

ORIGINS

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 41st 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.

DIRECTORY OF ACRONYMS

- 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 Church (USA), Reformed Church of America United Church of Christ, United Methodist Church, the Orthodox churches and others.
- EDEIO** Episcopal Diocesan Ecumenical and Interreligious Officers
- LARC** Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic
- LERN** Lutheran Ecumenical Representatives Network
- NADEO** National Association of Diocesan Ecumenical Officers (Roman and Eastern Catholic)
- 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 NWCUC
- WCC** World Council of Churches

OPTIONAL SOCIAL EVENT

On Wednesday evening, we will hold a celebration of the diversity of our communities and neighbors. It will be held at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral (the oldest church building in San José). It will feature festive dining and a program music & dancing by regional ethnic performance groups. Hear Taiko Drumming (Japanese), Sikh Dancing (Punjabi) and Mexican Folklorico Dance. Tickets are required (\$45.00). See registration form.

Logo Information

The logo affirms the cross as central to Christian unity. On either side of the cross is the outline of a chalice, which represents the real although imperfect communion, and the anticipated full unity which is the goal of the ecumenical movement.

The space between the chalice and the cross suggests the hands of prayer embracing the reconciling cross.

The late John R. Fulton designed the logo for the National Workshop on Christian Unity.



National Workshop On Christian Unity

May 8-11, 2006

**The Fairmont Hotel
San José, CA**

*Where two or three are gathered
in my name... Matthew 18:15-22*

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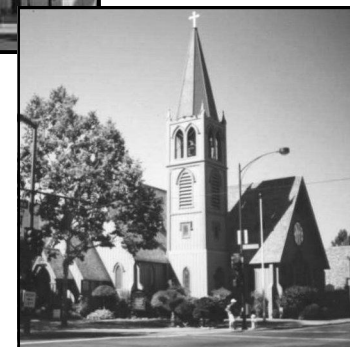


**Cathedral
Basilica of St.
Joseph**

Site of Opening
Worship Service

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral

Site Episcopal/
Lutheran Eucharist
& Wednesday
Social Event



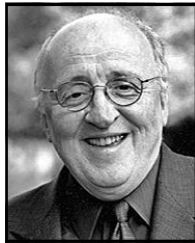
Plenary Presenters



The Rev. Dr. George Cummings (Preaching at the opening Worship Service), is an internationally known theologian and pastor whose ministry extends around the world. He is the founding pastor of Imani Community Church (Baptist); and the Pearl Rawlings Hamilton Professor of Systematic Theology at the American Baptist Seminary West, (ABSW) in Berkeley, California. He has been a teacher at ABSW for twelve years, and is currently serving as the Dean. His ministry has been characterized by his commitment to pastoral ministry as the appropriate context of theological scholarship. Dr. Cummings has a global vision for his vocation as a theologian and a pastor. In his work as a scholar, his primary interest is exploring African-American religious and cultural traditions. He believes that churches must be involved in the religious, cultural, political, economic and educational life of the community; and that "...we must strive to become all that God calls us to be." His objective is to discover theological insights that can inform the current struggle of Africans for liberation.

Richard J. Mouw, the Keynote Speaker

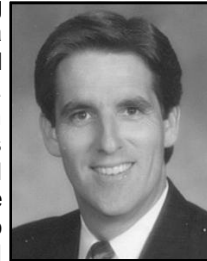
is president of Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California, an evangelical institution which, with over 4000 students, is the largest seminary in North America. He received his B.A. in English from Houghton College, an M.A. in Philosophy from the University of Alberta, and the Ph.D. in Philosophy from the University of Chicago. He also studied theology at Western Theological Seminary in Holland, Michigan. He taught in the Calvin College Philosophy Department for seventeen years before joining the Fuller faculty as Professor of Christian Philosophy in 1985. He was appointed Provost at Fuller in 1989 and President in 1993. Mouw has served on the Faith and Order commission of the NCCC, the Board of the Institute for Ecumenical and Cultural Research, and the Committee of Visitors at Harvard Divinity School. He is the author of fourteen books, the most recent being *Calvinism in the Las Vegas Airport*. **The Military and Hospitaller Order of St. Lazarus of Jerusalem is pleased to sponsor the Keynote address.** It is a 900 year old Order of Chivalry and is ecumenical — dedicated to service to others and to Christian unity.



Sister Dr. Dianne Bergant, CSA (NWCU Bible Study Leader), is Professor of Biblical Studies at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. She was President of the Catholic Biblical Association of America (2000-1) and has been an active member of the Chicago Catholic/Jewish Scholars Dialogue for the past nineteen years. She is the Old Testament book reviewer of *The Bible Today*, having been a member of the editorial board for twenty-five years. Five of these years she served as the magazine's general editor. She is now on the editorial boards of *Biblical Theology Bulletin* and *Preach*. She writes the weekly column "The Word" for *America* magazine (2002-5). She is currently working in the areas of biblical interpretation and biblical theology, particularly issues of peace, ecology and feminism.

Rev. Dr. Kevin Mannoia (Closing Address)

is Chaplain of Azusa Pacific University's Graduate and Professional programs. Dr. Mannoia received his B.A. from Roberts Wesleyan College, his MDiv. from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School and a Ph.D. from the University of North Texas. Prior to his appointment at APU, he served as Dean of Haggard School of Theology at APU, coming from his role as President of the National Association of Evangelicals. From his experience as a pastor, superintendent, bishop of the Free Methodist Church and President of the NAE, Mannoia brings his understanding of the church at a congregational, organizational, denominational, and national level to Azusa Pacific University. Having grown up in Brazil and invested much of his ministry overseas, Dr. Mannoia lives as a world Christian, while being active in his local community as an active member of local and county school districts. He has served as a guest faculty member at Holy Light Theological Seminary in Kissing, Taiwan; the Asian Theological Association; and the Asian Graduate School of Theology in Bangalore, India. He served as a Trustee for Roberts Wesleyan College, Northeastern Seminary in Rochester, N.Y., and Seattle Pacific University. He regularly serves as resource person and speaker to pastors' conferences, churches, and retreats. Dr. Mannoia's books include, *Church Planting: The Next Generation*; *Century 21 Church Planting Manual*; and *The Integrity Factor: A Journey in Leadership Formation*.



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National Workshop on Christian Unity

Seminar Topics — Mornings: Tuesday (T), Wednesday (W) & Thursday (Th) unless otherwise noted below.

1 ARCIC Document on Mary · Level Three (T) (W) In 2004 the Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission (ARCIC) concluded an investigation of Mary in the Church's faith. An earlier agreed statement had identified the Anglican difficulty with the Roman Catholic dogmas of the Immaculate Conception and the Assumption. The new statement, published in 2005, does not focus simply on these dogmas, but attempts a more comprehensive retrieval – a joint “re-reception” – of doctrine and devotion concerning Mary. As a result, ARCIC has been able to set out points of agreement on “the place of Mary in the economy of hope and grace”. **Presenters: Sr. Sara Butler, M.S.B.T & Dr. E. Rozanne Elder**

2 Christian Churches Together in the USA · Level Two (W) (Th) Dr. Granberg-Michaelson has been involved in each step of the process that is creating Christian Churches Together in the U.S.A. This seminar offers an introduction to the origin and history of CCT, an overview of the meaning, mission and organization of CCT-in-the-making, and reflections on the path ahead. **Presenter: The Rev. Wesley Granberg-Michaelson**

3 Latino Clergy/Leaders Forum · Level One (Th) Latinos are the largest ethnic minority in the USA. But, Ecumenism among Latinos is minimal. The Forum will bring together Latino leaders from various communions to discuss ways of overcoming the obstacles to ecumenical work in the community and ways of furthering the unity of the church. **Presenters: The Rev. Cesar Buitrago, The Rev. Sylvestre Romero, & The Rev. José Rubio**

4 The Ecumenical Dialogues in Perspective · Level Three (T) (Th) A review of some of the more recent dialogue results and their implications. A discussion of the reception of ecumenical agreement and approaches to using the dialogues in pastoral ministry and local educational contexts. **Presenter: Br. Jeffrey Gros, FSC**

5 Human Sexuality and Ecclesiology · Level Two (W) (Th)

What models and methodologies? What basic assumptions? What were the goals? What were the values carried through? What worked? What didn't? The seminar will focus on the Presbyterian Church USA and the United Methodist Church as case studies.. **Presenters: Elder Scott Anderson & the Rev. Betty Gamble**

Level One · Recommended for first time participants
Level Two · Assumes a moderate level of ecumenical understanding
Level Three · Advanced level seminar

6 Interreligious Dialogue · A Pastoral Perspective · Level Two (Th) A panel of leaders from several different faith traditions, who have been in dialogue and cooperative action with one another in the local setting for several years, will discuss their experiences and learnings. They will address such questions as, “*Why is interreligious dialogue important? What do we hope to achieve through the dialogue? What problems do we encounter? And what does it take to overcome those problems?*” They will explore, frankly, the significance of different basic religious beliefs in establishing a relationship and communicating. **Presenters: Rabbi Dana Magat, The Rev. Gerald Sakamoto (Buddhist), Maha El Ganaidi (Muslim), The Rev. Jon Pedigo, The Rev. Andrew Kille & The Rev. R. Richard Roe (Moderator)**

7 Lutheran/RC Document: *Communio Sanctorum* · Level Three (T) (W) “The Church as Koinonia of Salvation: Its Structures and Ministries” is the recent product of round X of the US Lutheran-Roman Catholic dialogue. Round XI is now underway. What are the results of this recent dialogue on the way to full communion? What is the significance of recent parallel international conversations and the leadership of Pope Benedict XVI on this journey toward convergence and consensus? **Presenter: Dr. Michael Root**

8 Life Issues & Science-Religion · Level One (T) (Th) A discussion of the relationship of life issues such as ethics, end of life and abortion, and science-religion issues such as geneticism and stem-cell research. **Presenters Dr. Ted Peters & Dr. Marty Hewlett**

9 The Church Global and Local : Unity in Church and Mission · Level Two (W) (Th) A new text, *Through Divine Love: The Church in Each Place and All Places*, has been prepared by the United Methodist-Roman Catholic USA dialogue. It deals with the Church as a communion (koinonia), its structures and its expression in baptism, holy communion/eucharist and mission. This seminar will be a review of the texts and its conclusions, with a response from an Anglican perspective.. **Presenters: Dr. Dennis Doyle, Dr. Karen Scheib & Dr. Thomas Ferguson**

10 Ecumenical Reception and the Grassroots Church · Level Two (T) (Th) This seminar will explore strategies for implementing ecumenical agreements and texts in the local church. One of the greatest challenges in the Church is how to “receive” agreements into the Church's life so that real visible unity is increased. The work of state councils as well as local parish and educational, ecumenical formation will be discussed. **Presenters: Rev. C. Dana Krutz & Dr. Richard Linneberger**

11 Seminarian Essay Contest · Level One (T) NWCU 2006 marks the second year of a Seminary Essay Contest. This year's workshop brings together three essay winners –

Lutheran, Episcopal, and Roman Catholic – from seminaries throughout the country. These students will speak about unity and fellowship in the life of the church through an assessment of dynamic ecumenical documents. The seminar shall address the question: what constructive thought will seminary students give to church leaders about the present and future needs of Christian fellowship and unity in the country and in the world? Specific examples and contemporary challenges that enhance and hinder the search for Christian unity will be considered. **Introducer: Dr. Michael Trice**

12 WCC Porto Alegre Assembly · Level Two (T) (W) This workshop will review the major issues coming out of the 9th Assembly and implications for U.S. churches and Christians. Rev. Winbush is an Assoc. Stated Clerk and Director of the Dept. of Ecumenical and Agency Relations of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and a delegate at the Assembly. She is the immediate past moderator of the WCC's Justice, Peace, Creation Commission. **Presenter: The Rev. Robina Marie Winbush**

13 Ecumenism 101 · Receive One Another – Hospitality in Ecumenical Perspective · Level One (T) At weddings, baptisms, funerals Christians find themselves extending or receiving hospitality from another church tradition. Ecumenical hospitality among Christians can expand appreciation for ways we are called to love each other, receive the ideas of the other and stretch our understanding of the abundant nature of God's love. Drawing on a recent RISK publication of the WCC, this workshop will explore some practical applications and provide a seedbed for growth in the ecumenical movement. **Presenters: The Rev. Dr. Diane Kessler, The Rev. Lydia Veliko & The Rev. Dr. Edward O'Flaherty, SJ**

14 Ecumenism 201 · National International (Wednesday only) · Level Two (W) This seminar will provide an overview of current national and international ecumenical dialogues and activities and will explore current issues in ecumenical relations, geared toward the beginner and with an aim to help the newcomer to the NWCU engage topics presented in more depth in other NWCU settings. While the objective of this seminar is to provide basic ecumenical information, it is assumed that all participants have ecumenical experience and insight to share and active participation will be encouraged. **Presenter: The Rev. Lydia Veliko**

15 Presbyterian Jewish Dialogue re: Divestment · Level One (W) When issues arise that threaten to destroy Interfaith Relationships it is important to open channels for honest dialogue. Northern California Jewish & Presbyterian leaders will share important learnings from one and one half years of dialogue arising from the Presbyterian Church's decision to explore phased, targeted divestment from certain firms doing business in the Middle East, whose products are seen as contributing to the suffering of Palestinian or Israeli civilians. **Presenters: Rabbi Melanie Aaron, The Rev. Ben Daniel, & Dr. Bart Charlow.**

Outline of Events - May 8-11, 2006

Monday, May 8

7:15-8:15 EDEIO Eucharist (all welcome)
8:30-4:00 NWCUCU & Network Registration
 8:30-10:00 EDEIO Executive Committee Breakfast meeting (* ticket required)
 9:00-9:30 NADEO Exec. Board Continental Breakfast
 9:00-11:00 NEOA Board Meeting
 9:30-3:00 NADEO Exec. Board Meeting
 10:30-11:30 EDEIO Newcomers Orientation
 11:45-12:45 EDEIO Newcomers' Luncheon (invitation only)
 1:00-2:45 LERN Executive Committee meeting
 1:00-2:15 EDEIO Business Plenary #1
 2:00-3:00 NADEO Orientation
 3:00-5:30 LERN Plenary
 3:00-4:00 ECCO Network Orientation
 2:30-4:45 EDEIO Provincial meetings
4:00-4:45 NWCUCU Newcomers' Orientation
 5:00-6:45 EDEIO Banquet (* ticket required)
 Speaker:
 5:00-6:00 NADEO Regional meetings
 5:00-6:30 NCCC Reception (all welcome)
7:00-9:00 NWCUCU Opening Worship & Reception at the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Joseph: The Rev. Dr. George Cummings, Preacher (a block north of hotel) Note: An offering will be taken for Louisiana Interchurch Conference for their Hurricane Katrina Recovery Efforts

Tuesday, May 9

8:15-8:30 MWCUCU Morning Prayer
8:30-4:00 NWCUCU & Network Registration
8:45-10:15 Opening Plenary and Keynote Address: the Rev. Dr. Richard Mouw
10:30-11:45 NWCUCU Morning Seminars
 12:00-1:45 ECCO-EDEIO-LERN Luncheon (* ticket required) Speaker: Panel on Evolving Nature of Lutheran/Reformed Full Communion
 12:00-1:45 NADEO Luncheon, Speaker: The Rev. Thomas Rausch "Ecumenism & the Hispanic Community."
 2:00-3:30 ECCO-EDEIO-LERN Seminar: Dr. Philip Wickery: "Ecumenism and Mission: An Old Idea Reconsidered."
 3:00-4:15 NADEO Seminars
 3:45-5:00 EDEIO Seminars
 4:30-5:45 NADEO Seminars
 6:00-8:00 EDEIO-LERN Eucharist & Informal Reception: All Welcome Trinity Episcopal Cathedral (81 North Second Street)

Wednesday, May 10

8:15-8:30 Morning Prayer
8:45-10:15 NWCUCU Plenary Bible Study: Sr. Dr. Dianne Bergant, CSA, Leader
10:30-11:45 NWCUCU Morning Seminars
 12:00-1:45 LARC Luncheon, Speaker: Archbishop John Quinn (* ticket required)
 12:30-1:45 ECCO Luncheon, Trinity Episcopal Cathedral (* ticket required) 81 N. 2nd. St.
 2:00-5:00 ECCO Network meetings · Trinity Episcopal

2:00-3:15 Cathedral (* ticket required) 81 N. 2nd. St.
 EDEIO Seminars (repeated)
 3:00-5:00 NADEO General Assembly
 2:30-5:00 LERN Plenary
 3:30-4:45 EDEIO Business Plenary #2
 5:00-6:15 NADEO Eucharist, St. Joseph's Basilica Cathedral
 5:30-6:30 CUIC Worship Service
 7:00-9:30 NWCUCU Local Social Event

Thursday, May 11

8:15-9:15 NWCUCU Plenary Bible Study: Sr. Dr. Dianne Bergant, CSA, Leader
9:30-10:45 NWCUCU Morning seminars
11:00-11:45 NWCUCU Closing Address, The Rev. Dr. Kevin Mannoia
11:45-1:00 NWCUCU Closing Luncheon (ticket required) + + +**

Post Workshop Events

1:00-2:15 NPC Meeting for Review and Transfer of Chairs
 EDEIO Executive Committee 2007 Planning Meeting
 2:30-5:00 LERN Executive Committee 2007 Planning Meeting
 2:30-5:00 NADEO Executive Board 2007 Planning Meeting
 2:30-5:00 ECCO Executive Committee
 6:00-9:00 ECCO-EDEIO-LERN-NADEO Annual Evening Prayer and Network Executive Boards Dinner (* invitation only)

Friday, May 12

9:00-6:00 **National Planning Committee Meeting**

Registration National Workshop on Christian Unity

Register on-line at www.nwcu.org or by mail using the form below (copies accepted)

Please Print:

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
 Phone _____
 Denomination/Communion _____
 Institution _____
 Position _____
 Name for name badge _____

Make check payable to & mail to:
NWCUCU 2006 · 1550 Meridian Avenue
 San Jose, CA 95125

Note: Your name, address and phone number will be listed in the NWCUCU registrants list unless you check this box
Hotel Registration is separate—Registrants must make their own hotel, roommate, and travel arrangements FOR HOTEL REGISTRATIONS, Phone: (800) 441-1414 or 408 998-1900 — NWCUCU Rate: \$120 per night

Please Check all appropriate boxes:

- Full Registration: \$125 by Feb. 28, \$150 thereafter
 One day attendance \$50 Circle One Tues Wed Thurs Fri.
 Student \$15 (full registration)
 Registration for Social Event \$45
 Morning Seminar choices (circle three)
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 I wish to receive Continuing Education Credit
 Full First time at NWCUCU?
 I plan to attend the closing luncheon on Thurs.
 Special needs Dietary Handicapped Access
 Other (Please note) _____

Notes:

*ticket required—Any luncheon so indicated is 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, is included as part of the NWCUCU registration fee.

NWCUCU Fee Structure

Regular Registration: by February 28, 2006 \$125
March 1, 2006 after \$150

Partial refunds of 50% granted through April 1, 2006. No refunds after April 1, 2006

Network Fee Structure: Separate fees for ECCO, EDEIO, LERN & NADEO Network luncheons, are handled by the individual network concerned. Registration for Network programs DOES NOT include participation in any of the NWCUCU programs.

NWCUCU Registrations must be paid separately.