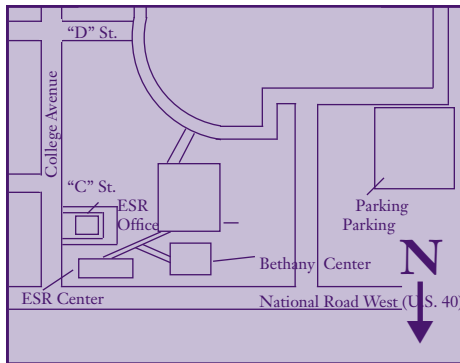


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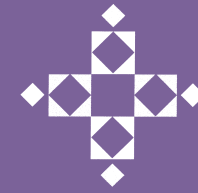
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Interfaith Dialogue and Evangelism: Does Either Exclude the Other?

The topic of evangelism is one that makes queasy all but the most zealous Christians. Exclusive versions of Christianity fervently hold to the necessity of evangelism, but many of its adherents find most aggressive methods uncomfortable. Inclusive versions of Christianity are uncomfortable with the idea that anyone should demand change of others. Representing one's faith with integrity can be a challenge.

One response to this challenge is to heed the call to evangelize all people, with the intention of subjugating all nations and people to the prevailing belief system of the Church. Another is to leave aside interests in evangelizing, believing that many paths lead to the wholeness. Perhaps a third way is to engage one another differently, learning to listen respectfully to differences without compromising the integrity of our beliefs. Such an approach leads us to consider the issues of interfaith dialogue alongside questions of sharing the Good News as we have encountered it.

As our world increasingly acknowledges the diversity of those who reside on this planet and share its resources, and the tendencies toward violence that can erupt from religiously committed individuals, this theme carries a sense of urgency. At the heart of the matter is the question of the Church's mission in the world today.



This year's lecturer:

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a member of the Circle of Concerned African Women Theologians. Her writings have been on women's issues, evangelism, HIV/AIDS, Christian-Muslim relations, and poverty in Africa, including such articles as "Domesticity: Foundation of Christian Mission in Africa?" and "Relationship and Challenge: Christians and Muslims in Kenya."

Schedule of Events

*The Quaker Testimony of Community:
Interfaith and Intrafaith*

MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2009

7:30 p.m. ESR Center
Lecture I: *The History and
Development of Interfaith
Dialogue and Evangelism*

TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2009

10:00 a.m. ESR Center
Lecture II: *The Content of Interfaith
Dialogue and Evangelism*

**11:20 a.m. Common Meal
ESR Dining Room**
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mon Meal should contact Rita
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12:00 p.m. ESR Center
Lecture III: *Barriers to Interfaith
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