

About the conference

Globalization, America's new imperialism, terrorism, a widening rich-poor gap, controversy over immigration, lack of health care, and so much more going on. Is this how we thought the 21st century would begin?

What is our calling as Christians in this challenging new world? And equally important, how are we to live it out?

We will look at the world and our mission through three different lenses:

- **"Covenanting for Justice in the Economy and the Earth,"** a project initiated by the World Alliance of Reformed Churches in their Assembly in Accra, Ghana, in 2004, provides us with a truly global perspective on the changes going on in these early years of the 21st century.
- **"A New Social Creed,"** which is being drafted by the Presbyterian Church (USA) along with other members of the National Council of Churches, to commemorate a "Social Creed of the Churches" that was adopted in 1908, will lead us into rethinking our social mission today.
- **Specific campaigns for justice** will provide us with concrete examples to consider the ways that mission and justice can be combined in very powerful and effective ways.
 - Coalition of Immokalee Workers
 - Shannon O'Donnell, serving as a Volunteer in Mission with the Sabeel Center in Jerusalem, plans to be with us. She will join Young Adult Volunteers in Mission, and others, talking about their experiences in many parts of the world.

Lodging

The conference will be held at the Hampton Inn in downtown Louisville, near the offices of the General Assembly. The address is 101 East Jefferson Street, Louisville, Kentucky, USA 40202. Phone: 502-585-2200. Fax: 502-584-5657
Website: <http://hamptoninn.hilton.com/en/hp/hotels/index.jhtml?ctyhocn=SDFDTHX>

If you wish to reserve lodging you will need to make your own reservations. Call the Hampton Inn, and be sure to mention that you are attending the Witherspoon Society Conference in order to get the conference room rate of \$89 per night. Breakfast is complementary for those staying at the hotel. The room rate will be \$89 per double room (whether occupied by one person or shared by two), with breakfast included.

If you want to eat dinner at the hotel on Sunday, Sept. 16, please indicate that on the registration form and add an additional \$20.00.

The registration fee will cover two lunches, two dinners and (of course!) a party.

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September 16 - 19, 2007

Louisville, KY

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About the speakers

On "Covenanting for Justice in the Economy and the Earth"

Stated Clerk of the PC(USA) the Rev. Dr. **Clifton Kirkpatrick** will be with us in his capacity as President of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, and a participant in the Accra Assembly that drafted that important statement.

The Rev. **Roberto Jordan** of Argentina, another participant in the WARC assembly, is president of the Reformed Church in Argentina and was a member of the working group that drafted the Accra Confession.

We are delighted that the Rev. Dr. **Setri Nyomi**, the General Secretary of WARC, who is originally from Ghana, will also be with us for part of the time.

The "New Social Creed"

The Rev. Dr. **Christian Iosso** is a long-time Witherspoon member who is now the Coordinator for Social Witness Policy of the PCUSA.

The Rev. Dr. **Elizabeth L. Hinson-Hasty**, Assistant Professor of Theology at Bellarmine University in Louisville, has been on the task force drafting the new Creed.

The Rev. Dr. **Gene Te Selle**, Witherspoon's Issues Analyst, has also been a member of the drafting team.

Mission and Action for Peace and Justice

The Coalition of Immokalee Workers will be represented either by Lucas Benitez, the president of CIW, or by the Rev. Noel Damico, the PC(USA) liaison to CIW.

Andrew K. Bartlett will contribute to our discussion out of his experience on the staff of the Presbyterian Hunger Program in Louisville.

The Rev. **Trina Zelle** will bring us up to date on the development of a "**New Sanctuary Movement**" in which churches will provide hospitality to undocumented immigrants.

Shannon O'Donnell, a Presbyterian Mission Volunteer now serving with the Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center in Jerusalem, will be with us, along with a number of **Young Adult Volunteers in Mission**, who will share what they are learning (and doing!) in mission today.

Worship

Our times of worship will again be led by the Rev. **Chip Andrus**, who is now Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Harrison, Arkansas.

Conference schedule

Conference activities will begin at 7:00 PM on Sunday, Sept. 16, and will conclude by Noon on Wednesday, Sept. 19. See our website for more details.

About registering

We invite you to register using the form at the right, or to register online from our website. Just go to http://www.witherspoonsociety.org/2007/witherspoon_conference_07.htm

There you'll find more information, and you can jump to the online registration form. You can use a credit card to pay through PayPal.

Register by July 1 and save at the earlybird rate!

Financial assistance will be made available to Young Adult Volunteers in Mission, seminary students, and others with limited resources, within the limits of our funds. To apply for funds, contact the Registrar, Bill Dummer, at 414-475-0076 or by e-mail at gardenerdummer@yahoo.com

Please make your check payable to The Witherspoon Society, and send it with this form to

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My registration for The Witherspoon Conference Louisville, KY Sept. 16-19, 2007

Please print:

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(Home, Work, Cell — circle one)

Alternative phone (____) _____

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E-mail: _____

Roommate Preference:

Rooms accommodate two people. If you want us to help you find a roommate, please contact Bill Dummer (see contact information in the box to the left).

Registration payment

I am enclosing to cover my registration:

(please check one)

____ \$180 for early registration (by July 1, 2007)

____ \$190 until August 15

____ \$210 for late registration (after August 15)

____ I'm including an extra \$20 to cover the cost of having dinner at the hotel on Sunday, Sept. 16.