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Emerging Church Conference

MARCH 25

WITH TONY JONES

Tony is the author of *The New Christians: Dispatches from the Emergent Frontier* and is theologian-in-residence at Solomon's Porch in Minneapolis. A doctoral fellow in practical theology at Princeton Theological Seminary, he is the author of many books on Christian ministry and spirituality, including *The Sacred Way: Spiritual Practices for Everyday Life*, and he is a sought after speaker and consultant in the areas of emerging church, postmodernism, and Christian spirituality. Tony has three children and lives

in Edina, Minnesota. Registration is \$49 per person or \$39 per person with two or more from the same church. Online registration can be found at WWW.HOUGHTON.EDU/CHURCHRELATIONS.

Upcoming EVENTS

FEB. 9-13

Equipping for Ministry

MARCH 16 & 17

Conversations that Matter

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Emerging Church Conference
with Tony Jones

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youth event

APRIL 23

Dr. Jo Anne Lyon
lecture

MAY 11-12

William Willimon
Preaching Conference

MAY 18-22

Equipping for Ministry

JUNE 8-26

Graduate Theological Studies Summer Intensives
featuring
Ben Witherington

Will Willimon Guest Speaker at Preaching Conference

MAY 11-12, 2009

WILLIAM WILLIMON

Rev. Dr. William H. Willimon is one of America's best known preachers and the author of nearly 60 books, including his influential *Worship as Pastoral Care*. Dr. Willimon currently serves as the Bishop of the United Methodist Church in the U.S., overseeing 792 pastors in North Alabama, and for over twenty years he served as Dean of the Chapel and Professor of Christian Ministry at Duke University. One former student explains, "First and foremost Willimon is a pastoral theologian whose primary message is that the God revealed in Jesus matters for everything in life. Thus his most influential work has been in calling the Church to be a faithful witness to the God revealed to us in the person of Jesus Christ." (Michael A. Turner in *A Peculiar Prophet*)



Cost: \$69 if registered before April 1st, \$79 if after April 1 and includes all sessions, four meals, refreshments and overnight accommodations. Register online at: www.houghton.edu/churchrelations or call our office phone: 800-777-2556.

Conversations that Matter: Creation Care with Dr. Matthew Sleeth

In an age of sound-bytes and polarized sides, these Conversations That Matter offer an opportunity to explore "hot topics" with a cool head and open heart. Each conversation will feature a reasoned Christian approach by a current scholar, followed by time for reflection and discussion.

J. Matthew Sleeth, MD, a former emergency room physician and author of *Serve God, Save the Planet*, felt like he was straightening deck chairs on the Titanic saving one patient at a time while the whole ship (Earth) was going down. Together with his wife and two teenage children, he began to bring his lifestyle in line with his values, cutting back on their fossil fuel and electricity use by more than two thirds. Following a new calling, Dr. Sleeth resigned from his position as chief of the medical staff and director of the ER to lecture, write and preach about creation care and the environment.

BAKER MEMORIAL UMC

East Aurora, NY March 17, 2009
Creation Care with Dr. Matthew Sleeth
9:00 a.m. - noon pastors workshop
7:00 - 8:30 p.m. public forum

CHRIST UMC

Olean, NY March 16, 2009
Creation Care with Dr. Matthew Sleeth
7:00-9:00 p.m. public forum

Free of charge and open to the public.



HOUGHTON
COLLEGE

Equipping for Ministry Courses: featuring Dr. Jack Connell and Dr. Wayne Schmidt

Dr. Jack Connell currently serves as Academic Dean at Northeastern Seminary in Rochester, NY. Dr. Wayne Schmidt serves as senior pastor at Kentwood Community Church in Kentwood, Michigan. This series of courses taught by knowledgeable Houghton faculty is geared to meet the needs of persons in ministry who are looking toward ordination in The Wesleyan Church or are simply seeking personal enrichment. This method of meeting ordination requirements has become one of the most enriching and convenient ways for individuals who must balance work, family, and education as they prepare for service in The Wesleyan Church. For more information and online registration:

WWW.HOUGHTON.EDU/CHURCHRELATIONS.

FEBRUARY 9-13 CLASSES OFFERED:

MONDAY - WEDNESDAY

- Introduction to Homiletics - Dr. Jack Connell
- Expository Preaching Dr. Harold Kingdon

WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY

- Church History – Dr. Kristina LaCelle-Peterson
- Pastoral Leadership – Dr. Wayne Schmidt

MAY 18-22 CLASSES OFFERED:

MONDAY - WEDNESDAY

- Introduction to Old Testament – Dr. Harold Kingdon
- Old Testament Elective – Dr. Kelvin Friebe

WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY

- Christian Education – Dr. Christopher Baldwin
- Worship – Dr. Michael Walters

Summer Ministry Teams

Houghton's student ministry teams provide numerous senior high

Christian summer camps with service in the areas of counseling, sports, drama, and music. For information about booking one of these teams, please contact the Office of Church Relations at 585-567-9665 or betsy.sanford@houghton.edu.



CHURCH RELATIONS:

SERVING AND RESOURCING THE CHURCH

The purpose of the Office of Church Relations is a simple one – to serve and resource the church. From its founding, Houghton College has been deeply committed to its identity as a church-sponsored institution. We view ourselves as an arm of the church and desire to do everything we can to partner together with the church in our shared desire to advance God's kingdom.

This quarterly newsletter will keep you up-to-date on news and events at Houghton College that will be of interest to church leaders. Houghton offers a variety of events and resources that can enhance your ministry, and we warmly invite you to take advantage of them. We are honored to serve you.

Dr. Jo Anne Lyon will be presenting an evening lecture on an Evangelical response to world hunger and poverty on Thursday evening April 23rd. This will be a follow up to her presentation on the same topic at the United Nations. Dr. Lyon is a general superintendent of The Wesleyan Church and the chairperson of World Hope International.

Graduate Theological Studies Summer Intensives: featuring guest lecturer Dr. Ben Witherington

As part of Houghton's new graduate program in Theology, you are invited to join special one week intensive courses offered over a three week period in June, 2009. These courses are a great way to continue your education, delve deeper into the Bible and theology, or satisfy a desire to grow in your faith and ministry. You can complete course readings beforehand, or simply come and soak up the classes. Classes are taught by full-time and adjunct Houghton faculty, with a specially invited guest lecturer for the third week.

JUNE 8-12:

Social Holiness: Race, Class and Gender Justice in the West
Kristina LaCelle-Peterson, PhD
Worship and Sacraments – J. Michael Jordon (PhD Candidate)

JUNE 15-19:

The Christian Spiritual Life – J. Michael Walters, DMin
Contemporary Missiological Issues – Paul Shea, DMiss

JUNE 22-26:

The Jesus of Film, Fantasy, and Faith – Ben Witherington, PhD

REGISTRATION & HOUSING INFORMATION

Cost for registration: \$75.00/week

You may also register on a PER DAY basis during the Ben Witherington INTENSIVE at a cost of \$20/day.

On-campus housing is at an average cost of \$15-25 per night. Meal plans are also available. Additional information will be forthcoming on our GTS web site at www.houghton.edu/graduatetheology/.