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**Tour of the National Mall, Buffet Dinner, and
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(location yet to be confirmed)

Key Bridge Marriott Hotel

(Across the Potomac River from the National Mall)

1401 Lee Highway, Arlington, Virginia

reservations (800) 228-9290

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Room rate is \$120/night, including taxes.

NWCU2007 registration fee:

\$125. before December 1 (\$150 after Dec. 1)

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(for Network explanations,
see bottom of calendar page 9)

**Catholic - CADEIO (formerly
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Episcopal - EDEIO

www.er-d.org/6947_7005_ENG_
HTM.htm?menupage=40035
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Presbyterian - EIF - PCUSA

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www.elca.org/ecumenical/lern/
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REGISTRATION FORM: The National Workshop on Christian Unity 2007

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Please Print:

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

You must make your Hotel registration separately! FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS, call (800) 228-9290 or for hotel information, call 703-524-6400. Also be sure to register with your Network for their individual programs.

Our NWCU Rate at the Marriott Key Bridge is \$120 per night.

Please check all appropriate boxes:

Full Registration: \$125 by DEC. 1, 2006; \$150 thereafter..

One-Day attendance: \$50. Circle one:

Tues Wed Thurs Fri

Student: \$50. (full registration)

I attend a school in the Washington Theological Consortium and am applying for a scholarship to attend NWCU

Name of school: _____

Registration for Wednesday Evening Cultural Event: \$45- (see p. 5 for details)

Morning Seminar choices, circle three (3):

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17

I wish to receive a 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

Please explain _____

The National Workshop Come to the Nation's Capital

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 Association of Ecumenical Officers. There are both denominational and ecumenical sessions during the workshop. This is the 42nd 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 denominational networks to develop and serve as a framework within which they can interact, and

• 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.

PLEASE REMEMBER:

YOU MUST REGISTER SEPARATELY for the Workshop and for Individual Network Programs!
Please contact your individual Networks for details of their fees and requirements (a listing of networks is found on page 2).

NWCU Fee Structure

Full Registration \$125, by December 1, 2006.
\$150. thereafter

Daily Attendance \$50, per day

Student Rate \$50 (full registration)

Partial refunds of 50% will be granted through November 1, 2006

There will be NO refunds after November 1.

* **ticket required:** Any luncheon so indicated is arranged by advance registration, made through the specific sponsoring Network. No meal ticket will be available at the door. The luncheon precedes the talk. Those wishing to hear a particular speaker will be admitted into the room without cost, after the luncheon.

** **ticket required:** Included as part of the NWCU Registration Fee.

Featured speakers for the 2007 Workshop

PREACHER: OPENING PRAYER SERVICE

**Armenian Bishop Vicken Aykazian,
President Elect of the National Council of Churches**

Bishop Vicken Aykazian is the legate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America (Eastern) in Washington, and ecumenical officer. He studied theology at the Armenian Patriarchate in Jerusalem and was ordained a deacon in 1968 and later a celibate priest in 1971.

In 1992, His Holiness Vasken I, Catholicos of All Armenians at Holy Echmiadzin in Armenia, ordained him a bishop. He has also served as Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church in Switzerland from 1992 to 1996. As pastor of the Armenian Church of Switzerland from 1980 to 1992, he established and organized new church communities in Zurich, Bern, Kreaezlingen and Lugano.

Bishop Aykazian was born in Siirt, Turkey, and is fluent in English, Armenian, French and Turkish. Bishop Aykazian, who holds a Ph.D in history and is working on a second Ph.D in theology at Catholic University in Washington, is an active ecumenist. In addition to his contributions to the National Council of Churches as a member of the Governing Board, he has been active in the World Council of Churches as a member of the Mission and Evangelism Unit, the Orthodox Task Force and the Central Committee.

Bishop Aykazian is President Elect of the National Council of Churches USA, and is a leading force for ecumenical cooperation among Christians in the United States. The NCC's member faith groups – representing a wide spectrum of Protestant, Anglican, Orthodox, historic African American and Living Peace churches – include 45 million persons in more than 100,000 congregations across the nation.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

**Brother Jeffrey Gros, FSC, Professor of Church History,
Memphis Theological Seminary**

–sponsored by the Order of St. Lazarus

Brother Jeffrey Gros, FSC, has provided thirty years of ministry in the field of Ecumenism. He began his work in the Diocese of Memphis as an ecumenical officer, then served ten years as Director of Faith and Order for the National Council of Churches, and then 14 years as Associate Director of the Secretariat for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Brother Gros is currently a professor of Church History at Memphis Theological Seminary.

Brother Gros received a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Masters of Education (Biology Education) degree from St. Mary's College in Winona, Minnesota. He earned a Masters degree in Theology from Marquette University and a Ph.D in Theology from Fordham University.

Brother Gros has been involved in editing numerous books including: *Deep-*



ening Communion (co-edited with William Rusch, US Catholic Conference, 1998); *Introduction to Ecumenism* (with Ann Riggs, Eamon McManus, New York: Paulist Press, 1998); *The Church as Koinonia of Salvation; Its Structures and Ministries* (co-edited with Randall Lee, Washington/Chicago: USCCB/Augsburg-Fortress, 2000); *Growing Concensus II* (co-edited with Lydia Veliko, Washington: USCCB, 2005) and *The Ecumenical Christian Dialogues and the Catechism of the Catholic Church* (coedited with Daniel Mulhall, Paulist, 2006).

Brother Gros has many professional memberships including the Catholic Theological Society of America (former Board Member), College Theological Society, National Association of Evangelicals, National Association of Diocesan Ecumenical Officers (Associate), Society for Pentecostal Studies, and the North American Academy of Ecumenists (former Board Member).

He is well-known to the National Workshop on Christian Unity and has spoken to a wide range of religious groups including the American Academy of Religions, College Theological Society, Faith and Order Commission USA, and Councils of Churches in various states and many varied religious and educational groups throughout the world.

BIBLE STUDY LEADER

**Brenda Girton-Mitchell, Associate General Secretary
for Justice and Advocacy, National Council of Churches
of Christ in the USA**

–sponsored by the American Bible Society

The Reverend Brenda Girton-Mitchell is a native of the state of Indiana. She is inspired in her ministry by a very supportive spouse, Mr. James A. Mitchell and resides in Silver Spring, Maryland.

The Reverend Girton-Mitchell received a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education from Ball State University and a Masters degree from Indiana/Purdue University in Indianapolis. She graduated with honors from Chicago Kent College of Law. Ms. Girton-Mitchell has been admitted to the Bar in the State of Illinois, the District of Columbia and to the United States Supreme Court. She received her Master of Divinity degree from Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC.

The Reverend Girton-Mitchell was licensed to preach in 1998, and was ordained at Metropolitan Baptist Church in Washington, DC in 2004 and now serves as Minister for Christian Discipleship, a member of the Metropolitan Community Development Corporation, and the Millennium Building Committee.

The Reverend Girton-Mitchell is a life member of the National Council of Negro Women, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and the Washington Urban League. She also holds membership in the National Bar Association, Washington Bar Association, Women's Bar Association, and is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. She serves as chaplain for the National Bar Association and is on the Board of Wesley Theological Seminary.

Thursday Speaker Panel / Discussion

“How Faith Influences Christians in Political Office”

Holding our National Workshop in the Washington area turns our attention to political issues related to faith. The intersection of faith and politics has often become contentious on the American scene, and how the faith of people in political life influences their political decisions is not a simple issue. Questioned and criticized or approved and applauded, issues have the potential of working against an ecumenical understanding of how churches come together in unity and accord. We hope, in our panel, to go beyond simplistic divisions to the more basic and personal questions of the influence of faith on those who make political and juridical decisions for our society.

MODERATOR

Moderator/Columnist To Be Announced

PANELIST

The Honorable John LaFalce, former Congressman from Buffalo, New York

PANELIST

A Congressman To Be Announced

PANELIST

The Reverend Elenora Giddings-Ivory, Director of the Washington, DC Office of the Presbyterian Church, responsible for its advocacy

PANELIST

A Pastor with political leaders in the congregation, To Be Announced

Wednesday Evening Cultural Event

National Mall Tour, Dinner, and “Community Sing!”

with Dr. Ysaye M. Barnwell of Sweet Honey in the Rock at the US Senate Auditorium

(location yet to be confirmed)

Dr. Ysaye M. Barnwell is a native of New York, now living in Washington, DC where since 1979, she has performed with the internationally acclaimed a cappella quintet, SWEET HONEY IN THE ROCK. She is a vocalist with a range of over three octaves and appears on more than twenty-five recordings with Sweet Honey as well as other artists. In her first year with Sweet Honey, she provided leadership in making the group's concerts accessible to the Deaf and hard-of-hearing through Sign Language interpretation.

The daughter of a violinist, Dr. Barnwell began her 15 year study of the violin with her father at the age of 2 ½. She holds the Bachelor and Master of Science degrees in Speech Pathology (1967, 1968 SUNY, Geneseo), the Doctor of Philosophy in

cranio-Facial Studies (1975 Univ. of Pittsburgh) and the Master of Science in Public Health (1981 Howard University, Washington, DC) and the (Honorary) Doctor of Humane Letters (1998 SUNY, Geneseo). She has been a professor at the College of Dentistry at Howard University, and in addition to conducting community based projects in computer technology and in the arts, she has administered and implemented health programs at Children's Hospital National Medical Center and at Gallaudet University in Washington, DC.

After coming to Washington, DC, Dr. Barnwell founded and for three years directed the All Souls Jubilee Singers where she began composing and arranging music for vocal ensembles on

more than 14 recordings on many labels. She has worked as a commissioned composer on numerous and varied projects - all outgrowths of her combined understanding of creative arts inextricably bound to society. For twenty years now, Barnwell has conducted THE WORKSHOP: BUILDING A VOCAL COMMUNITY - Singing In the African American Tradition where throughout the United States, Canada, Great Britain and Australia she has utilized African and African American history, values, cultural and vocal traditions to work with singers and non-singers alike.

More details of her career may be found at: www.imbarnwell.com and www.sweethoney.com.



Morning Seminar Topics

Choose 3

Tuesday (T), Wednesday (W) and Thursday (Th)

Level 1 - First time participants (recommended)

Level 2 - Assumes a moderate level of understanding

Level 3 - Advanced level seminar

1 The Ministry of a Congressional Chaplain - Level 1 (T)

■ Father Daniel Coughlin, Chaplain for the United States House of Representatives

Serving since 2000 and first Catholic priest to be a congressional chaplain, will discuss the ministry he provides for the members of the House of Representatives as they attempt to balance the responsibilities and tensions they may experience in trying to combine their religious beliefs, personal values, and political ideologies with their role as government leaders. Other related matters regarding the ecumenical role of a congressional chaplain will be addressed as well.

2 Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry: 25th Anniversary - Level 2 (W, Th)

■ The Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Wainwright

After a brief pre-history of *BEM*, attention will be focused on the contents of this document, its reception, its influence, and its continuing need and potential. The presenter was a member of the “*BEM* core group” of the World Council of Churches Faith and Order Commission in the years immediately before and after the issuance of the document (1976-1991); and he chaired the final establishment of the text at the Lima meeting of the Commission in January 1982. Besides familiarity with the Lima Document itself (Faith and Order Paper No. 111), participants would profit from having read *Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry 1982-1990: Report on the Process and Responses* (Faith and Order Paper No. 149).

3 Baptism—Seminar Essay Winners - Level 1 (T)

■ Dr. Michael Trice

Baptism calls us into the world! Advocacy, field education, theological study, working in diverse ministry contexts—our vocations rise up with our baptisms. In this seminar, seminarians from different churches around the country discuss models for how baptism is foundational to ecumenical agreements in congregational parish life. The World Council of Churches’ key document, *Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry*, is the foundation for discussion. Come explore and discuss with these students the present and future needs of unity in a world drawing up from the sacred waters.

4 IARCCUM: Growing Together in Unity and Mission; Building Together on 40 Years of Anglican-Roman Catholic Dialogue - Level 3 (T)

■ The Right Reverend Chris Epting ■ The Reverend Paul McPartlan

Almost forty years have passed since Archbishop Michael Ramsey paid the first formal visit of an Archbishop of Canterbury to the Pope, in this case Pope Paul VI, since the Reformation. Behind the divisions of the Reformation lay fifteen hundred years of communion in faith and practice. Despite the present “imperfect communion” between these two churches, the recently formed International Anglican Roman Catholic Commission on Unity and Mission (IARCCUM) believes that the theological statements of ARCIC (Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission) over the past 35 years should be translated into practical progress in our relations and common mission. This presentation given by an Episcopalian and a Roman Catholic will consider this new initiative and its recently published working paper, which attempts to state honestly what has been achieved in the dialogue, what remains to be done, and what can be done practically “on the ground” in the meantime.

5 Scripture, History and the Search for an Ecumenical Ecclesiology - Level 2 (W, Th)

■ The Reverend Dr. Joseph Fitzmyer

■ The Very Reverend Dr. William H. Petersen
Every ecclesiology, tacit or explicit, is shaped by the traditions within which we live and have been formed. *Baptism, Eucharist, & Ministry* brought ecclesiological questions to the forefront of ecumenism. On the 25th anniversary of *BEM*, New Testament scholar Joseph Fitzmyer and church historian William Petersen, using the resources of scripture and the experience of the church in history, ask the question whether there can be a truly ecumenical ecclesiology and, if so, what issues would it have to satisfy in order to serve the ecumenical enterprise.

6 Churches Uniting in Christ (CUIC)—Implementing Ministry - Level 1 (W)

■ The Reverend Patrice L. Rosner

In June, 2006, the Rev. Patrice L. Rosner assumed the directorship of Churches Uniting in Christ. The ten member communions of CUIC are seeking significant movement toward greater unity, looking to reach a common mind on ministry and full recognition of the forms of ministry exercised within their various communities in the near future. At the same time, the CUIC member churches and one partner in mission and dialogue, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, seek to overcome the racism and white privilege within the churches and in society. In this workshop Rosner will share her perspective on CUIC, as she completes the first six months in her new ministry as its director.

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7 Forming the Next Generation of Pastoral Ecumenists: The Washington Theological Consortium Today - Level 1 (T)

- **The Reverend Dr. John W. Crossin, OSFS Executive Director, Washington Theological Consortium**

This seminar will explore some of the Washington Theological Consortium's new initiatives to form pastoral ecumenists. Some of these initiatives could be replicated in other communities, even without a consortium of seminaries at hand. This workshop will explain the vision, the successes and the challenges (expected and unexpected) of several of the WTC's efforts, including: ecumenical events for the public, deepening faculty collaboration, increasing ecumenical course offerings for students, and a new Masters-level Certificate Program in Ecumenism. For professionals at the highest level, a Doctor of Ministry degree in Ecumenism has been co-sponsored by the WTC and Wesley Seminary. New consortium interreligious initiatives and dialogue opportunities have enhanced ecumenical efforts as well.

8 Lessons Learned in Local Ecumenical Efforts - Level 2 (W)

- **The Reverend Dr. Christopher Agnew, Episcopal Diocese of Virginia;**
- **The Reverend Dr. Michael Lee Nelson, Messiah United Methodist Church**

Is anybody listening? This seminar will explore ways in which churches and judicatories on the local level *have* been listening and responding to the ecumenical movement. A panel representing successful local ecumenical efforts will discuss the lessons they have learned, and how they can be applied in other settings. The panel will include members from United Christian Parish (a local ecumenical congregation in Reston, Virginia, affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Presbyterian Church (USA), the United Church of Christ and the United Methodist Church), Virginia LARCUM (a Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic and United Methodist covenant on the judicatory level), the Virginia Council of Churches Faith and Order Commission, and the Washington Metropolitan Area Lutheran-Episcopal Coordinating Committee.

9 Christians in the Holy Land - Level 3 (Th)

- **The Reverend John Tidy**
- **His Eminence, Archbishop Pietro Sambi, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States**
- **The Right Reverend Bishop Vicken Aykazian, President Elect of the NCCCUSA**

This seminar will explore the difficulties of Christians in making a common witness in the Holy Land even as their numbers dwindle, and the positive impact that a common witness of Christian churches in the United States could make in supporting them. Some positive and negative experiences of those who have lived or worked in that context will be shared.

10 Progress & Potholes on the Road to Unity: Updates & Obstacles - Level 2 (T, W)

- **The Very Reverend Dr. William H. Petersen (T)**
- **Dr. Ann Riggs (W)**

This seminar will present an update on ecumenical dialogues, principally in bilateral ecumenical conversations, but with some notice of multilaterals. The spectrum of goals from "mutual understanding" to "reconciliation of differences" to "full communion" will be considered with attention to national, regional and some global perspective. In addition, the appearance of new causes of hesitation, obstacles to unity, and division between and within ecclesial communities will be examined. Discussion will focus on the elements necessary to meeting these new challenges.

11 Ecumenism 101 - Level 1 (W)

- **The Reverend Dr. Robert K. Welsh**

This seminar is for newcomers to formal structures of the ecumenical movement. It provides a brief history and introduction to the movement, context for current dialogues, an overview of national and international ecumenical conversation and engagement, and a sampling of new and emerging discussions. The presentation will draw on the attendees' experience of ecumenical engagement and will encourage conversation and interaction.

12 Religion and the Media - Level 1 (T, W)

- **Mr. Jerry Filteau, Catholic News Service**
- **The Reverend Leslie C. Tune, NCCCUSA**

Writing on national and international church news, being effective in getting the message of the churches placed on radio and TV, the tasks of accurately and compellingly relating religious news through and in "the media" are complex. Jerry Filteau, a senior reporter for Catholic News Service, and the Rev. Leslie C. Tune, communications officer of the Washington office of the National Council of Churches share their wisdom and experience.

13 Christian-Muslim Relations: Interreligious or Intercultural Dialogue - Level 2 (Th)

Panelists:

- **The Reverend Dr. Jay Rock, Coordinator for Interfaith Relations, Presbyterian Church (USA);**
- **Dr. Sayyid M. Syeed, Secretary General, Islamic Society of North America;**
- **Dr. Ahmad S. Dallal, Chair and Professor of Islamic Studies, Georgetown University;**
- **Dr. John Borelli, Special Assistant to the President for Interreligious Initiatives, Georgetown University**

Some church leaders and theologians are suggesting that we understand the dialogue between Christians and Muslims as an intercultural rather than an interreligious dialogue. If there are important differences between these approaches, what are they? Is a critical and appreciative Christian-Muslim understanding better served by discerning common values amid cultural differences, or by respectfully examining religious differences and what they have to teach us?

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14 Making Christian Churches Together (CCT) Appropriate to Local Contexts - Level 2 (Th)

■ Dr. Ann Riggs

Christian Churches Together in the USA is a new forum growing out of a deeply felt need to broaden and expand fellowship, unity, and witness among the diverse expressions of Christian faith today. Coming into formal existence in March 2006, the national organization immediately suggested its suitability for replication on more local levels, especially in settings where no state or local council of churches exists. This seminar is a place to consider together the needs, tasks, questions, and successes of those building CCT organizations of Christian communities at the state and local level. Ann Riggs, director of the Faith and Order Commission of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA, will moderate the discussion but participants will be the real experts for one another as we together learn how CCT structures can be built in a variety of settings.

15 50th Anniversary of Faith and Order - Level 2 (Th)

■ Dr. Keelan Downton, NCCCUSA Faith and Order Postdoctoral Fellow

In the summer of 2007, the Faith and Order Commission of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA (NCCCUSA) is returning to Oberlin, Ohio, to celebrate its Fiftieth Anniversary. Senior scholars such as Dr. Martin Marty will assist the review and assessment of the Commission's work as we chart a course towards the future. The event will culminate in a service of revival and thanksgiving featuring the vibrant preaching of The Rev. Dr. James Forbes. The conference seeks to stimulate a new interest in multi-lateral ecumenical engagement at all levels of ecclesial life, especially among a younger generation and will include a unique ecumenical "film festival." There will be a significant presence of ecumenists who work at local and regional levels and a training session following the meeting will focus on using Faith and Order materials in local settings.

16 The Concept of Spiritual Ecumenism - Level 1 (T, Th)

■ The Reverend Dr. Diane Kessler

■ The Reverend Tom Ryan

What comes to mind when you hear the expression, "spiritual ecumenism?" "Making nice" with other Christians on social occasions? What you're left with when the dialogues have hit the wall of the hard issues where doctrine still divides? "Ecumenism lite?" Considered by some the "heart and soul" of the ecumenical movement, spiritual ecumenism involves change of heart, holiness of life, public and private prayer for personal, communal, and ecclesial renewal. The presenters will unpack its considerable content and describe how they are engaging whole congregations in it through a four-day renewal event, "Gospel Call," designed to deepen Christians' sense of identity and solidarity with one another in mission.

17 Ecumenical Advocacy on Moral Issues - Level 1 (T, W, Th)

■ The Reverend Dr. Michael Kinnamon

Advocacy offices in Washington are sponsored by the churches to enable ready access to government and timely response to its actions. How do these offices work? How are current moral issues addressed, issues of war and justice, economics, human rights, and advances in medical science, to name a few? Is there an ecumenical approach to global issues such as genocide, inter-religious violence, the AIDS crisis, to enable a united Christian voice to be heard?

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The Workshop Calendar at a Glance

MONDAY, January 29

8am	7:15 EDEIO Eucharist (all welcome)		
9am	8:30-4:00 NWCU & Network Registration	8:30 EDEIO Executive Committee Breakfast (*ticket required)	9:00-9:30 CADEIO Board of Directors Continental Breakfast
10am		10:30 EDEIO Newcomers' Orientation	9:30-3:00 CADEIO Board of Directors Meeting
11am		11:45 EDEIO Newcomers' Luncheon	
12pm		1:00-2:30 EDEIO Business Plenary #1	1:00-2:45 LERN Executive Committee Meeting
1pm		2:45-4:00 EDEIO Provincial Mtgs.	2:00-3:00 CADEIO Orientation
2pm		4:00-4:45 NWCU Newcomers' Orientation	3:00-4:00 ECCO Orientation
3pm		4:30 EDEIO Buses to St. Albans	3:00-5:30 LERN Plenary
4pm		5:15-7:00 EDEIO Banquet (*ticket required)	5:00-6:00 CADEIO Regional Meetings
5pm	7:30-9:00 Opening Prayer Service & Reception, Washington National Cathedral: The Rt. Rev. Vicken Aykazian, Armenian Bishop and Pres. Elect of the NCCCUSA, Preacher.		
6pm			
7pm			
8pm			
9pm			

TUESDAY, January 30

Workshop Bookstore and Displays are open 10-4 Wed.-Thurs. in the lobby.

8	8:15-8:30 NWCU Morning Prayer	
9	8:30-4:00 NWCU & Network Registration	8:45-10:15 Opening Plenary and Keynote Address: Brother Jeffrey Gros, FSC Professor of Church History, Memphis Theological Seminary
10		10:30-11:45 NWCU Morning Seminars (choose seminar topic from other side of this page)
11		12:00-1:45 EDEIO-LERN Luncheon (*ticket required) The Very Rev. Samuel E. Lloyd
12		12:00-1:45 CADEIO Luncheon (*ticket required)
1		2:00-3:30 EDEIO-LERN Seminar: "Advocacy Issues"
2		2:00-3:00 ECCO Seminar - Arlington Temple
3		3:00-4:15 CADEIO Seminars
4		3:45-5:00 EDEIO Seminar I
5	4:00-5:00 LERN Caucus	4:30-5:45 CADEIO Seminars
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7	6:00-8:00 EDEIO-LERN-UMC Eucharist and Informal Reception (all welcome) Arlington Temple United Methodist Church 1835 N Nash St, Arlington	
8	6:00-9:00 CADEIO Eucharist and reception/informal dinner Dahlgren Chapel, Georgetown University	
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WEDNESDAY, January 31

Registration (conference & networks) continues in the lobby, 8:30-4.

8	8:15-8:30 NWCU Morning Prayer		
9	8:45-10:15 NWCU Plenary Bible Study: The Rev. Brenda Girton-Mitchell, Leader Assoc. General Secretary for Justice and Advocacy, NCCCUSA		
10	10:30-11:45 NWCU Morning Seminars (choose seminar topic from other side of this page)		
11	12:00-1:45 LARC Luncheon The Rt. Rev. Edwin F. Gullick, Bishop of Kentucky (*ticket required)		
12		12:30-1:45 ECCO Luncheon (*ticket required)	
1		2:00-3:15 EDEIO Seminars 2 & 3	2:00-5:00 ECCO Network Meetings
2		3:00-5:00 CADEIO General Assembly	2:30-5:00 LERN Plenary
3		3:30-4:45 EDEIO Business Plenary #2	Arlington Temple United Methodist
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5		5:30-6:30 CUIC Worship Service	
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7	7:00-10:30 NWCU Wednesday Evening Cultural Event (optional) Tour of the National Mall, Buffet Dinner and "Community Sing!" led by Dr. Ysaye Maria Barnwell of Sweet Honey in the Rock at the US Senate Auditorium (location to be confirmed) Note: Tickets are required, an additional \$45. See registration form.		
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THURSDAY, February 1

Registration continues in the lobby, 8:30-11.

8	8:00-8:45 NWCU Plenary Bible Study: The Rev. Brenda Girton-Mitchell, Leader			
9	9:00-10:15 NWCU Morning Seminars (choose seminar topic from other side of this page)			
10	10:45-12:30 Panel/Plenary: "How Faith Influences Christians in Political Office" A Moderator and Four Panelists Representing Four Perspectives			
11	12:30-1:30 NWCU Closing Luncheon (**ticket required)			
12	1:45-2:45 NPC Meeting for Review and Transfer of Chairs			
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4	3:00-5:15 EDEIO Executive Committee 2008 Planning Meeting	3:00-5:15 CADEIO Executive Committee 2008 Planning Meeting	3:00-5:15 LERN Executive Board 2008 Planning Meeting	3:00-5:15 ECCO Executive Committee 2008 Planning Meeting
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NWCU National and Local Planning Committees meet 9-6 Friday, 2 Feb.

Directory of Network Acronyms

- CADEIO** Catholic Association of Diocesan Ecumenical and Interreligious Officers (formerly NADEO)
- CUIC** Churches Uniting in Christ
- ECCO** Ecumenical Colleagues: American Baptist (USA), AME, AME Zion, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), CME, Friends, the International Council of Community Churches, Moravians, Presbyterian

- EDEIO** Episcopal Diocesan Ecumenical and Interreligious Officers
- LARC** Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic
- LERN** Lutheran Ecumenical Representatives Network

Church (USA), Reformed Church of America United Church of Christ, United Methodist Church, Orthodox Churches and others.

- NAEIS** National Association of Diocesan Ecumenical and Interreligious Staff
- 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