

The What

"We are the Change", a 3-year pilot project begun in 2006, is a collaborative effort of the Religious Formation Conference and the Washington Theological Union, Washington DC. Facilitators will assist small group process during the program.

The Why

- To provide religious, younger religious in particular, the opportunity for theological updating and learning from premier theologians in order to be better prepared for pastoral planning and ministry
- To provide a forum for younger religious to come together, learn together, support one another and network for future collaboration in mission
- To provide opportunities for members of immigrant communities in the United States and immigrants within mainstream USA communities to receive firm theological education within the context of the culture in which they will be serving
- To assist religious communities in the transformation of consciousness needed to live and serve in a multicultural world,

For Whom?

The program is open to women and men religious who have made first profession since 1965. We hope to provide a forum where younger religious can gather and experience themselves as being a corporate learning community. A maximum of thirty registrants per site will be accepted.

Summer Forum 2
July 13-20, 2007

**Right Relationships:
A Reflection on the
Vow of Chastity**



**“We must be
the change
we wish to see
in the world.”**
Mahatma Gandhi

What participants have said:

"The amount of input and the variety (from different perspectives) was a good balance. ...The processes are good....Looking at poverty from different perspectives was good. I was left with much food for thought and prayer ...There was a good mix of age groups present so that was good....It is a well-balanced, theologically sound and challenging program."

"I would say that this would definitely be a good way for someone like me, who has not had or taken the time to update herself, to receive a view of the vows as lived in today's world with the opportunity to reflect on how it fits into her own life."

"I have gained an expanded understanding of the vow of poverty that I know will change me experientially....An opportunity to discover, with other younger members of religious communities, an expanded consciousness of the vow of evangelical poverty that informs our time and place as religious in the 21st century...an opportunity to bring our personal experience into dialogue with social and communal reality and responsibility...a walk in solidarity."

"Just witnessing the Spirit at work in myself and in those I shared with was a gift. I look forward to continuing the use of both processes (Theological Reflection and Horizon Analysis) in order to 'be the change.'"

PRESENTERS FOR 2007

BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVES

James Scullion OFM holds a PhD in Scripture from the Catholic University of America and is currently Assistant Professor of Scripture and Academic Dean of the Washington Theological Union in Washington, DC. Fr. Jim has written articles on the teachings of Scripture and is a Contributing Writer for *The Word Among Us* and provides theological review for the magazine.

PSYCHO-SEXUAL PERSPECTIVE

Kathy Galleher Ph.D. is a licensed psychologist, therapist and educator. She was a staff psychologist at the St. Luke Institute in Silver Spring Maryland, where she worked with priests and religious suffering from a wide range of concerns including addictions, depression, sexual issues, and personality issues. She recently founded KMG Consultation, which is designed to support healthy ministry by providing quality education, training, and mental health services to training and formation programs, communities, and individuals in ministry.

Quinn R. Connors O.Carm., Ph.D. (Clinical Psychology) is a licensed clinical psychologist. He has served as Provincial and as director of novices, a staff member at Saint Luke Institute, high school principal, Prior and Director of Formation at Whitefriars Hall, Washington, D.C., and as a psychotherapist, spiritual director and part-time faculty member at Washington Theological Union. He has done extensive research and workshops nationally and internationally in the areas of psychology and spirituality, sexuality, vocational discernment, and issues in the first five years of ministry.

MISSION PERSPECTIVE

Simone Campbell SSS is a leader, a facilitator, a lawyer and a poet. She is currently the Executive Director of NETWORK, a national Catholic social justice lobby in Washington, D.C. Her past experience include positions of executive director of JERICHO, an inter-faith public policy and advocacy organization; founder and lead attorney of a community law center in California; and leadership of her international community.

Other Details

Participants reside on site. Exceptions are considered on an individual basis.

Deadline for applications is a postmark of May 1, 2007 and accepted applicants will be notified by May 15, 2007.

Costs for the 2007 session include room, board, tuition for program: \$1300 per person, for RFC members. (\$1900 for non-members)

A \$100 **deposit** submitted with the application will be applied to the full fee for accepted applicants. Deposits for applicants not accepted will be returned.

Although there is no need for a commitment to attend the three sessions of the cycle, preference will be given for Sessions 2 and 3 to those who attended prior sessions.

Registration:

Friday, July 13, 2007: 1– 3:30 pm

Opening:

Friday, July 13, 2007: 4 pm

Closing:

Friday, July 20, 2007: 1pm

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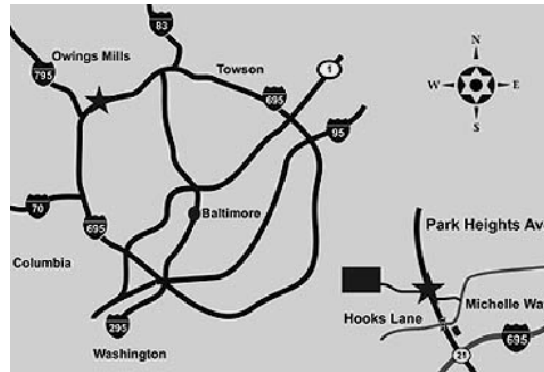
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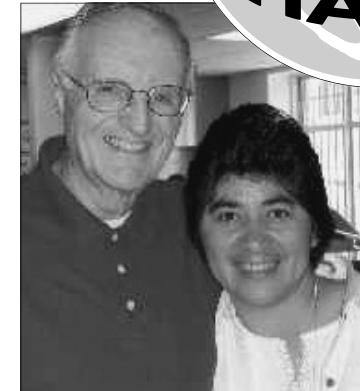


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