

National Workshop on Christian Unity

April 8-11, 2013
Columbus, OH
Sheraton Columbus
at Capitol Square



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What Does God Require of Us?

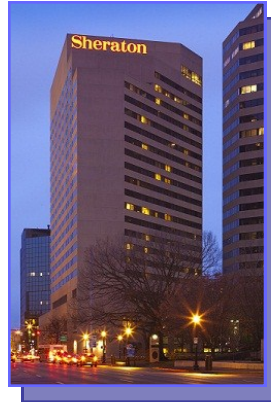
Micah 6: 6-8

Columbus, OH

NWCU 2013

On behalf of the Local Planning Committee, I extend to you a cordial invitation to come to Columbus, OH for the 2013 Workshop.

We are easily reachable and there is lots to do in this city. We have negotiated a good rate for you, so you may want to come early or stay a little later than the NWCU. You may want to attend the Southern Theatre to hear the Columbus Jazz Orchestra; watch the Columbus Blue Jackets (hockey); go to the Theatre (3 within walking distance of the hotel), visit the Short North, the North Market, COSI Museum (Center of Science and Industry), the Art Museum, enjoy the Riverwalk along the Scioto River, or visit German Village. (www.columbus.org)



The 2013 NWCU program, arranged by the National Planning Committee with coordination by the Local Planning Committee, is looking intriguing and exciting. A special focus will be on the “Ecumenical Legacy of the Second Vatican Council.”

We are looking forward to hosting you in Columbus, OH, at the Sheraton Columbus at Capitol Square, April 8-11, 2013! The hotel address is: 75 East State St., Columbus.

Rebecca Tollefson

Rebecca Tollefson, Chair
Local Planning Committee

Origins of the National Workshop on Christian Unity



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 Ecumenical Officers Association. There are both denominational and ecumenical sessions during the workshop. This is the 49th 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 denomination networks to develop and serve as a framework within which they can interact.
- *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.

Featured Presenters for NWCU 2013

OPENING WORSHIP

7:30 pm, **Monday, April 8**

St. Joseph Catholic Church, 212 East Broad St., Columbus

Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton was installed as Bishop of the Northeastern Ohio Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, on December 6, 2006. Born in Cleveland, she has served pastorates in Youngstown, OH and Worthington, OH. Bishop Eaton received her M.Div from Harvard Divinity School and a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education from the College of Wooster, Wooster, OH. She previously served her Synod in many capacities as well as various boards.



PLENARY SPEAKER

11:00 am –1:30 pm, **Tuesday, April 9**

Vatican II from a Protestant Perspective

Dr. Karen Westerfield Tucker an ordained United Methodist minister, is Professor of Worship at Boston University School of Theology. She has a Ph.D. in liturgical studies from the University of Notre Dame and is the author or co-author of a number books on worship, including *The Oxford History of Christian Worship* (2006). Dr. Westerfield Tucker is also the president of Societas Liturgica and the editor-in-chief of *Studia Liturgica*.



LUNCHEON RESPONDER

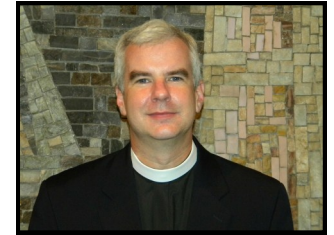
Dr. Jared Wicks is a Jesuit theologian who taught for many years at the Gregorian University in Rome. *Doing Theology* is a thoroughly reworked version of a book he published while there in 1994. It presents a fundamental theology which does precisely what he says a good theological method should do: “attentive listening and the active intellectual elaboration of the meaning of what one has heard.” He is currently a Scholar in Residence at the Pontifical College Josephium, Columbus, OH.



PLENARY AND LUNCHEON

11:00—1:00 p.m., **Wednesday, April 10**

Forward Focus, New Voices Speak on Race and Catholicity. Students from Ohio Theological Schools, facilitated by **The Very Revd Dr. Tom Ferguson**, Dean, Bexley Hall Seminary, Columbus, OH and former Deputy for Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations to the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church. Race and racism are church dividing issues in American Christianity. Many member communions split over issues of race and slavery; nearly all have struggled with full inclusion of persons of color in ministry, governance, leadership, and the increasing diversity of American society. Working with seminaries of the Theological Consortium of Greater Columbus (TCGC), seminarians were asked to reflect upon four principles, specifically with regard to questions of race and racism. After intentional conversation and discussion with classmates, they will present papers followed by discussion and questions.

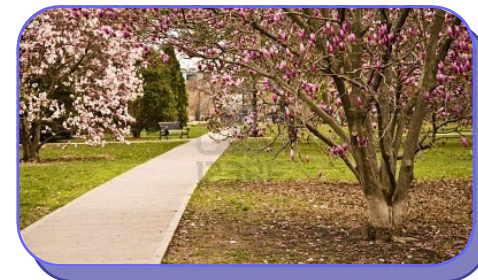


BIBLE STUDY

8:45 a.m.– 10:15 a.m., **Thursday, April 11**

Luke 24:13-35

Dr. Barbara Sutton is associate dean of outreach and formation at St. John's School of Theology Seminary in Collegeville, Minnesota. She serves as the director of the *Seeing the Word* project which develops curriculum for The Saint John's Bible. She holds a D. Min. from the Saint Paul School of Divinity and Seminary at St. Thomas University, St. Paul, MN. Prior to this, Barbara has served in parish, diocesan and health care ministry in Florida and West Virginia.



CLOSING ADDRESS

Noon—1:30 p.m., **Thursday**, April 11; *Seeing Beyond the Future: The Challenge of Identifying Today's Ecumenical Opportunities*

Ms. Kathryn Lohre is the director for ecumenical and inter-religious relations in the office of the presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. She is currently serving as president of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA, as the first Lutheran and the youngest woman. Previously she served as assistant director of the Pluralism Project at Harvard University, a premier research project on religious diversity in the United States. Kathryn received her BA in psychology, religion, and women's studies from [St. Olaf College](#) in Northfield, Minnesota in 1999. She earned her Master of Divinity degree from [Harvard Divinity School](#) in 2003. In May 2011, the [Graduate Theological Foundation](#), Mishawaka, Ind., conferred an honorary Doctor of Divinity to Kathryn, "in recognition of her election as president-elect of the National Council of Churches and also in recognition of her contributions to women's interfaith issues and pluralism." Kathryn is married to the Rev. Timothy Seitz, and they have a son named John.



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Please contact your specific Network for details on their fees and requirement. (See Network contacts listing on another page of this brochure.)

NWCU 2013 Fees detailed on last page. Partial refunds of 50% granted through March 8, 2013.

No refunds after March 8, 2013.

NWCU Seminars

1 The Art of Ecumenical and Interreligious Exchange

Fr. Leo Walsh, RCC

Being involved in ecumenism and/or interfaith activities is an art as well as a science. This seminar provides the basics needed to be an effective Ecumenical/Interreligious officer or informed "lay person."

#2 Our Common Baptism: Rites of Initiation and Catechesis

The Rev. Beverly R. Piro, ELCA

There has been remarkable convergence among Christians regarding the role of baptism – both theologically and in practice. This seminar explores the ecumenical significance of our rites of initiation into the Christian community, with a special emphasis on the recovery of the formative process of the catechumenate. Learn about current trends and developments in the catechumenate ministry of various Christian denominations. Presenters are active members of the *North American Association for the Catechumenate*.

#3 Mary in Ecumenical Perspective

The Rev. Dr. Maxwell Johnson, ELCA

The last several years have brought numerous dialogues, documents and discussions about the significance of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the life of the churches. Roman Catholics, Protestants, Anglicans and others have done fruitful work. With us to lead a seminar on Mary in Ecumenical Perspective is The Rev. Dr. Maxwell Johnson, professor of Liturgical Studies at the University of Notre Dame. Dr. Johnson has published widely, including papers and book chapters on Mary.



NWCU Seminars, cont.

#4 The Road to Busan: WCC 10th World Assembly 2013

The Rev. Karen Georgia Thompson, UCC

Bishop Mary Ann Swenson, UMC

This seminar will provide information about the preparation and participation of US denominations in the upcoming Assembly. There will be discussion of the theme: “God of life, lead us to justice and peace” and sharing of documents that are relevant to the life of the Church and the ecumenical movement. How can we best be prepared to participate? How can we “bring back” the work of the Assembly to the various settings of the church?

#5 Religious Liberty: Starting Points for the Conversation

The Rev. Dr. James Childs, ELCA, Trinity Lutheran Seminary

The Rev. Dr. John Crossin, OSFS, RCC

Dr. Yvonne Zimmerman, Mennonite, Methodist Theological School in Ohio

This seminar will offer an explanation of religious liberty as understood and interpreted by their respective Christian traditions as well as implications.

#6 Abrahamic Traditions: Tri-Faith Initiative

Dr Syed M. Mohiuddin, President of the American Institute of Islamic Studies and Culture, and Head of Medicine at Creighton University;

The Rev. Canon Timothy Anderson, from the Episcopal Diocese of Nebraska, and a Rabbi from Temple Israel, leaders at the Tri Faith Initiative.

The Tri-Faith Initiative is a remarkable joining of Christians, Muslims, and Jews in Omaha, NE. The three faiths share a plot of land, some common spaces, a coordinating council, and leadership. Led by an Episcopal priest, a Rabbi and Imam, the three faith communities seek to go where “no one has gone before,” worshipping and serving the God of Abraham. This seminar will explore the life and ministry of the Tri-

Faith Initiative. Members of the three communities will be present to lead the conversation.

#7 Creating Communities of Respect

The Rev. Dr. Jim Ryan, CC(DC), National Association of Ecumenical and Interreligious Staff

“Tolerance” is a word that has no place in our faith vocabulary. Tolerance means, “Since I am such a nice person (just a minute while I pat myself on the back) I suppose I can tolerate (put up with) you. As people of faith, we reflect a respectful attitude whether we are in an ecumenical setting, dealing with interfaith relations or being a faith-full witness for justice among all God’s people. How do we live out a respectful attitude in local/regional ecumenical and interreligious settings and thus, lead by example, modeling civil discourse?”

#8 Campus “Oval” Dynamics: Responding to Bias Language

Panel of students and leaders from The Ohio State University

Case study: Campuses/universities often have a public space, where the First Amendment applies. So, anyone can speak in this space. What often happens is that students pass through the area, and are confronted by bias and accusatory language. How might religious leaders respond? What do students want from religious leaders? What is the intersection between faith/gender and one’s rights?

#9 What Does the Lord Require of Us?

Bishop C. Joseph Sprague, UMC, Moderator of a panel

Challenging religious and gang culture in prisons through interfaith communities and restorative justice. The Horizon Program is one of the most innovative and transformative prison programs. It brings prison residents from many religious perspectives in a 10-month experience of recovering their sense of self, others, faith and purpose.



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Directory of Network Acronyms, Ecumenical Organizations, and Contact Information

National Workshop on Christian Unity	NWCU
National Association of Ecumenical Officers	NEOA
National Planning Committee	NPC

Denominational Ecumenical Networks	DENs
Catholic Association of Diocesan Ecumenical and Interreligious Officers	CADEIO
Episcopal Diocesan Ecumenical and Interreligious Officers	EDEIO
Lutheran Ecumenical & Inter-Religious Network	LERN
United Methodist Ecumenical and Interreligious Training	UMEIT

Related Bodies	
Christian Churches Together in the USA	CCT, CCTUSA
Churches Uniting in Christ	CUIC
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America	ELCA
Graymoor Ecumenical & Interreligious Institute	GEII
Lutheran-Anglican-Roman Catholic	LARC
Lutheran-Anglican-Roman Catholic-United Methodist	LARCUM
National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA	NCC; NCCC; NCCCUSA
Presbyterian Church-USA	PCUSA
[Roman] Catholic Church	[R]CC
The Episcopal Church	TEC
World Council of Churches	WCC



Monday, April 8

8:30-9:00 a.m.	UMEIT Registration
8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	NWCU, CADEIO, EDEIO, and LERN, Registration
9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	CADEIO Board Meeting, St. Joseph Cathedral
9:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.	UMEIT Training Session
10:00-11:45 a.m.	LERN Executive Board Meeting
Noon-1:15 p.m.	LERN Luncheon, Executive Board and Lutheran Newcomers
	EDEIO Luncheon with Episcopal Newcomers
1:00-1:45 p.m.	NWCU Newcomer's Orientation (others)
2:00-4:45 p.m.	LERN Plenary 1
2:00-3:15 p.m.	EDEIO Plenary 1
3:00-4:45 p.m.	CADEIO Orientation
3:30-6:00 p.m.	EDEIO and UMEIT Meeting
5:00-6:00 p.m.	CADEIO Regional Meetings
7:00 p.m.	Processional Leaders gather at St. Joseph's Cathedral
7:30 p.m.	Opening Worship Service at St. Joseph's Cathedral Reception follows the Service back at the hotel.

Tuesday, April 9

7:15-8:30 a.m.	Breakfast (sponsored by the Graymoor Ecumenical & Interreligious Institute)
8:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
9:00-10:15 a.m.	SEMINAR SESSIONS I 1. The Art of Ecumenical and Interreligious Exchange 2. Our Common Baptism: Rites of Initiation and Catechesis 5. Religious Liberty: Starting Points for the Conversation 6. Abrahamic Traditions: Tri-Faith Initiative 7. Creating Communities of Respect
10:30-11:45 a.m.	PLENARY: Vatican II from a Protestant Perspective Dr. Karen Westerfield Tucker ** LUNCHEON: Responder: Dr. Jared Wicks
12:00-1:45 p.m.	SEMINAR SESSIONS II 3. Mary in Ecumenical Perspective 4. The Road to Busan: WCC World Assembly 2013 5. Religious Liberty: Starting Points for the Conversation 6. Abrahamic Traditions: Tri-Faith Initiative 8. Campus "Oval" Dynamics: Responding to Bias Language
2:00-3:15 p.m.	EDEIO Plenary 2 CADEIO Assembly LERN Plenary 2 UMEIT Seminar
3:30-4:15 p.m.	EDEIO Plenary 3
3:30-5:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist (all are encouraged to attend)
3:45-6:00 p.m.	Roman Catholic Mass, St. Joseph Cathedral
6:30 p.m.	

Wednesday, April 10

7:00-8:30	Breakfast (sponsored by The National Council of Churches)
8:45	Morning Prayer
9:00-10:15 a.m.	SEMINAR SESSIONS III 2. Our Common Baptism: Rites of Initiation and Catechesis 3. Mary in Ecumenical Perspective 4. The Road to Busan: WCC World Assembly, 2013 7. Creating Communities of Respect 9. What Does the Lord Require of Us? ** PLENARY LUNCHEON: Forward Focus, New Voices Speak on Race and Catholicity , Students and the Very Revd Dr. Tom Ferguson
11:00a.m.- 1:00 p.m.	CADEIO Seminar 1 EDEIO-LERN-UMEIT Joint Plenary CADEIO Seminary 2 EDEIO Plenary 4 LERN Plenary 3 UMEIT Plenary
1:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, Worship at Trinity Episcopal Church (all are encouraged to attend)
3:30 -5:00 p.m.	Open Evening
6:30 p.m.	

Thursday, April 11

8:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer
8:45-10:15 a.m.	BIBLE STUDY - Dr. Barbara Sutton, Luke 24:13-35
10:30-11:45 a.m.	CLOSING ADDRESS: Seeing Beyond the Future: The Challenge of Identifying Today's Ecumenical Opportunities , Ms. Kathryn Lohre ** CLOSING LUNCHEON
Noon-1:30 p.m.	NEOA Meeting
1:30-3:00 p.m.	CADEIO Board of Directors Meeting
2:00-5:00 p.m.	EDEIO Executive Committee Meeting LERN Executive Board Meeting UMEIT Business Session National Planning Committee Meeting
6:30-9:00 p.m.	

Friday, April 12

8:00 a.m. -Noon	National Planning Committee Meeting
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Bookstore:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday	8:30 a.m.—5:00 pm.
Thursday	8:30 a.m.—10:00 a.m.

Network meetings are open; Registration is through network.

**** Included in registration fee.**

2013 REGISTRATION FORM
The National Workshop on Christian Unity

Register and pay online at www.nwcu.org or by mail using this form (copies accepted).
Make checks payable to NWCUCU 2013 and mail to: NWCUCU 2013, c/o Ohio Council of Churches, 6230 Busch Blvd., Suite 430, Columbus, OH 43229; #614/885-9590.

PLEASE PRINT:

Name _____
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Email _____
Denomination/Communion _____
Institution _____
Position _____
Preference for Name Badge _____

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

Please also register with your Denominational Network for their individual programs.

You must make your hotel reservations separately! For HOTEL reservations, call (614) 365-4500 & ask for the NWCUCU rate of \$109/ night at the Sheraton Columbus at Capitol Square, Columbus, OH. (Special rate only available until March 15)

<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/christianunity2013>

Check all appropriate boxes below:

Full Registration (includes NWCUCU lunches on Tues, Wed, Thurs): \$200 before March 8; \$225 after.

One Day Attendance: \$75 per day.

Please circle day(s) attending: Tues Wed Thurs

Student Full Registration \$75

Seminar Selections (Circle 3 Choices)

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I wish to receive Continuing Education Credit.

This is my first time with a Full Registration.

I plan to attend the closing luncheon on Thursday.

Special Needs: Dietary _____ Handicapped Access _____ Other _____