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**National Workshop
on Christian Unity
April 16-19, 2012**



Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Program Highlights

- Seminars & Presentations on Critical Ecumenical Issues
- Meetings of Denominational Networks
- Ecumenical Worship Services
- Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Vatican II
- Visit to Oklahoma City National Memorial & Museum

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Oklahoma City NWCU 2012

On behalf of the Local Planning Committee, I extend to you a cordial invitation to come to Oklahoma City! We have negotiated a very reasonable hotel rate for you, so you may want to come early or stay a little later than the NWCU itself to see even more of the many attractions that OKC offers.

You can take a water taxi ride on the canal at Bricktown, enjoy the many restaurants in Bricktown, or tour the Myriad Botanical Gardens downtown. As part of the NWCU program, we will be visiting the Oklahoma City National Memorial and Museum, the site of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building which was bombed on April 19, 1995. This visit will include a time of prayer and reflection, a light meal, an “after-hours” tour of the museum, and a Workshop Panel Session on “Christian Response to Peace and Non-Violence.” (There is an additional cost for the visit.)

When you have some extra time, you may also like to visit the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum, the Bricktown Ballpark, take an Oklahoma River Cruise, see the Regatta Park / Boathouse District, or stroll through historic Stockyard City.

The NWCU 2012 program arranged by the National Planning Committee is very exciting, featuring renowned ecumenists, plenary speakers, and seminar leaders. A special focus of the program is the celebration of the 50th anniversary of Vatican II. Additionally, the Denominational Ecumenical Networks have also arranged for noted national and international speakers, such as Archbishop Kevin McDonald, Archbishop Emeritus of Southwark, England, to be present. Archbishop McDonald’s topic is “Reflections on the 1993 *Ecumenical Directory* in light of the Ecclesiological Teaching of the Second Vatican Council.” He was one of the authors of the *Directory* while serving at the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity at the Vatican.

We are looking forward to hosting you in Oklahoma City on April 16-19, 2012!

Bill Tabbernee

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Local Planning Committee Chair



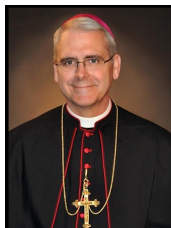
Featured Speakers for NWCU 2012

OPENING WORSHIP

7:30 pm, **Monday, April 16**

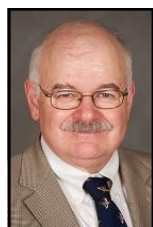
First United Methodist Church

Archbishop Paul S. Coakley was installed as Metropolitan Archbishop of Oklahoma City on February 11, 2011. After graduating from Mt. St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD in 1983, he served parishes in Kansas, his home state. He has also been Chaplain at Kansas Newman College, and Director of the Spiritual Life Center, both located in Wichita, KS. Additionally, he served as Director of Spiritual Formation at Mt. St. Mary's Seminary. Before coming to Oklahoma City, he was Bishop of Salina, KS.



PLENARY SPEAKER AND LUNCHEON PANEL

11:00 am -1:30 pm, **Tuesday, April 17**



Dr. John Borelli is Special Assistant for Interreligious Initiative to the President of Georgetown University, Washington, D.C. He served as Associate Director and the Interim Director of the Secretariat for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops for eighteen years. Before that he was a professor at the College of Mount St. Vincent (New York City) and Fordham University, from which he received his Ph.D. in the history of religions and theology. He has published over 175 articles as well as authored or co-authored a number of significant books, including *Interfaith Dialogue: A Catholic View* (2006). Dr. Borelli's plenary address is titled "Vatican II: Preparing the Catholic Church for Dialogue."

During lunch, Dr. Borelli will be joined by the following panelists to address the topic: "Implementing the Surprises of Vatican II: Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations":

Bishop Frank Griswold is the former presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church in the USA, prior to which he was Bishop of Chicago. He chaired the Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission from 1998 to 2003.



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 of 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*.



Bishop Emeritus Donald McCoid, who will moderate the panel, is the Executive for Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Affairs for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Formerly bishop of ELCA Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod, Pittsburgh, he is the co-chair of the Lutheran-Orthodox International Dialogue.

PLENARY LUNCHEON SPEAKER

11:00 am -1:00 pm, **Wednesday, April 18**

Bishop Steven Charleston formerly Diocesan Bishop of Alaska, is the Interim Dean of St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral, Oklahoma City. A citizen of the Choctaw Nation, he is passionate about preserving the integrity of creation.

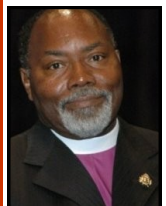
Bishop Charleston will speak on "Called to Be One Family: Catholicity Embraces the Whole."



BIBLE STUDY

8:45-10:15 am, **Thursday, April 19**

Bishop Teresa E. Snorton is the presiding bishop of the Fifth Episcopal District (Alabama and Georgia) of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church. With extensive experience in pastoral care and local ministry, she was the executive director of the National Association for Clinical Pastoral Education (ACPE) before being elected as the 39th bishop the CME Church. She has a passion for interfaith and multifaith initiatives that meet the needs of people and communities.



CLOSING ADDRESS

10:30-11:45 am, **Thursday, April 19**

Bishop John F. White is the Ecumenical and Urban Affairs Officer of the African Methodist Episcopal Church—of which he is the 130th bishop. He has pastored churches in Florida and Georgia. As an educator with a Doctor of Education degree from Nova Southeastern University, he taught at Edward Waters College. He is also a member of the Continuing Education faculty of the International Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia, from which he received his MDiv.

NWCU Seminars

#1 The Art of Ecumenical and Religious Exchange *Fr. Leo Walsh (Catholic)*

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.” Topics include a “Five-Minute History of the Modern Ecumenical Movement”; “The WCC and Vatican II”; and “Current Theological and Practical Issues.” The workshop leader is Pastor of St. Benedict Parish, Anchorage, and formerly the Interreligious Specialist at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

#2 Reading Each Others’ Scriptures *The Rev. Darryn Hewson (United Methodist) and Interfaith Panel*

What is distinct about how different faith traditions use and understand their scriptures? What do they have in common? And what can we learn from one another? This seminar provides an enriching exploration of how Jews, Christians, Muslims and others view their sacred texts and apply them to their life in community and in the world. The main presenter is a local pastor, ecumenical officer, and co-chair of UMEIT. He will be joined by a panel of Interfaith Leaders.

#3 Ecumenical Advocacy *Shirley Cox (Catholic) and Richard Klinge (Catholic)*

There are times when it is important for the church to speak out on important issues before the legislature. This seminar provides an overview of how bills become laws and gives practical advice about the best possible times and ways to advocate ecumenically. Shirley Cox is the Legal Services Developer for the Oklahoma Department of Human Services. Richard Klinge is Associate Director of Catholic Charities – Oklahoma City.

#4 The Hope of Eternal Life: Common Statement—U.S. Lutheran-Catholic Dialogue *Dr. Michael Root (Catholic)*

The Lutheran-Catholic dialogue completed Round XI with agreements that contribute to the ongoing ecumenical journey. The common statement “The Hope of Eternal Life” offers fresh insights into some issues that proved contentious in the debates of the sixteenth century. Among issues explored in this dialogue were continuity in the communion of saints, prayer for and about the dead, the meaning of death, purgation, an interim state between death and the final general judgment, and the promise of the resurrection. The presenter is Professor of Systematic Theology, Catholic University of America.

#5 By the Numbers: A Quantitative Look at the American Religious Landscape *The Rev. Dr. Eileen Lindner (PC-USA)*

Changing patterns of church membership gains and losses, seminary enrollments and the emergence of new church groups have altered the long dominant face of American Christianity. Growing religious pluralism and increasing secularism have likewise contributed to a substantial reconfiguration of the American religious landscape. This workshop will chart these changes and identify emerging trends in faith communities and their implications for Christian unity and ministry. It will give special attention to the ways in which church institutional life is adapting within the American context. The workshop leader is editor of the *Yearbook of American and Canadian Churches*.

#6 Native American Spirituality *Bishop Steven Charleston (Episcopal)*

Many followers of Native American spirituality do not regard their spiritual beliefs and practices as a “religion” in the same way that traditional western Christianity talks about “religion.” Rather, Native American spirituality and practices form an integral and seamless part of the very being of a person. This seminar explores various aspects of native spirituality and considers the rich cultural diversity among first peoples across North America, with a special focus on Native Americans for whom Oklahoma is a homeland. Bishop Charleston is Interim Dean of St. Paul’s Cathedral, Oklahoma City, and a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

#7 Young Adulthood Interrupted: Is There a Place in Today’s Churches for Young Adults?

The Rev. Dr. Eileen Lindner (PC-USA)

Using contemporary research, this workshop will examine the patterns of affiliation and disaffiliation that characterize the generation born between 1980 and 1995. Often called Generation Y or Millennials, this group has exhibited behaviors and interests in faith identification that hold important implications for the character of American religious demography. Churches, at both the congregational and denominational levels, are seeking to understand and respond to a new generation, now young adults, whose perspectives and longings are quite distinct from earlier generations. This workshop will also explore the themes and patterns which are emerging from the data which traces the religious identification of this age cohort. The facilitator is editor of the *Yearbook of American and Canadian Churches*.

NWCU Seminars Continued

#8 Ecumenical Engagement: Providing Healing and Hope Throughout the Disaster Cycle

The Rev. Mary Gaudreau (United Methodist)

Faith communities hold a unique and valuable role through all phases of disaster: preparedness, response, relief, recovery and mitigation. This workshop will introduce participants to some of the well-established national and state level networks through which faith communities engage in vital disaster-related communication, cooperation, coordination and collaboration. Participants will also learn avenues through which they can become better prepared to serve others impacted by disasters and to prepare for disasters they themselves may experience. The presenter is a consultant with the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) and Domestic Emergency Service Office

#9 Christian Response to Peace and Non-Violence

Dr. Michael Trice (Lutheran), Jordan Blevins (Brethren), and a Pax Christi representative (Catholic)

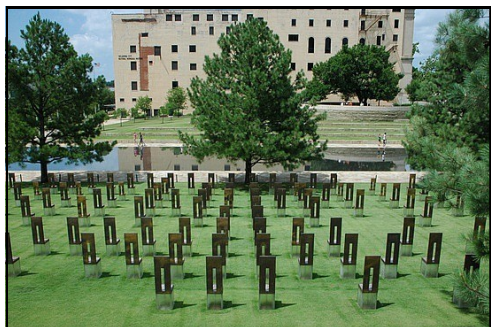
This seminar explores concrete efforts among our churches and other partners to promote nonviolence, peace and reconciliation in a broken world. Learn about contributions Christians can make together to raise awareness, inform public dialogue, and take meaningful steps to attend to suffering and to overcome violence. Also addressed are recent actions by church bodies to seek forgiveness for historic wrongs committed against one another. Panelists include representatives from major peace networks, including Pax Christi (Roman Catholic), National Council of Churches, and Seattle University's School of Theology and Ministry (ecumenical in the Jesuit tradition). This seminar will be held at the Oklahoma City National Memorial and Museum on Wednesday evening, April 18. See below for details.

Oklahoma City National Memorial and Museum *"One City, One Nation, One Resolve"*

Wednesday, April 18, 2012
6:00 –8:30 p.m.



The National Workshop is offering a special event on Wednesday evening at the Oklahoma City National Memorial and Museum. Starting at 6:00 p.m. we will spend time at the reflecting pool and memorial visiting the former site of the Alfred P. Murray Building. During a brief time of prayer and reflection, we will pause and remember victims of terrorism and violence, including the 168 adults and children who lost their lives on April 19, 1995. This will be followed by a tour of the museum dedicated to informing visitors about the impact of violence, and inspiring hope for peace through the lessons learned by those affected by the horrific bombing experienced by the people of Oklahoma City.



The evening includes heavy hors-d'oeuvres and Seminar #9: "Christian Response to Peace and Non-Violence"—which will be held in the museum's Conference Room.

Cost: \$40

Transportation from The Skirvin will be provided if needed.



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 Ecumenical Officers Association. There are both denominational and ecumenical sessions during the workshop. This is the 44th 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.

2012 National Planning Committee NWCU

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The Rev. Thomas Prinz, **Treasurer**, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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The Rev. Donald Rooney, Catholic Church

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Directory of Network Acronyms , Ecumenical Organizations, and Contact Information

CADEIO	Catholic Association of Diocesan Ecumenical and Interreligious Officers The Rev. Donald Rooney, President (540) 373-6491 frooney@stmaryfred.org
CCT	Christian Churches Together in the USA
CUIC	Churches United in Christ
EDEIO	Episcopal Diocesan Ecumenical and Interreligious Officers The Very Rev. Daniell L. Hamby, President (215) 493-2636 daniellhamby@hotmail.com
LARCUM	Lutheran, Anglican, Catholic, United Methodist
LERN	Lutheran Ecumenical & Inter-Religious Representatives Network Dr. Rocky Piro, President (206) 542-1314 repiro@aol.com
NCCC	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
UMEIT	United Methodist Ecumenical and Interreligious Training The Rev. Betty Gamble, Coordinator (212) 749-3553 bgamble@gccuic-UMC.org

Visit www.nwcu.org for Denominational Network plenary agendas and special events.



NWCU 2012 Schedule

Monday, April 16

8:30-9:00 a.m.	UMEIT Registration
8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	NWCU, CADEIO, EDEIO, and LERN, Registration
8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	NWCU Bookstore
9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	CADEIO Board Meeting (St. Joseph's Old 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 for Executive Board and Newcomers EDEIO Luncheon with Newcomers
1:00-1:45 p.m.	NWCU Newcomer's Orientation
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 First United Methodist Church
7:30 p.m.	Opening Worship Service at First United Methodist Church Reception follows the Service.

Tuesday, April 17

7:15-8:30 a.m.	Breakfast (sponsored by the Graymoor Ecumenical & Interreligious Institute)
8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	NWCU Bookstore
8:45 a.m.	Welcome to the Land
9:00-10:15 a.m.	SEMINAR SESSIONS I
	1. The Art of Ecumenical and Religious Exchange
	2. Reading Each Others' Scriptures
	3. Ecumenical Advocacy
	4. The Hope of Eternal Life
10:30-11:45 a.m.	PLENARY: VATICAN II AT 50 Dr. John Borelli
12:00-1:45 p.m.	** LUNCHEON: VATICAN II AT 50 Dr. John Borelli and Panel
2:00-3:15 p.m.	SEMINAR SESSIONS II
	2. Reading Each Others' Scriptures
	4. The Hope of Eternal Life
	5. By the Numbers
	6. Native American Spirituality
3:30-4:15 p.m.	EDEIO Plenary 2
3:30-5:30 p.m.	CADEIO Assembly LERN Plenary 2 UMEIT Seminar
3:45-6:00 p.m.	EDEIO Plenary 3
6:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist (UMC Rite), <i>St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral</i> Roman Catholic Mass, <i>St. Joseph's Old Cathedral</i>

Wednesday, April 18

7:15-8:30 a.m.	Breakfast (sponsored by NCCC)
8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	NWCU Bookstore
8:45 a.m.	Gathering Prayer
9:00-10:30 a.m.	SEMINAR SESSIONS III
	3. Ecumenical Advocacy
	4. The Hope of Eternal Life
	6. Native American Spirituality
	7. Young Adulthood Interrupted
	8. Ecumenical Engagement
11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	**PLENARY LUNCHEON: CATHOLICITY Bishop Steven Charleston
1:30-3:00 p.m.	CADEIO Seminar 1 EDEIO-LERN-UMEIT Joint Plenary
3:30-5:00 p.m.	CADEIO Seminar 2 EDEIO Plenary 4 LERN Plenary 3 UMEIT Plenary
6:00-8:30 p.m.	* Visit to Oklahoma National Memorial and Museum. Includes "Christian Response to Peace and Non-Violence" (Seminar 9) and heavy hors-d'oeuvres.

Thursday, April 19

8:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m.	NWCU Bookstore
8:30 a.m.	Gathering Prayer
8:45-10:15 a.m.	BIBLE STUDY Bishop Teresa E. Snorton
10:30-11:45 a.m.	CLOSING ADDRESS Bishop John F. White
Noon-1:30 p.m.	** CLOSING LUNCHEON
1:30-3:00 p.m.	NEOA Meeting
2:00-5:00 p.m.	CADEIO Board of Directors Meeting EDEIO Executive Committee Meeting LERN Executive Board Meeting UMEIT Business Session
6:30-9:00 p.m.	National Planning Committee Meeting

Friday, April 20

8:00 a.m.-Noon	National Planning Committee Meeting
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National Workshop on Christian Unity 2012

April 16-19

Please contact your specific Network for details on their fees and requirement.
(See Network contacts listing on page 7 of this brochure.)

NWCU 2012 Fees detailed below. Partial refunds of 50% granted through March 31, 2012.

No refunds after April 1, 2012.

REGISTRATION FORM

The National Workshop on Christian Unity 2012

Register and pay online at www.nwcu.org or by mail using this form (copies accepted).

Make checks payable to NWCU 2012 and mail to:

NWCU 2012, c/o Oklahoma Conference of Churches, 301 N.W. 36th St., Oklahoma City, OK 73118

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Denomination/Communion _____ Institution _____

Position _____ Preference for Name Badge _____

Please note: Your name, address & phone number will be listed in the NWCU 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 (888) 490-6546 & ask for the NWCU rate of \$99/night at the Skirvin Hilton, OKC! (Special rate only available until March 22)

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**Check all appropriate boxes below:**

- Full Registration (includes NWCU lunches on Tues, Wed, Thurs): \$200 before March 16, \$225 after March 16, 2012
- One Day Attendance: \$75 per day. Please circle day(s) attending: Mon Tues Wed Thurs
- Student Full Registration \$75
- OKC National Memorial and Museum Visit \$40 (Includes Seminar #9)

**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 at NWCU.
- I plan to attend the closing luncheon on Thursday.

Special Needs: Dietary \_\_\_\_\_ Handicapped Access \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Note: \_\_\_\_\_