



Witnesses of These Things: Ecumenical Engagement in a New Era

2010 Centennial Ecumenical Gathering
and
General Assembly of the
National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA
and Church World Service

Draft Daily Schedule

(Updated October 26, 2010)

Sunday, November 7

noon – 11pm
8 – 9:30 pm

New Fire: Young Adult Ecumenical Days

Open to all through pre-registration

Off Site:
La Quinta Hotel

Young Adult Stewards Orientation

Natchez

Monday, November 8

7 am – 4:30 pm
8 – 10 am

Restoring New Orleans Work Day

Open to all registrants and the public through pre-registration

Work project with Project Homecoming—a rebuilding effort of the Presbytery of South Louisiana in partnership with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Off Site

New Fire: Young Adult Ecumenical Days

Off Site:
La Quinta Hotel

10 – 11 am	Constitution & Standing Rules Committee	Mississippi Queen
2 – 4 pm	Nominations Committee	Cotton Blossom
4 – 5:30 pm	Committee on Collaboration	Mississippi Queen
6 – 9 pm	NCC Executive Committee & New Fire Dinner	Julia
9 - 10 pm	Centennial Gathering Planning Committee	Cotton Blossom

Tuesday, November 9

7 am – 10 pm	Office Open	Magnolia
7 am – 6 pm	Onsite Registration Open	outside Magnolia
7:30 – 8 am	NCC Governing Board Breakfast	River Bend 2
8 – 10 am	NCC Governing Board Meeting	River Bend 2
8 – 10 am	<i>New Fire: Young Adult Ecumenical Days</i>	Off Site: La Quinta Hotel
8 am – 6 pm	Exhibits Open	Prefunction Area
	Notre Dame Seminary Bookstore Open	Blaine Kern A-B
	SERRV Shop Open	Blaine Kern A-B

10:30 am – noon

Opening Plenary

Blaine Kern C-F

Welcome and Orientation

The Rev. Dr. Michael Kinnamon

National Council of Churches
General Secretary, National Council of Churches

The Rev. John McCullough

Church World Service
Executive Director & CEO, Church World Service

Greetings from:

American Bible Society
Canadian Council of Churches
Christian Churches Together in the USA
Church Women United
Churches Uniting in Christ
Cuban Council of Churches
Graymoor Ecumenical and Interreligious Institute
Latin American Council of Churches
National Association of Ecumenical & Interreligious Staff
National Ecumenical Officers Association
National Religious Partnership for the Environment
State Ecumenical Executives
U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops
World Council of Churches
World Day of Prayer
World Student Christian Federation

12:15 – 1:45 pm

Interfaith Luncheon

Blaine Kern C-F

Speakers:

Dr. Diana L. Eck, Moderator

United Methodist Church
Chair, NCC Interfaith Relations Commission
Professor of Comparative Religion and Indian Studies and
Director of the Pluralism Project, Harvard University

Rabbi Steve Gutow

Jewish Council for Public Affairs
President, Jewish Council for Public Affairs

Dr. Sayyid M. Syeed

Islamic Society of North America
National Director, The Office of Interfaith and Community Alliances
of the Islamic Society of North America

2 – 3:30 pm

Afternoon Plenary

Blaine Kern C-F

Speaker:

The Rev. Dr. John M. Buchanan

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Editor and Publisher, *The Christian Century*
Pastor, The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago

Responses from:

The Most Rev. Dr. Katharine Jefferts Schori

The Episcopal Church (USA)
Presiding Bishop, The Episcopal Church (USA)

His Eminence Metropolitan Mor Cyril Aphrem Karim

Syrian Orthodox Church of Antioch
Metropolitan and Patriarchal Vicar of the Archdiocese of
the Syrian Orthodox Church for the Eastern United States

Rev. Dr. Walter L. Parrish III

Progressive National Baptist Convention
General Secretary, Progressive National Baptist Convention

3:30 – 4 pm

4 – 5:30 pm

6 – 7:30 pm

Break

Corinthian Café Conversations, Pt. 1

Launching Ecumenical Engagement in a New Era

Blaine Kern C-F

Communal Meals

Community in Families of Communions
Member Communion Caucus Opportunity

Guests from other communions will be hosted by NCC/CWS Member Communions and will have the opportunity to select which group to join.

Baptist Churches and Friends

Alliance of Baptists
 American Baptist Churches USA
 National Baptist Convention of America
 National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.
 National Missionary Baptist Convention of America
 Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc.

Tchoupitoulas

Episcopalian, Lutheran & Polish National Catholic Churches and Friends

The Episcopal Church (USA)
 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
 Polish National Catholic Church of America

River Bend 2

Disciples, ICCC & UCC Churches and Friends

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
 International Council of Community Churches
 United Church of Christ

New Leveé

Methodist Churches and Friends

African Methodist Episcopal Church
 The African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church
 The Christian Methodist Episcopal Church
 The United Methodist Church

Ballroom F

Orthodox Churches and Friends

Diocese of the Armenian Church in America
 Coptic Orthodox Church in America
 Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America
 Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church
 Mar Thoma Church
 Orthodox Church in America
 Patriarchal Parishes of the Russian Orthodox Church in the USA
 Serbian Orthodox Church in North and South America
 Syrian Orthodox Church of Antioch
 Ukrainian Orthodox Church of America

Julia

Peace Churches and Friends

Apostolic Catholic Church
 Church of the Brethren
 Friends United Meeting
 The Moravian Church in North America
 Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends
 The Swedenborgian Church of North America

Fulton

Reformed Churches and Friends

Hungarian Reformed Church in America
 Korean Presbyterian Church Abroad
 Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
 Reformed Church in America

Riverbend 1

Roman Catholics and NCC/CWS Hosts

Delta Queen

7:30 – 8 pm
8 – 9:30 pm
10 – 11 pm

Travel to Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis
Transportation will be provided

Opening Service

Open to the public at no charge

Preaching:

His Excellency, The Most Rev. Gregory Michael Aymond
The Catholic Church
Archbishop of the Archdiocese of New Orleans

Off Site:
Cathedral
Basilica of
St. Louis

Committee on Reference

Creole Queen

Centennial Gathering Planning Committee

Cotton Blossom

Wednesday, November 10

7:15 – 8:30 am
7:30 – 8:30 am
8 am – 6 pm

Special Breakfast Event:

Open to all registrants – RSVP required

**African American Climate Initiative:
Overcoming the Burden**

Discussion on this NCC Eco-Justice Program Initiative

RSVP to tedgar@ncecojustice.org by Nov. 7 - No additional fee

Tchoupitoulas

Continental Breakfast

Member Communion Caucus Opportunity

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Registration Table Open

outside Magnolia

Exhibits Open

Prefunction Area

Notre Dame Seminary Bookstore Open

Blaine Kern A-B

SERRV Shop Open

Blaine Kern A-B

Office Open

Magnolia

8:30 – 9:30 am

Gathering Prayer and Bible Study

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Bible Study led by:

His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of America

Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America

Primate of the Greek Orthodox Church in America

Exarch of the Ecumenical Patriarchate

President of the Holy Eparchial Synod

Chairman, The Episcopal Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Hierarchs of North and Central America

10 am – noon

Corinthian Café Conversations, Pt. 2

Engaging the issues while engaging each other

Christian Understanding of Unity in an Age of Radical Diversity

Bridge Room

Christian Understanding of Mission in an Age of Interfaith Relations

Julia

Christian Understanding of Creation in an Age of Environmental Crisis

New Leveé

Christian Understanding of War in an Age of Terror(ism)

Fulton

Christian Understanding of the Economy in an Age of Growing Inequality

Tchoupitoulas

12:15 – 1:45 pm

Lunch

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12:15 – 1:45 pm

Special Event:

River Bend

Claire Randall Women’s Leadership Lunch

Open to all registrants and the public through pre-registration

Speaker:

Dr. Elizabeth Ferris

The Religious Society of Friends

Senior Fellow in Foreign Policy at The Brookings Institution,

Co-Director of The Brookings Institution-University of Bern Project on Internal Displacement,

Former Director of the CWS Immigration and Refugee Program

Former WCC Programme Executive for International Relations

“When Disaster Strikes: Women’s Particular Vulnerabilities and Amazing Strengths”

Honoree:

Ellenor Simmons

Director, Crescent Alliance Recovery Effort

Long Term Recovery Initiative

United Way for the Greater New Orleans Area

2 – 3:30 pm
3:30 – 4 pm
4 – 5:30 pm
2 – 4 pm
2 – 5:30 pm
6 – 6:30 pm
6:30 – 8 pm

General Assembly Business Session

Blaine Kern C-F

All registrants are welcome to attend

Co-Moderators:

The Rev. Peg Chamberlin

*President, National Council of Churches
Executive Director, Minnesota Council of Churches*

The Rt. Rev. Johncy Itty

Chair, Church World Service Board of Directors

Break

General Assembly Business Session

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Alternative Event for Non-Delegates:

Open to the public at no charge

Have You Heard from Johannesburg

Julia

***Screening of an Award Winning Documentary
on the Global Anti-Apartheid Movement***

Alternative Event for Non-Delegates:

Justice for Women Working Group

Mississippi
Queen

Reception

Prefunction Area

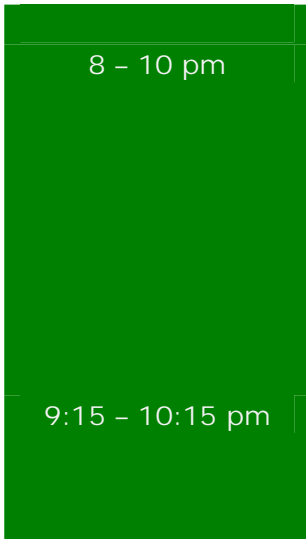
Awards Banquet

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Speaker:

The Very Reverend, The Honourable Dr. Lois M. Wilson

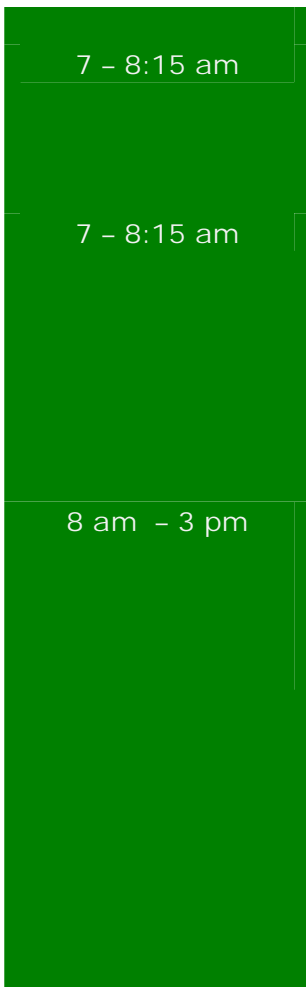
*The United Church of Canada
Ecumenist in Residence, Emmanuel College-Toronto School of Theology
Former President, The World Council of Churches
Former President, The Canadian Council of Churches
Former Moderator, The United Church of Canada
Former Member, The Senate of Canada*



An Evening of New Orleans Culture Blaine Kern C-F
The story of New Orleans told in a humorous and engaging manner by anecdotal historian and Episcopal priest, The Rev. William C. Morris Jr.
...followed by an evening of jazz with the women and men of 'Some Like it Hot,' a popular Dixieland New Orleans jazz band - <http://www.somelikeithotband.com/>

9:15 - 10:15 pm Centennial Gathering Planning Committee Cotton Blossom

Thursday, November 11



Continental Breakfast Blaine Kern C-F

Special Event: Fulton
Racial/Ethnic Caucus Breakfast
*Open to all registrants through pre-registration
A time for sharing and community building*

Registration Table Open outside Magnolia
Exhibits Open Prefunction Area
Notre Dame Seminary Bookstore Open Blaine Kern A-B
SERRV Shop Open Blaine Kern A-B
Office Open Magnolia

8:30 – 9:45 am

Morning Plenary

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Speaker:

The Rev. Dr. Olav Fykse Tveit

General Secretary, World Council of Churches

Responses from:

The Most Rev. Richard J. Sklba

The Catholic Church

Vicar General/Auxiliary Bishop of Milwaukee

Co-Chair, Lutheran-Catholic Dialogue

Former Chair, USCCB Committee for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs

The Rev. Dr. Ofelia Ortega Suárez

Presbyterian-Reformed Church in Cuba

President, World Council of Churches for the Caribbean and Latin American Region

10 am - noon

Corinthian Café Conversations, Pt. 3

Blaine Kern C-F

Deepening the conversations and reaping the harvest

10am - noon

Alternative Event:

Open to the public at no charge

Have You Heard from Johannesburg

Julia

Screening of an Award Winning Documentary on the Global Anti-Apartheid Movement

12:15 – 1:45 pm

Lunch

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Hosted by Young Adults from the New Fire Network

12:15 – 1:45 pm

Special Event:

Local and Regional Ecumenism Lunch

River Bend

The Local and Regional Ecumenism Consultation begins with a time of community and orientation

Open to registrants of the consultation

Closing Plenary

The Future of Ecumenism

This culminating futuring session will include brief panel presentations from noted ecumenical leaders and Corinthian Café conversations about the future of the ecumenical movement, engaging all in a participatory visioning process

Moderator:

The Rev. John McCullough

Executive Director & CEO, Church World Service

Panelists:

Mr. Scott Anderson

Wisconsin Council of Churches

*Executive Director, Wisconsin Council of Churches
President, National Association of Ecumenical and Interreligious Staff
Chair, PC(USA) General Assembly Committee on Ecumenical and
Interreligious Relations
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*

Dr. Glory Dharmaraj

The United Methodist Church

*Director of Spiritual Formation and Mission Theology
United Methodist Women's Division of the General Board of Global Ministries*

Dr. Elizabeth Ferris

The Religious Society of Friends

*Senior Fellow in Foreign Policy at The Brookings Institution
Co-Director of The Brookings Institution-University of Bern Project
on Internal Displacement
Former Director of the CWS Immigration and Refugee Program*

The Rev. Dr. Karen Hamilton

Canadian Council of Churches

*General Secretary, Canadian Council of Churches
Co-President, The World Conference of Religions for Peace
United Church of Canada*

The Rev. Jennifer Leath

African Methodist Episcopal Church

*Doctoral Student in Ethics, Yale University
Co-Moderator, Joint Consultative Group - WCC and Pentecostal Churches
Member, ECHOS WCC Youth Commission*

Ms. Kathryn Lohre

National Council of Churches

*President-Elect, National Council of Churches
Member, WCC Central Committee
Assistant Director, The Pluralism Project at Harvard University
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*

The Rev. Dr. Tony Richie

The Church of God (Cleveland, Tennessee)

*Ordained Bishop,
Senior Pastor, New Harvest Church of God - Knoxville, Tennessee
Chair, Ecumenical Studies Interest Group - Society for Pentecostal Studies
SPS Liaison to the NCC Interfaith Relations Commission
Participant, WCC Interreligious Relations Dialogue
Participant, Pontifical Council on Interreligious Dialogue*

The Rt. Rev. Bishop Maxim

The Serbian Orthodox Church in North and South America

*Bishop of the Western America Diocese of the Serbian Orthodox Church
in North and South America
Professor of Patrology, St. Sava School of Theology
Editor, *Theology*, Journal of the Faculty of Orthodox Theology, University
of Belgrade*

5 – 5:30 pm
5:30 – 6:30 pm
6:30 – 8 pm
8 – 9 pm

Break

Travel to Holy Trinity Cathedral
Transportation will be provided

Closing Banquet
Hosted by the Holy Trinity Cathedral Parish
Open to the public through pre-registration

Off Site:
 Holy Trinity
 Greek Orthodox
 Cathedral

Closing Service
Open to the public at no charge
Preaching:
Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie
African Methodist Episcopal Church
 Presiding Prelate of the 13th Episcopal District
 including Tennessee and Kentucky
 The First Female Bishop in the African Methodist Episcopal Church
 Former President of the AME Council of Bishops

Off Site:
 Holy Trinity
 Greek Orthodox
 Cathedral

Friday, November 12

7:30 – 8:30 am
7:45 am – 3:30 pm
9 am – 4 pm
4 – 9 pm

Ecumenical Trust Board of Directors

Fleur de Lis

Local & Regional Ecumenism Consultation
***“The Promise of Ecumenical Community:
 Visioning Our Future”***
Open to all through pre-registration

Blaine Kern C-D

Hosted by:
The State Ecumenical Executives
The National Association of Ecumenical and Interreligious Staff
 and the *National Council of Churches*

***Annual Meeting of the U.S. Conference
 for the World Council of Churches***
Business meeting for members of the Conference

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***National Association of Ecumenical and
 Interreligious Staff Board Meeting***

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