

The theme of our Annual Meeting is: Making Peace: Claiming God's Promise – Towards the International Ecumenical Peace Convocation," based on Jeremiah 6:14. Our meeting has been strategically located in our nation's capital, Washington, DC, to provide an opportunity for WCC member churches in the US to deliver a message from the churches which outlines our hopes for the new administration to lead our nation forward. In this context, heads of US member churches will share their concerns and hopes in a special plenary session which will highlight our theme.

In addition, a "Living Letters" delegation representing member churches from other regions of the world will be with us to respond to the message of the US Churches and bring their own letters of hope to the newly elected President of the United States.

(Representatives from member churches in the South Pacific, Middle East, Asia, Africa, Latin America, Europe, and Canada are being invited).

Because we know that peace is not attainable without justice, other plenary sessions will focus on such issues as:

- Climate Change and Eco-Justice
- Racial Justice and Reconciliation
- The Middle East: Response to the Amman Call



Confirmed Speaker List

Dr. Larry Rasmussen
Distinguished Author
 Speaking on Theological and Ethical Issues of Climate Change

Dr. Rodney Sadler
Associate Professor of Bible
 Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education
 Leading Bible Study

Rev. Dr. Michael Kinnamon
General Secretary
 National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA

Participating in the Message to the New Administration Plenary

Elizabeth Ferris
Co-Director
 Brookings-Bern Project on Internal Displacement
 Speaking on climate change related migration

Michel Nsier
WCC Representative for the Middle East
 Speaking on the Amman Call

Rev. Eric Fistler
US National Coordinator
 Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel

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Making Peace: Claiming God's Promise

Towards the International Ecumenical Peace Convocation



Annual Meeting
United States Conference
 for the

World Council of Churches

Omni Shoreham Hotel
 Washington, DC 2-4 December 2008



The US Conference Board meets with Canadian church leaders 1-2 April, 2008 in Toronto, Canada.

Tuesday, December 2

- 8:00am: Breakfast (on your own)
- 8:30am: **Opening Prayer**
- 9:00am: **Welcome and Overview**
Rev. Dr. Powell Jackson
Moderator,
US Conference of the WCC
WCC North American President
- 9:45am: **Bible Study**
Dr. Rodney Sadler
- 10:45am: Break with Refreshments
- 11:00am: **Glory to God and Peace on Earth -**
Towards the International
Ecumenical Peace Convocation
- 12:30pm: Lunch (on your own)
- 2:00pm: **Amman Call: Challenge and Next Steps for US Churches**
- 3:30pm: Break with Refreshments
- 4:00pm: Standing Committee Meetings
and Reception
- 5:30pm: Break
- 6:00pm: Dinner and International
Ecumenical Accompaniment
Program in Palestine and Israel
- 7:30pm: **Faith Connects Us**
Young Adult Presentation
- 9:00pm: Film: *Pray the Devil Back to Hell*
Christian and Muslim women fight
to be peace to Liberia

Wednesday, December 3

- 8:00am: Formal Breakfast Buffet
- 8:30am: **Global Voices**
Hopes for Peace and Call to Action
- 10:00am: Break with Refreshments
- 10:15am: **Message from US Church Leaders to the New President**
- 11:45am: Response and Discussion
- 12:30pm: Lunch (on your own)
- 2:00pm: **Bible Study**
Dr. Rodney Sadler
- 3:30pm: Break with Refreshments
- 4:00pm: **Racial Justice and Reconciliation**
- 5:30pm: Break
- 6:00pm: National City Christian Church
Via Charter Bus
- 7:00pm: Service of Common Prayer
With Ecumenical Leaders and
Friends of the WCC.
- 8:00pm: Dinner and "Blessed are the Peacemakers" Awards

Available at www.wcc-usa.org:
Features on speakers and topics
Washington, DC travel information
Guide to Restaurants around Hotel

Thursday, December 4

- 7:30am: Breakfast (on your own)
- 8:00am: US Conference Business
Meeting
- 8:30am: **Climate Change**
- 10:30am: Break with Refreshments
- 10:45am: Closing Remarks
Rev. Dr. Powell Jackson
- 11:00am: Closing Prayer
- 11:30am: Departures
- 12:00pm: Meeting of the Board of the US
Conference for the WCC
- Lunch Provided
- 5:00pm: Board Meeting Concludes

Register Today!

Registration Form Online at:

www.wcc-usa.org

Hotel Group Rate Registration Deadline:

November 7th, 2008

The Omni Shoreham Hotel

Washington, DC

202-234-0700

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