyond the gathered Christian community (i.e., through ecumenism and interfaith relationships). Daphne has a heart for celebrating diversity and religious pluralism through creative pedagogy. A self-proclaimed Philartician™ (i.e., Philosopher | Artist | Mathematician), she seeks to engage in community and curriculum development that promotes interdisciplinary education and the holistic connectivity of spiritual, creative, and scientific discernment, expansion, and reflection.

#### **James Racine**

James Racine is an ecumenical millennial finishing the final year of his Master of Divinity at Bethel Theological Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. Hailing from Catholic, Baptist and Charismatic streams of faith, he brings a unique perspective and is deeply passionate about the unity of Christ's Church.

#### **Jamil Grimes**

Jamil Grimes is a first-year Master of Divinity student at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary and is currently serving in a field-education placement with Kentucky Council of Churches. He is a recent graduate of Stillman College (B.A., Religion) in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, where he also worked as a municipal police officer for seven years.

His seminary education is preparation for a calling to pastoral ministry, likely in the baptist tradition. He deeply supports the Church's commitment to unity and diversity and sees ecumenism as a fruitful way to maximize the effectiveness of Christian mission.

### **Wednesday and Thursday Morning Bible Study and Closing Plenary** **The Rev. Dr. JAMES ALEXANDER FORBES, Jr.**

**James Alexander Forbes, Jr.** is National Minister of the Drum Major Institute, Senior Minister Emeritus of The Riverside Church, The Harry Emerson Fosdick Distinguished Professor at Union Theological Seminary, and President of the Healing of the Nations Foundation (all of these institutions of New York City). Additionally, Dr. Forbes is an acclaimed author, scholar and speaker, widely and affectionately referred to as the preacher's preacher because of his extensive preaching career and charismatic style. *Newsweek* magazine once recognized Forbes as one of the 12 "most effective preachers" in the English-speaking world. As a passionate educator, administrator, community and human rights activist and interfaith leader, Dr. Forbes was twice designated as one of America's greatest Black preachers by *Ebony* magazine. He is a featured TEDx speaker and frequent contributor to national media outlets.

From 1989 to 2007, Dr. Forbes was the fifth Senior Minister of the 2,400-member Riverside Church, an interdenominational, interracial, and international church built by John D. Rockefeller, Jr. in 1927 and now affiliated with the United Church of Christ and the American Baptist Churches (in which Dr. Forbes is an ordained minister). He was the first African-American to serve as minister of this multicultural congregation.

Beginning in 1976, Dr. Forbes taught at Union Theological Seminary, where in 1986 he became the first Joe R. Engle Professor of Preaching, and in 1989 the first Harry Emerson Fosdick Adjunct Professor of Preaching.

Dr. Forbes earned a D.Min. from Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, an M.Div. from Union Theological Seminary in New York City, and a bachelor of science in chemistry from Howard University, which awarded him their Distinguished Service Award in Ministry. His alma mater, Union Theological Seminary presented him its Unitas Distinguished Alumnus Award, and Teacher's College of Columbia University awarded him its Distinguished Service Medal in 2003. His 14 honorary doctorates include degrees from Princeton, DePauw, Colgate, Fairleigh Dickinson, Lehigh and the University of Richmond.

From 1992 to 2007, Dr. Forbes was co-chair of A Partnership of Faith, an interfaith organization of clergy among New York's Protestant, Catholic, Jewish and Muslim communities. He is on the board of Manhattanville College, the Interfaith Alliance, Children's Defense Fund, Mailman School of Public Health of Columbia University, and the United Way. He is a past president of The Martin Luther King Fellows. Dr. Forbes is also a member of Mayor DiBlasio's Clergy Advisory Council in New York City.



Rita George-Tvrtković



James Alexander Forbes, Jr.

# NWCU2016 Seminars and Leaders



## **Rev. Dr. WESLEY ARIARAJAH, Dr. CAROL COOK, and Rev. Dr. CLIFTON KIRKPATRICK** “Pastoral Counseling and Ministry in a Multi-Faith Context: A Dialogue with Teachers and Students”

This seminar will focus on the practice of ministry and pastoral counseling in a multi-faith context, increasingly our context in the U.S.A. We will explore ways that Christian leaders can be prepared to encounter the religious diversity of our ministry contexts, some biblical, theological, and social psychology foundations for interfaith relations, and practical skills necessary to engage in ministry, pastoral care, dialogue, and cooperation with other Christians and people of other faith traditions.

The session will be presented collaboratively by Professors Ariarajah, Cook, and Kirkpatrick, together with students from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary who have been studying this topic together.

**Rev. Dr. Wesley Ariarajah** is Professor Emeritus of Theology at Drew University, former Deputy General Secretary and Director of the Unit on Dialogue with People of Other Faiths of the World Council of Churches, and author of books such as *The Bible and People of Other Faiths*, *Not Without My Neighbor*, and *Your God, My God, Our God*.

**Dr. Carol Cook** is Professor of Pastoral Care and Counseling at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary and a Supervisor and Clinical Member of the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists.

**Rev. Dr. Clifton Kirkpatrick** is Professor of World Christianity and Ecumenical Studies at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary and Stated Clerk of the General Assembly Emeritus for the Presbyterian Church (USA).

## **Rev. RUBÉN AUSTRIA** “I Pulled Him Out of the Water”: The Role of the Faith Community in Restoring Hope for Young People in the Juvenile Justice System

America’s juvenile justice system is in crisis. Rampant abuse, skyrocketing costs, worsening racial disparities, and high recidivism rates demonstrate that a system intended to reform young people is actually making them worse. Yet in the midst of this crisis, communities of faith are playing a key role in developing alternatives to incarceration for youth, based on the principles of restorative justice, that are returning hope, dignity, and resources to young

people, families, and communities that have been devastated by incarceration. This workshop explores the crisis in the juvenile justice system through the story of Miriam’s advocacy for her brother Moses, when the Israelites were slaves in Egypt. The workshop also presents practical, actionable ways that communities of faith can intervene on behalf of young people and families in the justice system

**Rev. Rubén S. Austria** is the Founder and Executive Director of Community Connections for Youth, a Bronx-based non-profit organization dedicated to empowering grassroots faith and neighborhood organizations to develop effective community-driven alternatives to incarceration programs for youth. CCFY’s work focuses on building community capacity for juvenile justice reform by bringing the resources of directly affected communities to bear on the most challenging juvenile justice problems, and facilitating system-community partnerships that reduce reliance on incarceration and increase re-investment in impacted neighborhoods. Rev. Austria earned both his bachelors and masters degrees from Cornell University, and attended the Institute for Non-Profit Management at Columbia University. He was awarded a Soros Justice Fellowship in 2007. He lives in the South Bronx with his wife Ivelyse and their son Jaaziah, and enjoys playing jazz and Latin guitar with his family.

## **Bishop Teresa SNORTON** “Interreligious Prayer in Pastorally Difficult Times”

Praying together in interfaith circumstances is always a challenge, and even more so in the critical time after heartbreaking violence, such as the shootings in Charleston, California, and other parts of our country. In this seminar we will ask how as people of many faiths we can join together in the crucial act of praying with and for one another. This seminar will be led by Bishop Teresa Snorton of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church who assisted in the pastoral care following the shootings at Emmanuel AME Church in Charleston, South Carolina.

**Bishop Teresa Elaine Snorton** became the 59th bishop elected in the Christian Methodist Episcopal (CME) Church on June 30, 2010, in Mobile, Alabama. She is the first female bishop of the CME Church. She was assigned as the presiding bishop of the new Eleventh Episcopal District, which includes eleven countries in Central, Southern and East Africa. On March 15, 2011, Bishop Snorton was assigned to the Fifth Episcopal District.



Wesley Ariarajah

Carol Cook

Clifton Kirkpatrick

Rubén Austria

Bishop Teresa Snorton



Bishop Snorton served as the Executive Director of the national Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, Inc., for twelve years prior to her election as bishop. Bishop Snorton is a certified ACPE Supervisor and a board certified chaplain. She is a former Executive Director of the Emory Center for Pastoral Services in Atlanta, Georgia. She has taught at the Candler School of Theology at Emory University, the Virginia Commonwealth University and the School of Theology at Virginia Union University.

**Dr. KATHRYN JOHNSON and Dr. SUSAN WOOD, SCL**

**"From Dialogue to Declaration: Catholics and Lutherans look for next steps 'On the Way'"**

Theological dialogues report significant advances toward Christian unity—but what more is needed for our church communities to claim and live out their agreements?

This seminar will explore that question, beginning from the 2015 *Declaration on the Way: Church, Ministry and Eucharist* commissioned by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Susan Wood and Kathryn Johnson, who worked on the document, will describe the process and the text. It contains a "Statement of Agreements," 32 common affirmations already made by Lutherans and Roman Catholics in dialogue, and also identifies areas of remaining difference with possible ways forward. We will also consider the "what's next?" and "so what?" questions raised by 50 years of dialogical engagement.

**Dr. Kathryn L. Johnson** is Director of Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Relations for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. She is a member of the U.S. Catholic-Lutheran dialogue and a past co-secretary of the international dialogue commission.

**Dr. Susan K. Wood, SCL**, is professor of systematic theology at Marquette University. She is a member of both the U.S. and international Catholic-Lutheran dialogue commissions and is past president of the Catholic Theological Society of America.

**Dr. PAUL M. PEARSON**

**"Pope Francis and Thomas Merton: Apostles of Mercy"**

Dr. Pearson will take a look at Thomas Merton through the eyes of Pope Francis by drawing similarities between the two Christian leaders' statements on the environment, ecumenical commitment, and interreligious exploration.

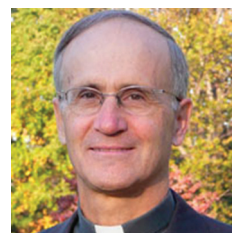
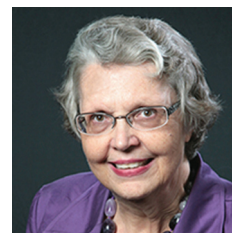
**Dr. Paul M. Pearson** is Director and Archivist of the Thomas Merton Center at Bellarmine University in Louisville, Kentucky and Chief of Research for the Merton Legacy Trust. He is also Resident Secretary of the International Thomas Merton Society, which he has served in many capacities, and contributes regularly to Merton conferences in Europe and the U.S.A. In 1999 he was awarded a "Louie" by the ITMS for his international contribution to the promotion of Merton's writings and to the presentation of his ideas.

His books on Merton include *Seeking Paradise: Thomas Merton and the Shakers*, and a companion volume, *A Meeting of Angels: The Correspondence of Thomas Merton; Thomas Merton on Christian Contemplation*; and the forthcoming *Beholding Paradise: The Photography of Thomas Merton*. He has edited *Thomas Merton: Poet, Monk, Prophet*, *Thomas Merton: A Mind Awake in the Dark*, and *Seeds of Hope: Thomas Merton's Contemplative Message*.

**Fr. TOM RYAN, CSP and JOHN ARMSTRONG**  
**"Ecumenism 101: Best Practices"**

Born and raised in southern Minnesota, **Fr. Tom Ryan, CSP**, did his graduate studies in theology at the Washington (D.C.) Theological Union and the University of Geneva. He was ordained a Paulist in 1975, and served in campus ministry at the Ohio State University in Columbus and at McGill University in Montreal prior to directing the Montreal-based Canadian Centre for Ecumenism for 14 years. He also spearheaded the founding of Unitas in Montreal, an ecumenical center for spirituality and Christian meditation co-sponsored by eight different denominations. He served as its director for five years. Since January 2000 he has been the director of the Paulist Office for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations in Washington, DC.

**John H. Armstrong** is the founder/president of ACT3 Network, a mission committed to empowering leaders and churches for unity in Christ's mission. He is the author/editor of fourteen books, a mentor and consultant and ordained minister in the Reformed Church in America. He is an active leader in ecumenism and co-leads the Catholic-Evangelical Conversation in Chicago. He writes regularly at [www.johnharmstrong.com](http://www.johnharmstrong.com) and lives in Carol Stream, Illinois.



Kathryn Johnson

Susan Wood

Paul Pearson

Tom Ryan

John Armstrong

## CADEIO Monday Afternoon Seminar

### "Being an Ecumenical/Interreligious Officer with the Francis Effect"

"The Francis Effect" has virtually transformed the world of ecumenical and interreligious affairs for the Catholic Church, and Ecumenical and Interreligious Officers delegated for this work in their arch/dioceses are experiencing the thaw of the so-called "ecumenical winter." Fr. Donald Nesti discusses the impact of this new environment of the dialogue of fraternity.

**Fr. Donald S. Nesti, CSSp**, a native of Pennsylvania, was ordained to the priesthood in 1963. He earned a licentiate and a doctorate in theology at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. He has served the Congregation of the Holy Ghost in many capacities. Fr. Nesti served as Director of Planning, Research and Renewal for his Congregation of the Holy Ghost USA - Eastern Province; President, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh; and Provincial Superior, Congregation of the Holy Ghost USA - Western Province. Currently, he teaches at the University of St. Thomas Graduate School of Theology and is the Director of the Center for Faith and Culture. Fr. Nesti founded the Center in 1994 in response to Pope John Paul II's 1982 creation of the Pontifical Council for Culture. The Center for Faith and Culture seeks to understand and affect the relationship between the worldview of Catholic faith and culture. Fr. Nesti has lectured extensively, authored books, published articles, conducted workshops and served as retreat master for clergy, laity and religious groups.

## Tuesday Evening Film

### "Love is a Verb"

"Love is a Verb," narrated by Ashley Judd, relates the history of the social movement called Hizmet that began in Turkey in the 1960s and now reaches across the globe. Inspired by Muslim preacher and scholar Fethullah Gulen, adherents live their faith through service in education, disaster relief, and interfaith dialogue. Written, directed and produced by Terry Spencer Hesser, this film won Best Documentary, Maryland IFF 2014; Best Documentary Feature, Cincinnati Film Festival 2014; Audience Award, DocMiami International Film Festival, 2014. 55 minutes.

## UMEIT Wednesday Morning Panel

### "Local Ecumenical and Interreligious Ministries: A Panel on Excellent Ministries in Louisville"

Moderated by Rev. Dr. Jean Hawxhurst, all NWCU participants are invited.

**Ms. Sarah Reed Harris**, Managing Director, Center for Interfaith Relations, spent her early years in Bogota, Colombia, and moved to Louisville with her family in 1971. A graduate of Wellesley College, she received a master of public administration from the University of Louisville. She joined the Center two years ago and has coordinated the last three Festivals of Faiths. She and her husband, Charles Harris, have three daughters.

**Rev. Dr. Peggy Cecil Hinds** has served as the Interim Executive Director of the Kentucky Council of Churches since July 1, 2015. She is an ordained Teaching Elder and Certified Christian Educator in the Presbyterian Church (USA). Peggy also holds professional certifications as an individual life coach and congregational coach. She is also the author of a workbook for Presbyterian Ruling Elders and a frequent blogger. She is married to Dr. Mark Hinds; they have four grown children and a new grandson.

**Haleh Karimi**, Executive Director of Interfaith Paths to Peace, was born in Tehran and left Iran at the age of 14 to attend school in United States and later in Switzerland. Having lived in a land of turmoil (Iran), and one of peace (Switzerland), as well as one of change (United States), her passion in life has become to raise awareness of global issues about peace and justice through education and dialogue. Haleh has lived in Louisville for 26 of her 37 years in the U.S. She is Chair of Dynamic Web Development at Sullivan, Co-Chair of University of Louisville Computer Science and Engineering Advisory Board as well as the incoming Chair of the Network of Entrepreneurial Women.

**Thomas M. Williams**, Attorney and Spokesperson for Compassionate Louisville, was named the Co-host of the Partnership for a Compassionate Louisville by Mayor Greg Fischer in 2011. For that work, he received the Jack Olive International Heart of Compassion award from the Compassionate Action Network International out of Seattle, Washington. Tom leads the effort to recognize Louisville, Kentucky as the first model compassionate city by CAN International. His legal practice focuses in management-side labor and employment law. In 2007, he served as President of the Louisville Bar Association. Tom was the 2009 Board Chair for Leadership Louisville and was recognized as one of Louisville's "connectors" in 2010. Recently he helped to launch a program of restorative justice in the juvenile courts. Tom and his wife, Sarah, have three children, Lilly, Lincoln and Nelson.

**Dr. Paul Pearson**, listed above, is also on this panel.



### **CEN/CADEIO Wednesday Morning Panel**

#### **“Pope Francis: Opening the Circle”**

*Moderated by Rev. Dr. John Armstrong, founder of CEN (Consortium of Evangelical Networks) and Father Don Rooney, president of CADEIO. All NWCU participants are invited.*

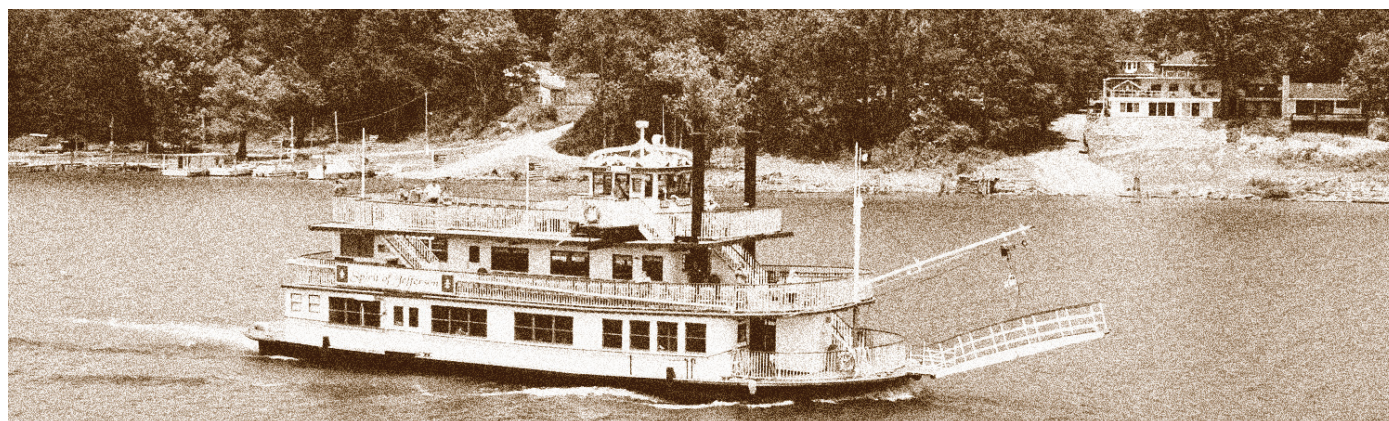
The past year has seen remarkable growth in relationship seeking Christian unity between the Pope Francis and the Evangelical Community. We have put together a panel of leaders from the two communities who have been personally involved at the center of dialogue.

**Panelists** *yet to be confirmed.*

### **UMEIT Wednesday Afternoon Panel**

#### **“How to Create a Festival of Faiths in Your Hometown”**

This will be a casual, open discussion with leaders from the Center for Interfaith Relations, who will talk with us about how they create the internationally-renown Festival of Faiths and how we can apply some of those principles in our own contexts. The conversation will take place in the Undercroft of the Cathedral of the Assumption, which is a few blocks from the Galt House. A small bus will be available for those who would prefer to ride (*network leaders should see Jean Hawxhurst if they would like to join UMEIT for this, as space will be limited*).



### **Wednesday Evening Cultural Event**

#### **The Spirit of Jefferson Riverboat Dinner Cruise**

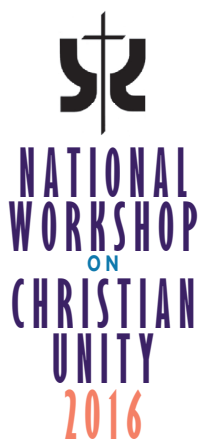
*Optional event, fee due at time of registration. early bird \$45, \$50 after March 28*

Join us on Wednesday evening for a sightseeing and dinner cruise aboard the *Spirit of Jefferson*, a modern riverboat with the look and feel of an old-time small steamboat. The cruise will take us upriver on the Ohio with commentary provided on the history of the river and

the sights we will see. A bountiful buffet dinner is included in the ticket price; cash bar is available.

The *Spirit of Jefferson* was built in 1963 in Iowa, named the *Mark Twain* and spent the first seven years of her life cruising the Mississippi from a base in New Orleans. She was renamed the *Huck Finn* in 1970 and cruised from St Louis for 25 years. In April of 1996, she came to Louisville and was given the name she now bears, the *Spirit of Jefferson*.

# NWCU2016 Daily Schedule



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## MONDAY, 18 APRIL

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9	<b>Workshop/Network Registration</b> Opens 8:30am
10	9am—5pm: <b>NETWORK MEETINGS</b> (all day)
11	CADEIO Board Meeting, 9—11:30am CADEIO Mass, <i>Cathedral of the Assumption</i> , and Lunch (location TBD) Noon—2pm <b>CADEIO SEMINAR</b> , “Being an Ecumenical/Interreligious Officer with the Francis Effect” <i>all invited</i> (p. 8) 2:30—3:45pm
N	CEN for Unity Network Meetings EDEIO Network Meeting, 2—4pm LEIRN Board Meeting, 10—11:45am LEIRN Network Meeting, 1—4:45pm UMEIT Network Meetings, 8:30—4pm
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4	4—5pm: <b>NWCU Newcomers’ Meeting</b>
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6	5:15pm: <b>Opening Reception</b> Cathedral of the Assumption 433 South Fifth Street
7	6:30pm: <b>OPENING WORSHIP</b> Cathedral of the Assumption
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## TUESDAY, 19 APRIL

7	7:15am: <b>Breakfast</b> <i>sponsored by Graymoor</i> Workshop/Network Registration resumes, 7:30am
8	8am: <b>Eucharist - Lutheran Rite</b>
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10	9:15am—10:30am: <b>BIBLE STUDY</b> Rev. Dr. James Alexander Forbes, Jr.
11	10:45—12pm: <b>SEMINAR 1</b> (p. 6-7) Merton & Francis - Pearson Dialogue to Declaration - Johnson/Wood Interreligious Prayer - Snorton Restoring Hope - Austria
N	Noon—1pm: <b>LUNCHEON</b>
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2	2—3:15pm: <b>SEMINAR 2</b> (p. 6-7) Dialogue to Declaration - Johnson/Wood Interreligious Prayer - Snorton Restoring Hope - Austria 101: Best Practices - Ryan/Armstrong
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4	3:30—5:30pm: <b>PLENARY</b> (p. 4) Walt Grazer and Responders
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8	7:30—9pm Film and Conversation “Love is a Verb” (p. 8)
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# WEDNESDAY, 20 APRIL

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7:15am: **Breakfast**  
*sponsored by Networks*

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8am: **Eucharist - Catholic Rite**

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9:15am—10:30am: **BIBLE STUDY**  
Rev. Dr. James Alexander Forbes, Jr.

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10:30—11:45am: <b>UMEIT SEMINAR</b> “A Panel on Excel- lent Ministries in Louisville” <i>all invited (p. 8)</i>	10:30—11:45am: <b>CEN/CADEIO PANEL:</b> “Pope Francis: Open- ing the Circle” <i>all invited (p. 9)</i>
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12:15—2:15pm: **PLENARY LUNCHEON**  
(p. 4)  
Rita George-Tvrtković and Panel  
*Sponsored by the Order of Saint Lazarus*

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2:30—3:45pm: **SEMINAR 3** (p. 6-7)  
Merton & Francis - Pearson  
Pastoral - Ariarajah/Cook/Kirkpatrick  
101: Best Practices - Ryan/Armstrong

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4—5:30pm: **NETWORK MEETINGS**  
(as needed)  
CADEIO: General Assembly  
EDEIO: General Meeting  
LEIRN: General Meeting  
UMEIT: “Festival of Faiths” (p. 9)

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6:30pm: **CULTURAL EVENT** (p. 9)  
*The Spirit of Jefferson Riverboat  
Dinner Cruise*

# THURSDAY, 21 APRIL

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8—8:45am: **MORNING PRAYER**  
Rev. Tom Ryan and Rev. John Armstrong

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9—10:15am: **CLOSING PLENARY** (p. 5)  
Rev. Dr. James Alexander Forbes, Jr.

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1030:—Noon: **CLOSING BRUNCH**  
with 2017 Preview

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Noon—2:30pm: **NETWORK MEETINGS**  
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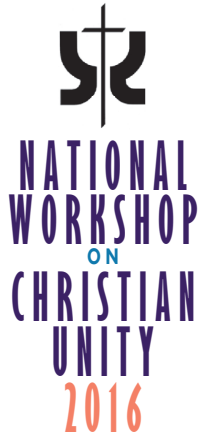
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6—8pm  
National Planning Committee Meeting



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