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2006 Theology & Ministry Forum
Community of Christ Seminary
Graceland University
1401 W. Truman Road
Independence, MO 64050

Program

Friday, February 10, 2006

6:00 p.m. Registration, Independence Campus Atrium
1st floor

7:30 p.m. Plenary Session, Carmichael Auditorium
Welcome and Introductions:
Dean Don H. Compier, Community
of Christ Seminary
Address and Dialogue: Stephen Veazey
President, Community of Christ

9:00 p.m. Reception, The Atrium

Saturday, February 11, 2006

8:50 a.m. Welcome and Opening Prayer

9:00 a.m. Plenary Session, Carmichael Auditorium
William D. Tammeus, Kansas City Star

10:30 a.m. Morning Break

11:00 a.m. Plenary Session, Carmichael Auditorium
Dr. Mary Ann Zimmer,
Theologian and Notre Dame sister

12:00 p.m. Lunch provided

1:30 p.m. Concurrent Session I

2:30 p.m. Concurrent Session II

3:30 p.m. Break

4:00 p.m. Concurrent Session III

5:00 p.m. Dinner Break

7:00 p.m. Interfaith Panel

8:45 p.m. Closing Devotion

9:15 p.m. Reception, The Atrium

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Theology & Ministry Forum
February 10–11, 2006



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Speakers

Theology & Ministry Forum

The opening address on Friday evening will be given by Stephen Veazey, President, Community of Christ. On Saturday morning, award winning journalist William Tammus, columnist for the Kansas City Star, will draw on his extensive experience in the keynote address. The other plenary speaker is Dr. Mary Ann Zimmer, theologian and Notre Dame sister. She will reflect on her involvement in public housing in Omaha, Nebraska. Saturday afternoon concurrent sessions will provide opportunities to hear from persons involved in many types of public service and scholarly reflection on relevant issues. The conference will conclude Saturday evening with an interfaith panel and a worship service.



Stephen Veazey, of Independence, Missouri, is president of the Community of Christ. Prior to his ordination to that office on June 3, 2005, he served as a member of the Council of Twelve Apostles, the leading missionary quorum of Community of Christ. Veazey is the eighth president of the church and the second who is not a direct descendent of the church founder Joseph Smith, Jr.

A full-time minister since 1982, he was ordained as a president of seventy at the 1988 World Conference and as an apostle at the 1992 World Conference. In April 2002, Steve was set apart as president of the Council of Twelve and was the director of Field Ministries. He was also responsible for Church Planting Ministries and Young Adult and Campus Ministries.

His previous assignments include missionary and administrative work in the Southern USA Mission Field, which includes the Florida, Gulf States, Mid South and Southeast Regions; the Africa/East Central Field, which includes the Africa and East Central States regions and the St. Louis Stake; the Ontario, South Central and East Central States regions; apostle for Spectacular; division of Program Services, Outreach Ministries commissioner; the North Central Region; Advanced Leadership Studies

at the church's headquarters; and African American Ministries.

Prior to 1983, Steve was an executive minister to the Fremont, California, congregation and was in charge of a missionary development project funded by the World Church for the San Francisco Bay Stake.

Mr. Veazey attended Henry County High School in Tennessee, and earned a bachelor of science degree from the University of Tennessee. He received a master of arts in religion from Park College in 1985.

His additional service to the church has been in various roles, including an assignment as a young adult two-year contractual minister to the Pacific Northwest Region, Portland, Metropole; director of youth camps and seminars; field associate for a young adult campus ministries office; presiding elder; and counselor to the pastor in Paris, Tennessee.

Mr. Veazey is married to Cathleen Henson Cackler Veazey. They have three children.



William D. Tammus is one of today's most distinguished journalists of religion. He has won numerous awards, including the 1982 Pulitzer Prize for local reporting staff; first place recognition by the National Society of Newspaper Columnists (1991); Best Columnist, humor, of the Missouri Press Association (1997, 2002); American Academy of Religion Award for Best In-Depth Reporting on Religion (2001); the David Steele Distinguished Writer Award, from the Presbyterian Writers Guild (2003); and most recently the 2005 Wilbur Award for column writing from the Religion Communicators Council. He has also served as a Fellow of the Knight Center for Specialized Journalism (2002-4). He is a graduate of the renowned journalism program of the University of Missouri, Columbia. Mr. Tammus has written for many publications, including *Time*, *Newsweek*, *the Washington Post*, *the New York Times*, *Rolling Stone* and *Reader's Digest*. He currently serves as the "Faith"

section columnist and religion-ethics reporter of the Kansas City Star. His columns were syndicated by the New York Times News Service from 1989 to 1999, and have been carried by Knight Ridder/Tribune Information Services since 2000. He is also the author of *A Gift of Meaning* (University of Missouri Press, 2001). He and his wife Marcia have six children and four grandchildren. He serves as an elder in the Presbyterian Church. He frequently lectures at institutions such as the University of Missouri, Westminster College and Southeast Missouri State University. His resume notes that he has been a "guilty bystander" since 1945! We are very pleased to feature William Tammus as the keynote speaker of the 2006 Theology and Ministry Forum.

Sr. Mary Ann Zimmer, ND, PhD. is a member of the Notre Dame Sister of Omaha, Nebraska. She was educated in the realities of Christian life in the world by her parents, school and parish and by the many people of faith with whom she has worked. She has her BA in Theology from Creighton University, her M.Div. from Weston Jesuit School of Theology in



Cambridge, MA and her Ph.D. in Theological Studies from Emory University. She also has a Certificate of Women's Studies from Emory. She has worked in Catholic High Schools, rural parish settings, in religious formation and administration for women religious, in parish adult education, in college and seminary teaching and in fundraising, development and management of affordable housing. She has been active in Nebraska in the effort to abolish the death penalty.