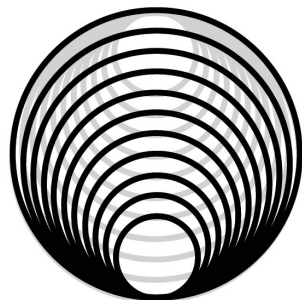


WISDOM UNIVERSITY PRESENTS



Sacred Activism

AND THE POWER OF INCLUSION

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Dear Friends,

Organizing this "Heartland Summit" on Sacred Activism and the Power of Inclusion here in Tulsa has been an adventure of the spirit. In many ways it has been an experiment in whether progressive values and a new way of thinking could be well represented in the "Bible Belt" of America. All of us at Wisdom University are delighted that the response has been so strong and the enthusiasm so pervasive. It is clear that there is, in fact, a wisdom culture emerging across our nation, a culture that embodies the creativity we need to meet the future with courage and confidence.

Many people have worked hard to make this conference a success. Luis Carlos Sanchez and Rita Moskowitz initiated the idea last May. Jody Anderson, Dianna Burrup, Pamela Carter, Joan Crager, Bill Crowell, Beth Field, Annie Hartzog-Murrell, Lynda Jacobs, Arlene Johnson, Donna Mosher, Babs Richardson, Jessé Williams, and Carmen White-Janek have worked together tirelessly to bring all our efforts to fruition.

I am also grateful to Andrew Harvey, our Chair of Sacred Activism, for all he has done to bring the message about Sacred Activism to the world; to Caroline Myss, our Chair of Energy Medicine, for her support and presence with us; and to Paul Ray, our Chair of the Emerging Wisdom Culture, who has done so much work to identify the Cultural Creatives who are so powerfully changing our values and shaping our future.

Please know that Wisdom University is committed to a long-term strategy to identify and cultivate the emerging wisdom culture we will be discussing during our time together. The success of our endeavor here in Tulsa is a very good omen that what is taking shape across America is the formation of a new moral majority, based on a commitment to spiritual and personal development without being dogmatically religious, and based on a commitment to protecting our earth and nurturing community.

It is our hope that this conference will deepen your faith in your own intuition and will refine your capacity to envision a future in which what you value and what you do will be aligned in ever more powerful and compassionate ways.

*Many Blessings,
Jim Garrison
President, Wisdom University*

***engage your heart • challenge your mind • inspire your action • rekindle your sense of possibility
co-create a nation of inclusion • share a vision and create a brighter future***

THURSDAY • MAY 10

All plenary sessions will be held in the Grand Ballroom.

7:00 a.m.	REGISTRATION	2:00 to 3:30 p.m. CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS	
9:00 a.m.	Opening Ceremony Minisa Crumbo Halsey, Elder, Pottawatomi and Muscogee Creek nations, artist Welcome Jim Garrison, President, Wisdom University	We're All on the Path Together: The Mysteries and Metaphors Embedded in the Labyrinth Lauren Artress, Founder, Veriditas	
9:30 a.m. Plenary	Sacred Activism and the Feminine <i>Moderator:</i> Lauren Artress, Veriditas: The Voice of the Labyrinth Movement <i>Keynote Speaker:</i> Caroline Myss, medical intuitive, teacher, and best-selling author <i>Responders:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura A. Belmonte, Oklahomans for Equality • Penny Painter, Resonance Center for Women • Carol Parrish-Harra, Light of Christ Community Church and Sancta Sophia Seminary, Tahlequah, Oklahoma. • Sheryl Siddiqui, Islamic Society of Tulsa 	Racism & Domestic Violence: Two Issues in Need of Sacred Activism – Felicia Collins-Correia, YWCA Tulsa	
NOON Luncheon Keynote	Sacred Activism: Following Your Heartbreak as the Gateway to Sacred Activism <i>Introduction:</i> Rev. Paul Ashby, Fellowship Congregational Church, Tulsa <i>Keynote Speaker:</i> Andrew Harvey, Chair of Sacred Activism, Wisdom University; award-winning author and editor	Ecstatic Health – Russell Feingold, Feingold Method	
2 - 5:30 p.m.	CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS →	The Seven Laws of Sacred Activism Andrew Harvey, Chair of Sacred Activism, Wisdom University; author and editor	
5:30 p.m.	DINNER BREAK	Closer to Home: Healthier Food, Farms and Families in Oklahoma Maura McDermott, Kerr Center for Sustainable Agriculture	
7:15 p.m. Plenary	The Crisis in Our Environment, the Corruption in Our Politics and Media, and the Opportunity to Renew the Nation <i>Music Opening:</i> Jared Tyler <i>Introduction:</i> Kathy Taylor, Mayor of Tulsa <i>Keynote Speaker:</i> Robert Kennedy Jr., Senior Attorney, Natural Resources Defense Council	CyberActivism – Dianna Burrup, Computer Consultant, Carlos Moreno, Toydrum Inc., Barbara Santee, Political Activist	
9:30 p.m. Post Plenary	<i>Music/Informal Gathering:</i> A Musical Conversation with Brian Haas and Josh Massad	4:00 to 5:30 p.m. CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS	
		Healing the Break Between Citizens and Government Nathaniel Batchelder, Oklahoma City Peace House	
		Getting Beyond Us Versus Them: Compassionate Communication-Skills for Sacred Activism Christine Dove, Social Action Ministry of the Franciscan Renewal Center, Scottsdale AZ	
		Seeking a U.S. Department of Peace and Nonviolence Lydia Gill-Polley, Oklahoma State Coordinator for the Department of Peace	
		Why Intelligent Design is Politics and Religion, Not Science – Vic Hutchison, Oklahomans for Excellence in Science Education	
		Sacred Activism Grounded in Oklahoma History Davis Joyce, author and history professor	
		Welcome Sophia: Healing the Duality of Modern Times Through the Divine Feminine – Carol Parrish-Harra, Light of Christ Community Church and Sancta Sophia	
		MEANTIME: Awakening to Self and Soul Jessé Williams, Senior Associate Pastor, New Dimensions Worship Center	

FRIDAY • MAY 11

All plenary sessions will be held in the Grand Ballroom.

7:30 a.m.	Buddhist Meditation Jacqueline Roemer, Bodhicharya Oklahoma Buddhist Sangha	2:00 to 3:10 p.m. CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS		
9:00 a.m. Plenary	The Emerging Wisdom Culture <i>Opening poetry reading:</i> Deborah Hunter <i>Keynote Speaker:</i> Paul Ray, sociologist, author: <i>The Cultural Creatives: How 50 Million People are Changing the World</i> <i>Speakers:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robert Dirks, Founder, North Politics • Tamara Lebak, Assistant Minister, All Souls Unitarian Church, Tulsa • Cindy Martin, Member, Choctaw Nation • Robin Meyers, Senior Minister, Mayflower Church, Oklahoma City • Carter Phipps, Executive Editor, <i>What is Enlightenment? Magazine</i> 		Healing History: Black Wall Street and the 1921 Tulsa Race Riot Hannibal Johnson, Tulsa author, attorney, and consultant	
NOON Luncheon Keynote	The Scourge of AIDS and the Challenges of Social and Economic Inequality <i>Music Opening:</i> Kendall-Whittier World Music Drummers <i>Introduction:</i> Laura Belmonte, President, Oklahomans for Equality <i>Keynote Speaker:</i> Yvette Flunder, Bishop, The Fellowship		The USA Patriot Act and its Impact on Civil Liberties Wes Johnson, Tulsa attorney, and Dr. Martin Belsky, professor of law, University of Tulsa College of Law	
	2 - 4:30 p.m.		CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS →	Progressive Christianity – Robin Meyers, Senior Minister, Mayflower Church, Oklahoma City
			4:30 p.m.	BREAK
5:00 p.m.	Welcome to the Sabbath Rabbi Charles P. Sherman and Cantor Kari Siegel-Eglash, Temple Israel, Tulsa		The Emerging Wisdom Culture Paul Ray, sociologist, author	
5:30 p.m.	A Sufi Call to Prayer with Andrew Harvey		Hormone Balance: The Feminine Path to Power Sherrill Sellman, naturopathic doctor and psychotherapist	
6:00 p.m.	DINNER BREAK		Make Your Plans for Living Green Corey Williams, Sustainable Tulsa	
7:30 p.m. Plenary	The Koran and the Power of Deep Ecumenism <i>Music Opening:</i> Wali Ali and Suad El-Amin <i>Keynote Speaker:</i> Imam Warith Deen Mohammed, former head of the Nation of Islam; Founder, American Muslim Mission <i>Closing Comment:</i> Curtis Zunigha, Chief, Delaware Tribe, 1994-1998		3:20 to 4:30 p.m. CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS	
9:00 p.m. Post Plenary	<i>Music/Informal Gathering:</i> Marquis Hunt on saxophone		Design Your Life – Tim Broadous, Kingdom Congress Int'l	
		The Cultural Creative Political North Robert Dirks, Founder, North Politics		
		Activism Burnout: Meditation as Antidote Sister Ellie Finlay, Episcopal nun		
		Sacred Activism and the Helping Professions: Bringing It Into Practice - Annie Hartzog-Murrell, Lynda Jacobs, Chad Johnson, Keith Schrag, psychotherapists		
		Images in Celebration of Life – Osprey Orielle Lake, international artist and documentary filmmaker		
		First Freedom First: Safeguarding Separation of Church and State, Preserving Religious Liberty – Bruce Prescott, Executive Director, Mainstream Baptists of Oklahoma		
		Activism in Black Music: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives – Teresa Reed, Assistant Professor of Music, University of Tulsa		

SATURDAY • MAY 12

All plenary sessions will be held in the Grand Ballroom.

7:30 a.m.	Buddhist Meditation Jacqueline Roemer, Bodhicharya Oklahoma Buddhist Sangha	<p style="text-align: center;">2:00 to 3:10 p.m. CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS</p> <p>A Dialogue on <i>The Secret</i> – Rev. Michael Beckwith, Andrew Harvey, Rev. Marlin Lavanhar, and Gina Pearson</p> <p>Interfaith Partnerships: Religious Pluralism and Activist Citizenship Without Surrendering Your Tradition’s Identity –Theodore Foote, Tulsa Interfaith Alliance</p> <p>How Does the Native American Medicine Wheel Influence Positive Activism? – Clark Inkanish, TKWolf</p> <p>Advocacy 101: The Fundamentals needed to Impact Legislation on the Issues You Hold Dear League of Women Voters of Metropolitan Tulsa</p> <p>Integration or Exclusion: Social and Moral Challenges of the Undocumented Workers – Sebastian Lantos, former president, Coalition of Hispanic Organizations</p> <p>Genocide Then, Genocide Now – Shelley Moskowitz, Unitarian Universalist Service Committee human rights group,</p> <p>We’re Here, We’re Dear: The GLBT Community Learns to Live Real in a Real Scary World Jody Seay, author and public speaker, Portland Oregon</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3:45 to 6:45 p.m. IGNITING COLLECTIVE ACTION Come Together to Create a Future!</p> <p>All participants are invited to join in the intention of inspiring greater involvement, action, and momentum in creating the New Moral Majority, Tulsa’s own Sean Griffin will engage us in Igniting Collective Action through his “Think-A-Torium.”</p> <p>This powerful, graphically facilitated and inclusive process enables all participants, individually and collectively, to see and act on the future we want to create. This highly energetic event includes local artists translating the "Group Wisdom" harvested into a shared vision mural inspiring Cultural Creatives to positively change the Moral Compass of America.</p> <p>Out of this event will come a community think-tank of like-minded people and organizations, who will begin to organize and mobilize ongoing local activism and activities.</p>
9:00 a.m. Plenary	The Power of Inclusion <i>Music:</i> New Dimensions Worship Center Chorale <i>Keynote Speaker:</i> Carlton Pearson, Pastor, New Dimensions Worship Center, Tulsa, author, <i>The Gospel of Inclusion</i> <i>Speakers:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marlin Lavanhar, Pastor, All Souls Unitarian Church, Tulsa • Sarah Mae Martin, Member, Choctaw Nation, TICAR Youth Council, North Intermediate High School Broken Arrow • Bruce Prescott, Executive Director, Mainstream Baptists of Oklahoma • Jenny Wachowski, President, Amnesty International Club, Booker T. Washington High School, Tulsa • Curtis Zunigha, Chief, Delaware Tribe, 1994-1998 	
NOON Luncheon Keynote	Toward a New Spirituality <i>Music Opening:</i> All Souls Choir <i>Introduction:</i> Marlin Lavanhar, Pastor, All Souls Church, Tulsa <i>Keynote Speaker:</i> William Sinkford, President, Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations	
2 - 3:10 p.m.	CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS ↗	
3:15 - 3:45	BREAK	
3:45 p.m. Plenary	Igniting Collective Action → <i>Music Opening:</i> All Inclusion Choir <i>Facilitator:</i> Sean Griffin, Vizalution	
6:45 p.m.	DINNER BREAK	
8:00 p.m. Plenary	Moving Mountains <i>Ceremony:</i> Clark Inkanish, Elder, Wichita Nation <i>Music Opening:</i> Rickie Byars Beckwith <i>Keynote Speaker:</i> Michael Beckwith, Pastor, Agape International Spiritual Center	
9:00 p.m. Post Plenary	<i>Final Celebration:</i> Scott Aycocock, M.C. Jared Tyler and band	

SACRED ACTIVISM WORKSHOPS and LOCATIONS

THURSDAY 2:00 - 3:30 PM

SALON 1: We're All on the Path Together: The Mysteries and Metaphors Embedded in the Labyrinth –

Walking the Labyrinth is a collective activity that can be shared by people from all avenues of life. Metaphors abound in the labyrinth. The narrow but circuitous path, the turns and the center symbolically speak to us where ever we are on our journey. Walk it to renew your strength, to clarify your vision, to release stress or to find your next step on the Path. The labyrinth is a powerful walking meditation, a crucible of change and a tool for manifestation. It can help us open our hearts and minds to our unique calling to be of service in the world.

SALON 7: Racism & Domestic Violence: Two Issues in Need of Sacred Activism – This workshop will look at the parallel history of domestic violence and racism: from overt to covert - and parallel the movements. It will show the best practice models of addressing covert racism and track how our constitution supported overt racism and domestic violence and how and when it changed.

SALON 3: Ecstatic Health - Health is a huge struggle for so many Americans, and this workshop's highest objective is to empower people to realize that everything they need to achieve health on all levels is readily available and already inside of them. Ecstatic health is multidimensional and embraces all aspects of human existence, including physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual health. When we experience ecstatic health, every aspect of our lives takes a giant leap forward as we begin to create and foster a healthy world within as well as around us.

GRAND BALLROOM: The Seven Laws of Sacred Activism – In this workshop Andrew Harvey will expound on the notion of Sacred Activism and draw attention to the "seven laws" he believes should guide sacred activists as they do their work in the world. With the fusion of values with deeds, every thought, word, and action should be imbued with a profound sense of the sacred. Our work becomes holy work, our actions sacred offerings. The seven laws guide us in enhancing our effectiveness in a turbulent world.

SALON 2: Closer to Home: Healthier Food, Farms & Families in Oklahoma – Think in a new way about the chronic problems of poor health and food insecurity in Oklahoma. We propose that making farm- and garden-fresh fruits and vegetables more available in communities across the state should be part of the effort to improve health and relieve hunger, while also benefiting family farms and economically-depressed rural communities. We will include ideas about ways that individuals and faith-groups can make a difference. Workshop presenters include: Maura McDermott, communications director of

the Kerr Center for Sustainable Agriculture and Sustainable Green Country, Doug Walton, community foods coordinator at Kerr Center, Wylie Harris, chief researcher/writer of Closer to Home: Healthier Food, Farm and Families in Oklahoma.

SEVILLE 1: Cyberactivism: Using Your Computer as an Advocacy Tool – The purpose of this workshop will be to introduce attendees to some exciting new internet tools they can use for political advocacy, including how to download photos/videos to YouTube, My Space, or other web sites; where to find political information on the internet; how to find important information on candidates, legislation, representatives, and more.

THURSDAY 4:00- 5:30 PM

SALON 1: Healing the Break Between Citizens and Government – This workshop will instill hope and purpose that government officials are accessible and responsive to effective communications. I once heard an activist say, "A year ago, I didn't know my Congress member's name. Now my Congress member knows MY name." That could be you, and you could help change the world through your communications with government.

GRAND BALLROOM: Getting Beyond Us Versus Them: Compassionate Communication—Skills for Sacred Activism – This workshop is designed for those who wish to express their deepest values in ways you are most likely to be heard, and to listen empathically to the needs and values behind oft-painful words of your "opponents." The aim is to create an understanding of the quality of communication and connection that allows everyone's needs to be recognized and valued so we can move to action through natural, heartfelt giving.

SALON 3: Seeking a U.S. Department of Peace and Nonviolence – Congress is considering a bill to create a new cabinet position focused on violence prevention and conflict resolution. This workshop will present the features of the proposed U.S. Department of Peace, including a description of how it will bring new resources to address the root causes of domestic violence and international conflict. Participants will learn about the history of the Department of Peace campaign, its proposed funding levels, and the major offices that will be created. Current and future activities of the Oklahoma Campaign for the U.S. Department of Peace will also be described. It will be fully participatory by focusing on the participants' concerns, interests, and skills.

Participants in this workshop will have the opportunity to:

- Study House Resolution 808, "Department of Peace and Nonviolence" to discover how it can help our efforts to build a culture of peace.

- Examine the history and progress of this concept of a federal department of peace led by a Cabinet Secretary of Peace.
- Explore the national and Oklahoma campaigns for meaningful participation.

SALON 6: Why Intelligent Design is Politics and Religion, Not Science – A PowerPoint presentation and discussion of how the creationist ‘intelligent design’ (ID) movement is an affront to both religion and science. This workshop covers a brief history of the religion vs. evolution conflict, why ID claims fail, goals and strategy of the ID movement, recent defeats of creationism in the courts, and current status of the conflict. The workshop includes audience participation in discussion of how different worldviews influence the acceptance of science and why most religions find no conflict, including many mainstream denominations.

SALON 2: Sacred Activism Grounded in Oklahoma History – This workshop will show that Oklahoma has a past rich in progressivism, some of it "sacred" in nature, and that this background can provide models and inspiration for the work we need to do today. "Alternative views" of Oklahoma history look at new subjects (reproductive choice, domestic violence, gay rights, the move to stop the Black Fox nuclear power plant, Oklahoma’s chapter of Vietnam Veterans Against the War, etc.), or at old subjects in a new way ("The Difficulty of Celebrating an Invasion," about the Oklahoma Land Run; "A Liberal Presbyterian in the Oklahoma Bible Belt," "Growing Up Okie—and Radical," adapted from the book *Red Dirt: Growing Up Okie*, by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz. We will look at Woody Guthrie’s views of religion, including his songs such as "Jesus Christ," which portrays Jesus as a sort of revolutionary socialist hero, and the lesser-known song "Christ for President."

SEVILLE 1: Welcome Sophia: Healing the Duality of Modern Times Through the Divine Feminine – An appreciation of social destruction reigns as we face increased abuse, dangerous addiction, and a false allegiance to distorted values. An emerging new androgynous spirituality with its dynamic creativity offers unsuspected opportunities to embrace values that sustain and honor life as we rediscover Sophia. This workshop will bring an understanding to the Divine Feminine and its significance in healing the duality of our modern way of life.

SALON 7: MEANTIME: Awakening to Self and Soul – In this workshop, Jessé Williams, Jr. will focus on a journey called Meantime, to more efficiently become awakened to the process of actualization of Self and Soul—transformation of consciousness, not presenting necessarily a new discovery, but instead, recovering and re-presenting basic insights and truths of Self, as a plan for personal peace and harmony. This session will expose the participant to a world of thought and conscientious consideration of the relationship between Divinity and

humankind and humankind with itself—shining the light of unfathomable love on spiritual and practical truths not often enough discovered by the limited views of modern day society.

FRIDAY 2:00 – 3:10

SALON 7: Healing History: Black Wall Street & the 1921 Tulsa Race Riot – This workshop will examine the rich history of the Greenwood District, from early entrepreneurship to near extinction to rebirth/renaissance. Essential questions about racism and social justice emerge. Included will be an opening lecture, a short video containing rare historic footage, and a question-and-answer segment.

SALON 2: The USA Patriot Act and Its Impact on Civil Liberties – The USA PATRIOT Act is an acronym for “Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism.” This act attacks our basic and fundamental rights against unreasonable search and seizure allowed under this Act based on a mere allegation of “terrorism investigation” or “threat to National Security.” This workshop will explore the implications on our society as a result of the Patriot Act.

GRAND BALLROOM: Progressive Christianity? – Does this sound like an oxymoron? With the dominance of the Christian Right in our time, many have given up completely on the idea that the church can be a positive force for progressive change and social justice. Dr. Robin Meyers refuses to give up, and will discuss his vision of Christianity as a force for positive social change—not fear, division, and dogmatism. The author of *Why the Christian Right is Wrong: A Minister’s Manifesto for Taking Back Your Faith, Your Flag, Your Future*, Dr. Meyers will share his insights on the lost message of Jesus: It’s about enlightenment, not salvation! It’s about a new way of being in the world, not about dubious metaphysics, or outdated cosmologies, or biblical literalism. It’s about the real object of faith itself: the acceptance of unconditional love and the end of striving. Participants will learn how the gospel itself has been hijacked, and how to take it back.

SALON 6: Evolutionary Spirituality – Exploring the Future of the Spiritual Impulse – Join Carter Phipps, Executive Editor of *What Is Enlightenment?* magazine, for an exploration of how the evolutionary worldview is radically transforming and reshaping the way in which we understand the spiritual dimension of life. Following on from his plenary remarks, Phipps will lead participants through the history of this novel spiritual emergence and explore the profound impact it is already having on consciousness and culture today. As a long-time editor of *What Is Enlightenment?*, Phipps has been tracking, chronicling and helping to define this new territory, and this workshop will be an opportunity to briefly survey the field of evolutionary spirituality and

explore how the unique marriage of spirituality, evolution and enlightenment is shaking up the status quo and impacting the future of human evolution.

SALON 1: The Emerging Wisdom Culture – Paul Ray is credited with identifying the “Cultural Creatives” and the impact they can potentially have on America and the global community. Paul will add to what he will have said in the earlier plenary presentation and will accentuate the way in which the emerging culture has the characteristic of “wisdom.” He will emphasize how important it is for each and every one of us to envision the future we hope for and to act toward implementing our vision in ordinary life.

SALON 3: Hormone Balance: The Feminine Path to Power – Restoring the power of the Feminine Wisdom, a guiding light in the transformation of global consciousness, necessitates the honoring of natural rhythms and healing the myths and misinformation about menstruation, fertility, menopause and the natural cycles of a woman’s life. As a result of these myths, women’s natural cycles have been medicalized and pathologized (mostly for profit). This interactive workshop will offer participants an experience of the profound power, wisdom and healing found in women’s natural cycles as well as practical, holistic steps to regain hormone balance.

SEVILLE 1: Make Your Plans for Living Green – As we imagine the potential future of our global community and the environmental impact of our actions, we are faced with many critical choices. Each participant will receive a 2007 Tulsa Area Green Directory and will be introduced to sustainability and seven major areas that affect our lives including: food, shelter, family, health, environment, transportation, and community. We will conclude the workshop with you. We will assist you in developing a personalized plan for “Living Green.”

FRIDAY 3:20 – 4:30

GRAND BALLROOM: Design Your Life – Using the processes of Visioneering, Goal-Mapping, and Personal Strategy Development, attendees will discover what they want to achieve and become in life and then determine the steps and adjustments necessary to get there. At the core of Design Your Life is the understanding of the Six Life Dimensions and the development of a Personal Life Strategy. By following this system, the attendee will establish a clear vision, a defined set of manageable goals for their life, and a system that can be used to achieve anything in the future.

SALON 2: The Cultural Creative Political North – The workshop will be a nuts and bolts dialogue of the New Conceptual Framework for American Government. This framework has 4 key components: 1) Social: The New Political Compass and the Political North, 2) Economic: The Theory of Ascending Utility and Trade, 3) Political:

Left Libertarianism, 4) Tactics: Non-Adversarial. Discussion will contrast these new concepts to current practice on every level.

SALON 3: Activism Burnout: Meditation as Antidote – Causes and symptoms of burnout will be discussed. The roles of disappointment, stress, and attachment to outcome will be examined. Meditation will be presented as an antidote because it alleviates stress and teaches us how to stay in the moment, therefore letting go of attachment to results. The purpose of meditation is the alleviation of suffering and the promotion of happiness. Precise instruction will be given for managing the afflictive emotions on the spot.

SALON 6: Sacred Activism and the Helping Professions: Bringing it into Practice – This workshop will include presentations and experiential activities by a panel of helping professionals interested in integrating sacred activism into their work. Collaborative exploration with the audience is invited. The following types of questions will be explored: How do helping professionals ennoble our work with the principles and goals of sacred activism? How can we connect personal and community suffering and/or trauma to personal and global healing in meaningful ways?

SALON 1: Images in Celebration of Life: How Images and Stories Influence the Transformation of Culture, Our Relationship to Nature, and our Future – This multimedia presentation will be an inspirational journey, exploring how positive language, story, and image affect and influence the way we think and behave – in stark contrast to what corporate media offers us daily through films, television and print. While it is crucial to be well educated about vital and deeply disturbing matters, we also need to renew our dreams and visions about what sustains us and calls us to our common humanity. In sharing inspirational stories through art there is an opportunity to create a balanced view about where we are going and what the future can hold.

SALON 7: First Freedom First: Safeguarding Separation of Church and State, Preserving Religious Liberty – In a situation in which church and state are sometimes confused and conflated, it is essential to remind ourselves that at the heart of our constitutional system in the United States is the sacred principle of the separation of church and state. Bruce Prescott will review the history of this Enlightenment principle and discuss ways it is being threatened and can be further safeguarded.

SEVILLE 1: Activism in Black Music: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives – Using print and audio-visual resources, this interactive presentation will trace the history of activism in African-American song and in so doing, will provide a framework for interpretation and response to the more provocative, contemporary musical styles.

SATURDAY 2:00 – 3:10

GRAND BALLROOM: A Dialogue on *The Secret* – This session will focus on the film *The Secret* and explore the power of attraction in the spiritual life. We often pray for the things we want and then life takes a different turn and our prayers remain unmet. Sometimes those on the spiritual path are subjected to suffering and ridicule by society. Is there a paradox between being on the spiritual path and wanting a new Mercedes? Are there times when what we want is not what we need? Is it ever the case that suffering is a just reward for the righteous? Is *The Secret* speaking truth or offering false hope?

SALON 2: Interfaith Partnerships: Religious Pluralism and Activist Citizenship Without Surrendering Your Tradition's Identity – Exploring how persons from diverse religious traditions and communities can develop rationales and serve as partners with shared values and goals in efforts to uplift the health and sanctity of both nature and humans without compromising the uniqueness and particularity of their own respective belief traditions. A panel of leader-participants will discuss possibilities and point to helpful bibliographic resources.

SALON 6: How Does the Native American Medicine Wheel Influence Positive Activism? – The Medicine Wheel includes all races, all life. All are sacred and equal. It includes all directions and the four aspects—mental, emotional, physical, and spiritual. As in faith development, change happens in an upward spiral and requires the conscious action of the individual to occur. Through the Medicine Wheel we learn that if we focus on or become stuck in the mental, emotional, physical, or the spiritual, we lack wholeness in all aspects. This session will include both an educational session and a ceremony.

SALON 7: Advocacy 101: The Fundamentals Needed to Impact Legislation on the Issues You Hold Dear

The purpose of this workshop will be to give attendees the tools they will need to become more effective political advocates. These tools can be used at any level of government – national, state, county, city – or for regulatory agencies, school boards, judicial races, etc. Attendees will receive a notebook of resources for them to keep. We will charge \$5 to be paid when you receive the book. The money collected will go toward defraying the cost of these materials.

SALON 1: Integration or Exclusion: Social and Moral Challenges of the Undocumented Workers – Are slow moving, backloging immigration laws unraveling the fabric of our communities? How many is too much? This workshop will explore the contributions foreign workers add to modern economies and local cultures while laws, media and public opinion interact to further confuse the issue of undocumented working families in the United States.

SALON 3: Genocide Then, Genocide Now – Shelley Moskowitz, the Washington, DC Representative of the human rights group Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC), will present and discuss "Heroes of the Spirit", a documentary of the heroic saga of UUSC founders, the Rev. Waitstill and Martha Sharp, who were recently named "Righteous Among the Nations" for their rescue of Jews and political dissidents from the Nazis in 1939. The workshop will include discussion of the current genocide in Darfur and UUSC's Drumbeat for Darfur campaign.

SEVILLE 1: We're Here, We're Dear: The GLBT Community Learns to Live Real in a Real Scary World – In this workshop, we will learn about and discuss the ways in which members of the gay/lesbian/transgendered community have been culled out of many of the spiritual avenues of society, whether from internal or external reasons, and what we can do to help all members of the human family along the path. Feeling worthy of God's love can only come after feeling worthy and deserving of love from each other and ourselves. To that end, it is through standing and speaking the truth of our lives – not in confrontation, but in love and respect – that we bear witness to the courage and goodness of who we are.

The following musicians, poets, dancers, and technicians bring joy and inspiration to our gathering:

Wali Ali	James Johnson
Suad El-Amin	Alexander King
Scott Aycock	Josh Massad
Leslie Brown	Reed Mathis
Jeff Fite	J Pat Murphy
Rick Fortner	David Smith
Brian Haas	Jared Tyler
Marquis Hunt	Rhonda Wyble
Deborah Hunter	

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS and WORKSHOP PRESENTERS

Lauren Artress, is the author of *Walking a Sacred Path: Rediscovering the Labyrinth as a Spiritual Practice*, *The Sand Labyrinth Kit* and *The Sacred Path Companion: A Guide to Walking the Labyrinth to Heal and Transform* (Putnam/Riverhead Books, New York). She is Founder of Veriditas a non-profit dedicated to introduce people the healing, meditative powers of the labyrinth. She travels worldwide offering workshops and lectures on the labyrinth including a yearly program in Chartres, France. In addition to being an Episcopal priest, she is a spiritual director and licensed Marriage and Family Therapist in the State of California. She serves as a Canon at Grace Cathedral.

Paul Ashby presently serves as Senior Minister at Fellowship Congregational Church (UCC) in Tulsa and is President of the Oklahoma Association of the UCC. In the UCC, he has organized a Prayers for Peace movement in 1991, co-founded a Fair Wages for Work office in San Diego, served as an advocate for Jewish synagogues that were targets of the KKK in Cincinnati, and organized a national campaign to affirm UCC ties with the Unitarian Universalist denomination when a resolution came to the General Synod to break all ties between the denominations.

Nathaniel Batchelder is director of Oklahoma City 's Peace House. A Vietnam veteran, he holds a BA in Biology from Oklahoma City University, and has been director of Oklahoma City 's Peace House since 1990. He regularly contacts all seven members of Congress from Oklahoma, and has successful experiences to share.

Dr. Michael Beckwith's inner vision in 1986 revealed a world united on an ethical basis of humankind's highest spiritual and social development. As founder and spiritual director of the Agape International Spiritual Center—one of the most rapidly expanding trans-denominational spiritual communities with a membership 9,000 strong and 35,000 friends worldwide—his goal remains the same: to build community, locally and globally. His commitment as a world citizen is evidenced by his position as founding member and President of the Association for Global New Thought, convening organization of the annual Synthesis Dialogues with His Holiness the Dalai Lama, and as an elected Assembly Member of the Parliament of the World's Religions. A sought-after meditation teacher, Dr. Beckwith is the author of *Forty Day Mind Fast-Soul Feast* and *A Manifesto of Peace*. He and Rickie Byars-Beckwith are co-authors of a catalogue of over 120 songs performed in many parts of the world popularly known as the Sound of Agape.

Rickie Byars Beckwith, a prolific composer, singer, performer, and music director, is widely known as an intuitive channel of healing music. Rickie's unique talents have brought her acclaim as a pioneer in spiritual music and have earned her an honorary doctorate of music and

numerous awards. Rickie B.B., as she is affectionately known, is a multifaceted talent who delivers a dynamic concert as easily as she can facilitate a workshop or a retreat. She has co-facilitated six women's retreats, most recently with esteemed author and spiritual leader Mary Manin Morrissey. She has performed with the Agape Choir at the United Nations and the Lincoln Center in New York, at the Synthesis Dialogues in Rome, and in audience with His Holiness the Dalai Lama at the Parliament of the World's Religions in Barcelona, Spain.

Laura A. Belmonte, Ph.D. is president of Oklahomans for Equality, the state's largest non-profit agency serving lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) citizens and their allies. She holds a Ph.D. in history from the University of Virginia and is an associate professor at Oklahoma State University. She is author of *Selling America: Propaganda, National Identity, and the Cold War* (forthcoming) and editor of *Speaking of America: Readings in U.S. History* (2006, 2nd ed.). She is a practicing Buddhist and enjoys meditation, yoga, working out, and the outdoors.

Dr. Martin Belsky served as an Assistant District Attorney in Philadelphia under Arlen Specter and since 1995 has been both a professor and Dean at the University of Tulsa, College of Law teaching Criminal Law, Constitutional Law and Law and Theology courses. As a member of the president's Executive and Responsibility Center Management Councils at the university, he directed a \$40 million Capital Campaign for building, special projects, scholarships and planned giving. A leader in the Tulsa interfaith community, he currently serves as president of the Tulsa Metropolitan Ministry.

Timothy Broadous is a businessman and entrepreneur, utilizing his business savvy to develop several business ventures. Responding to his call to ministry, Mr. Broadous and his wife founded Kingdom Congress International, and have established three churches. The primary vision for each ministry is to re-present Christ in community and culture and to establish a model of social, political, and economic revitalization through spiritual renewal.

Dianna Burrup has been an avid Mac user for over 23 years with her own music and web/graphic design businesses, and is proficient and provides private consulting on both Mac and PC platforms. Her experience includes training in groups and individually on a variety of computer programs and operating systems, and with a passion for organization, efficiency and the power of the Internet, she is continually exploring technology tools that can be used for effective collaboration. As a singer/songwriter, she performs in a duo, Acoustic Mojo, and also plays with Zungo, Drumming Ensemble, performing songs of the Nigerian Yoruba Tradition.

Felicia Collins Correia is currently the Executive Director of the Tulsa YWCA. Ms. Correia had been the executive director of Domestic Violence Intervention Services, Inc., in Tulsa, Oklahoma, for 18 years. She is a native New Yorker, earned her Masters of Social Work and Masters of Public Health degrees from Columbia University.

Robert Dirks is the Founder and Director of North Politics. He is the author of the Theory of Ascending Utility and Trade, an economic model that ties social outcomes to economic growth. Dirks is a proven fundraiser and manager, and is developing a New Conceptual Framework for American policy based on Left-Libertarianism. He is also the creator of The Civic Olympics, a creative multi-media event designed to engage college students in a new civic dialogue through the creation of short form documentaries and scenario based problem solving. He lives in San Diego, California.

Christine Dove, LCSW, serves as the Director of the Social Action Ministry of the Franciscan Renewal Center, Scottsdale, AZ. She began her career in social work upon graduating from Loyola U. School of Social Work in 1967. She has provided services in settings from protective agencies through mental health. She directed an award-winning training program at the Jocelyn Center for Mental Health, Northfield, IL.

Russell Feingold is a wellness expert, transformational coach, professional speaker, and the creator of the life changing programs of The Feingold Method™. The driving passion of Russell's work is to help others restore that original, sacred, joyful essence that is our birthright. He assists people to experience a dynamic balance of physical, emotional, mental and spiritual health.

Sr. Ellie Finlay is an Episcopal nun under solitary vows. An experienced spiritual director and retreat conductor, Sr. Ellie's background includes traditional convent life as well as training in theology, biblical studies, counseling and spirituality. She has studied with meditation teachers from several major religious traditions - most extensively in the Karma Kagyu lineage of Tibetan Buddhism—and now specializes in the theory and practice of meditation.

Rev. Yvette Flunder founded the City of Refuge Community Church UCC in 1991 in order to unite a gospel ministry with a social ministry. City of Refuge is a thriving inner-city congregation that celebrates the radically inclusive love of Jesus Christ. Preaching a message of action, the church has experienced steady numerical and spiritual growth and is now located in the south of Market area of San Francisco at 1025 Howard Street. Responding to the needs of the AIDS epidemic, Rev. Flunder and her staff opened Hazard-Ashley House and Walker House in Oakland and Restoration House in San Francisco through the Ark of Refuge, Inc., a non-profit agency which provides housing, direct services, education and training for persons affected by HIV/AIDS in the Bay Area, throughout the USA and in three countries in Africa. Rev. Flunder serves as Executive

Director of the Ark of Refuge, Inc., and a consultant to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Congressional Black Caucus Health Brain Trust and the Department of Health and Human Services. She also serves as chair of the Social Justice Commission for the World Bishop's Council and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Justice and Witness Ministry of the United Church of Christ.

Theodore Foote has been a Presbyterian Church (USA) pastor for 28 years, the last 13 serving John Calvin Presbyterian in Tulsa, OK, a congregation that encourages interfaith conversation and community building. He is the co-author of *Being Presbyterian in the Bible Belt* (2000) and *Being Disciples of Jesus in a Dot Com World* (2003). He has served as a board member of Tulsa Interfaith Alliance since its inception in 1997.

Jim Garrison became President and Chairman of Wisdom University on February 2, 2005. Garrison founded and serves as President of the Gorbachev Foundation/USA and the State of the World Forum, both San Francisco based non-profit institutions created to establish a global network of leaders dedicated to creating a more sustainable global civilization. With President Gorbachev as its Convening Chairman, the Forum convenes leaders from around the world and a spectrum of disciplines to its annual and regional conferences and catalyzed the creation of several independent organizations. Garrison is also active in Mosaic Networks, a business development company of which he is a Founding Partner.

Lydia Gill-Polley is a semi-retired private consultant to business and organizations in the areas of quality management, staff development, labor negotiations, communications, managing diversity, and consumer energy education. She has developed and produced numerous training materials and programs for major organizations in the areas of customer services, consumer education, staff productivity, and corporate change. She is currently active as the Oklahoma State Coordinator for the Department of Peace and Nonviolence campaign.

Sean Griffin has leveraged his breakthrough visualization methods for facilitating meetings and innovative processes based on the theories of "visual thinking" into what he calls Process Art. Sean is a creativity leader who has stretched his artistic talents into a successful consulting & entrepreneurial career. He combines left-brain and right-brain thinking in ways that are insightful, strategic, group oriented – and, at the same time solution driven. Sean has consulted with many high profile organizations, including Lockheed Missiles & Space, SegaSoft, FirstUSA Bank, NBC, King Features, Rebuild LA, Golden Books, Esprit de Corp., and NASA.

Annie Hartzog-Murrell, MS, LPC is a licensed psychotherapist and certified Rolfer®. Annie specializes in integral and empowerment approaches to psychotherapy. Her work with individuals, couples, teenagers, and families actively promotes human development and consciousness and emphasizes the shadow side of human suffering as a gift and as a direct path to its mirror aspects of creativity, transformation and authenticity. She also consults with corporations and non-profit organizations to develop programs and processes that work.

Andrew Harvey was born in South India where he lived until the age of nine, a period he credits with shaping his vision of the inner unity of all religions. He left India to attend private school in England, and entered Oxford University in 1970 to study history on a scholarship. At the age of 21, he became the youngest person ever to be awarded the Fellow of All Souls College, England's highest academic honor. In 1977, Harvey became disillusioned with life at Oxford and returned to India to begin his spiritual search. He has since lived in London, Paris, New York, and San Francisco, and has continued to study a variety of religions, including Hinduism, Buddhism, and Christianity. Harvey has written and edited over 30 books, including *Mary's Vineyard: Daily Readings, Meditations, and Revelations*; *A Journey In Ladakh*; *The Tibetan Book of Living and Dying*, by Sogyal Rinpoche and edited with Patrick Gaffney; *Dialogues with a Modern Mystic*; *The Way of Passion: A Celebration of Rumi*; *Hidden Journey*; *The Essential Gay Mystics*; and *Son of Man*.

Deborah Hunter, poet, spoken word artist, actor, playwright and workshop facilitator, is a native Tulsan. She has taught poetry through community arts and arts in the schools programs since 1997 and was presented with the \$5000 Jingle Feldman Award in 2000. She has won local poetry slams, and self-published four poetry chapbooks, among them, *The Red Shoes* and other poems from the edge.

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Clark Inkanish, ICADC, NAADC, (Wichita-Caddo-Cheyenne), Executive Director and Vice-President, has more than 35 years of alcohol and drug assessment, counseling and intervention experience. He has presented workshops and conferences on the topics of addiction and Indian culture both regionally and nationally. He is a member of the Committee on Religious Understanding of Tulsa Metropolitan Ministry and a member of the Elders Council of the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Oklahoma, Tulsa Chapter.

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Hannibal B. Johnson, a Harvard Law School graduate, is an author, attorney, college professor, and consultant. His books chronicle the African-American experience, particularly in Oklahoma. He is an expert on diversity issues.

Wes Johnson is a skilled trial lawyer who has been in private practice for the last 30 years focusing on civil rights, criminal, product liability and personal injury cases. He is a former police officer and former vice president of the Oklahoma Criminal Defense Lawyers Association. He currently serves on the board of the Oklahoma ACLU.

Davis D. Joyce is a retired history professor and author of nine books, including *An Oklahoma I Had Never Seen Before: Alternative Views of Oklahoma History*, and *Alternative Oklahoma: Contrarian Views of the Sooner State*, and, *Howard Zinn: A Radical American Vision*, on the life and writings of the radical historian and activist of civil rights movement and anti-Vietnam War movement fame, Howard Zinn.

Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.'s reputation as a resolute defender of the environment stems from a litany of successful legal actions. Mr. Kennedy was named one of *Time* magazine's "Heroes for the Planet" for his success helping Riverkeeper lead the fight to restore the Hudson River. The group's achievement helped spawn more than 130 Waterkeeper organizations across the globe.

Mr. Kennedy serves as Chief Prosecuting Attorney for the Hudson Riverkeeper and President of Waterkeeper Alliance. He is also a Clinical Professor and Supervising Attorney at Pace University School of Law's Environmental Litigation Clinic and is co-host of Ring of Fire on Air America Radio.

He has worked on environmental issues across the Americas and has assisted several indigenous tribes in Latin America and Canada in successfully negotiating treaties protecting traditional homelands. He is credited with leading the fight to protect New York City's water supply. The New York City watershed agreement, which he negotiated on behalf of environmentalists and New York City watershed consumers, is regarded as an international model in stakeholder consensus negotiations and sustainable development. He helped lead the fight to turn back the anti-environmental legislation during the 104th Congress.

Osprey Orielle Lake is an international artist and documentary filmmaker. She is the founder and creator of both the International Cheemah Monument and Mari Monument Projects, which celebrate environmental and cultural themes.

Sebastian Lantos is former President of the Coalition of Hispanic Organizations, Board member of the Hispanic American Foundation, the Oklahoma State Governor's Latin America and Hispanic Affairs, and the City of Tulsa Greater Tulsa Hispanic Affairs Commission.

Rev. Marlin Lavanhar grew up as a Unitarian in Illinois. He majored in Sociology at Tulane, and graduated from Harvard Divinity School. All Souls called him in 2000 at age 32, making him the youngest senior minister of a major congregation in the denomination. Since arriving at All Souls in late 2000, Marlin has shown a connection to the future growth of all people, both one on one and from the pulpit.

Rev. Tamara Lebak is the assistant minister at All Souls in Tulsa, OK and is an independent consultant with change management experience. Tamara integrates her training in Gestalt Organization and Systems Development, conflict management, appreciative inquiry, and community organizing in diverse racial and economic settings. She has been a chaplain at a maximum security prison and a university hospital, and a French and epistemology teacher. She is a certified Community Leader in Qigong.

Cindy Martin is an enrolled member of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, and an Oglala, Lakota, descendent. She is a Founding Member and currently serves as Vice-President of Tulsa Indian Coalition Against Racism (TICAR). She has also served for 12 years as a county appointee on the Mayor's Commission of Indian Affairs in Tulsa. Ms. Martin has been a member and served as an Officer for the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Tulsa and Oklahoma Federation of Indian Women.

Sarah Mae Martin is an enrolled member of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, an Oglala, Lakota, descendent, and a sophomore at North Intermediate High School in Broken Arrow, OK. Sarah Mae is a member of All Nations Indian Youth, and a founding youth member of Tulsa Indian Coalition Against Racism (TICAR) Youth Council. Sarah Mae is working to ban American Indian mascots in Oklahoma's public schools.

Maura McDermott is Communications Director for Kerr Center for Sustainable Agriculture. The business of the Kerr Center is education. A sustainable agriculture will preserve our natural resources, protect our natural environment, and improve the quality of life for farmers and ranchers. The result will be strong, resilient rural communities that will be a source of strength for the nation as a whole.

Dr. Robin Meyers has been the Senior Minister of Mayflower Congregational Church of Oklahoma City since 1985, the fastest growing UCC church in the Kansas/Oklahoma conference. He is also Professor of Rhetoric in the Philosophy Department at Oklahoma City University, where he has taught since 1991. Dr. Meyers is the author of four books, a member of the Jesus Seminar, and a frequent preacher and speaker at church conferences and communication workshops across the country. His Sunday morning broadcasts on KOKC reach the largest listening audience of any religious broadcast in Oklahoma, and he is a regular columnist for *The Oklahoma Gazette*.

The Honorable Imam Warith Deen Mohammad is an influential American Muslim leader. W.D. Mohammed gave the first invocation in the U.S. Senate ever by a Muslim. In 1993, he gave an Islamic prayer during the first Inaugural Interfaith Prayer Service of President Clinton, and again in 1997 at the second Interfaith Prayer Service. Marking 70 years since the Nation of Islam was founded in America, in 2000 Imam Warith Deen Mohammed and Minister Louis Farrakhan publicly embraced and declared unity and reconciliation at the annual Savior's Day convention. Currently, Imam Warith Deen Mohammed is working on fostering positive interfaith dialogue through nationwide lecturing and involvement in the Focolare Movement.

Shelley Moskowitz coordinates UUSC's policy advocacy work and educates UUSC members and supporters on how best to influence the course of U.S. policy. She has represented grassroots voices for justice on Capitol Hill since 1987. She began her career as a public interest advocate working with Neighbor to Neighbor, a California-based national grassroots organization. During the Campaign to Stop Contra Aid in the 1980s, she lobbied congressional swing votes. Later, she helped build a bloc in Congress to support a negotiated peace in El Salvador. In the 1990s, Shelley played an important role in the grassroots movement for national health insurance and against health care privatization.

Caroline Myss, medical intuitive, teacher and the best-selling author of *Anatomy of the Spirit*, *Why People Don't Heal and How They Can*, *Sacred Contracts*, *Invisible Acts of Power*, and *Entering the Castle*, is dedicated to creating educational programs in the fields of human consciousness, spirituality and mysticism, health, energy medicine, and the science of medical intuition. In 2003, she established CMED, her own educational institute, which offers two programs, each running three courses per year, on Sacred Contracts and Mysticism. Caroline also maintains a rigorous international workshop and lecture schedule and continues a consultation practice as a medical intuitive with physicians, psychiatrists, psychologists, and other health practitioners.

Penny Painter, Executive Director, Resonance Center for Women. She has a lifelong career of leadership and involvement in community, national, and international endeavors to provide funding and comprehensive support to the needs of women and children, with noted participation and advancement in this realm of service, from volunteer crisis counselor to teacher, project coordinator, and executive director.

Carol Parrish-Harra, President, Light of Christ Community Church and Academic Dean, Sancta Sophia Seminary, Tahlequah, Oklahoma. Dr. Parrish-Harra teaches prayer and a life of spiritual disciplines and practices that support personal transformation and a better world. She is a highly sought lecturer and workshop leader on the international circuit lecturing, teaching and leading groups, as well as throughout the United States.

Carlton D. Pearson is blazing a new trail of spiritual leadership on a global scale. With 30 years of celebrated national media exposure, Pearson has demonstrated that he is an esteemed, articulate, and leading authority of the modern Pentecostal church in America. With the release of his new book, *The Gospel of Inclusion*, Pearson is quickly becoming known as a voice of reason in a world of religious extremes. As a charismatic Christian leader, Pearson considers himself a liberal-conservative and his remarkable views on a range of issues from the Iraq War to gay marriage, while often surprising to the listeners, are inspiring a genuine spiritual conversation to all who hear him speak. Rejected over the last several years by mainstream Christian leadership, Bishop Carlton Pearson, has been declared a modern-day heretic for questioning the teaching of Christian doctrine that promotes a loving God who would sentence billions of people to an eternal hell for not becoming Christian, a discussion which has come to be known as the Gospel of Inclusion.

Gina Pearson, Advocate for Authentic Expression, possesses enthusiasm for experiencing the fullness of life. She is the Founder of R.E.A.L. Enterprises (Radical Expansion through Authentic Living) a multifaceted services enterprise that promotes transformational education, personal & professional development along with executive coaching.

Carter Phipps is a senior editor for *What Is Enlightenment?* magazine (WIE). In his seven years with WIE, he has penned some of its most in-depth investigative pieces. From metaphysics to politics to science and technology, Phipps brings to his journalistic inquiry the unique evolutionary and contemporary moral and ethical perspective for which WIE is renowned. Carter Phipps received his BA in Business Economics from the University of Oklahoma and worked in the computer industry for a number of years before joining the staff of *What Is Enlightenment?* magazine. He is also the managing editor of WIE.org, which was recently received the prestigious People's Voice Webby Award -

the "online Oscars" according to *Time* magazine - for best website in the spirituality/religion category.

Dr. Bruce Prescott, newsletter editor and Web master for the Oklahoma Chapter of Americans United, is Executive Director of Mainstream Oklahoma Baptists and Radio Talk Show Host.

Paul H. Ray is a founding partner in a new consulting firm, Integral Partnerships, LLC, designed to help those organizations whose constituencies or customers are Cultural Creatives to be more successful, by aligning their internal activities and values with the values and needs of their constituencies or customers.

He has surveyed and classified well over 100,000 Americans in the past thirteen years, showing how the subcultures of values permeate all aspects of American life. During the time of the research reported in the book, he was Executive Vice President of American LIVES, Inc., a market research and opinion polling firm specializing in surveys and focus groups based on the Lifestyles, Interests, Values, Expectations and Symbols of Americans. He is the author, with Sherry Anderson, of *The Cultural Creatives: How 50 Million People Are Changing The World*.

Teresa L. Reed received her doctorate in Music Theory and African-American Studies from Indiana University. She has given numerous papers and presentations on African-American music on topics ranging from West-African traditions, to ragtime, to gospel, to hip hop. Dr. Reed's publications include *The Holy Profane: Religion in Black Popular Music* (University Press of Kentucky, 2003) which received a 2004 Excellence Award from the Association for Recorded Sound Collections.

Jacqueline Roemer is the founder, Buddhist teacher and Director of Bodhicharya Oklahoma Buddhist Sangha. She is author of *The Buddhist Experience Guide* series for Buddhist study material. Jacqueline works with stress management, adapting Buddhist principles to the workplace. Jacqueline's work with Tulsa Buddhists has developed a strong core group of authentic Buddhist practitioners capable of managing and instructing beginning meditation classes.

Dr. Barbara Santee has been a political activist for 45 years. A strong advocate for women's issues as well as for the separation of church and state, Dr. Santee is a former board member of the ACLU of Oklahoma, which presented her with its highest honor, the 2006 Angie Debo Civil Libertarian of the Year award.

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Jody Seay is an award-winning author, TV host, public speaker, and Advanced Certified Rolfer. Originally from Texas, she now lives in Oregon and has Roling practices in Portland, Dallas, and Tulsa.

Dr. Sherrill Sellman is a naturopathic doctor, psychotherapist, best-selling author of *Hormone Heresy* and *What Women MUST Know to Protect Their Daughters from Breast Cancer*, health journalist, international lecturer, radio host, and women's health educator. For the past two decades she has been a powerful and passionate voice for women in helping them restore hormonal balance and feminine wisdom.

Rabbi Charles P. Sherman, D.D., has been the spiritual leader, teacher, and counselor of Temple Israel, Tulsa, since 1976. Actively involved in all areas of Tulsa's Jewish Community, Rabbi Sherman is also a very active participant in Tulsa's interfaith activities and has become one of this city's leading clergy spokespersons.

Sheryl Siddiqui, Director, Community Relations/American Outreach, Islamic Society of Tulsa. Mrs. Siddiqui's volunteer efforts have been in the fields of education, First Amendment rights, domestic violence, mental health, disaster mitigation, and interfaith understanding. Her awards include the Tulsa Red Cross' 2001 Humanitarian Award, Women in Communications' 1999 Newsmaker Award and Oklahoma Magazine's "Oklahoma Women of Influence." The interfaith community has recognized her efforts through the Annual Tulsa Interfaith Understanding award, the Tulsa Jewish Federation's Aaronson Award, and Hope Unitarian Church's 2004 Religious Liberty Award.

Cantor Kari Siegel-Eglash has recently joined the Temple Israel family as its Chazzan. The Cantor's greatest love is for Jewish music and culture; she strives to constantly enrich and renew the musical life of the Temple.

Rev. William G. Sinkford was elected president of the Unitarian Universalist Association in June 2001. As president of this liberal denomination, he is responsible to the UUA Board of Trustees for administering staff and programs that serve its more than 1,000 member congregations. He also acts as principal spokesperson and minister-at-large for the Association. Prior to becoming the seventh president of the UUA, Sinkford served as the Association's director of Congregational, District, and Extension Services. Supervising both in-house and field staff, he managed the largest departmental budget in the Association in support of the health and growth of Unitarian Universalist congregations.

Jennie Wachowski is a sophomore at Booker T. Washington High School, in Tulsa. She is the President of Booker T.'s chapter of Amnesty International. She's a member of the Board of Directors for *Esperanza en Accion*, a 501(c)3 organization dedicated to empowering Nicaraguan artisans, former sweatshop workers, and coffee farming cooperatives through fair trade.

Corey Williams is executive director of Sustainable Tulsa, a nonprofit dedicated to environmental stewardship, responsible economic growth and quality of life for all as well as the Development Director for the Millennium Center, for safe and green living. Williams is devoted to building partnerships and creating a Tulsa team dedicated to sustainability.

Jessé Williams, Jr. is presently serving as the Senior Associate Pastor of New Dimensions Worship Center in Tulsa. Jessé is an organizational enhancement and development consultant, author, singer/songwriter, life coach, image consultant, and has Privilege of Call with the United Church of Christ (UCC). He enjoys traveling, motivating and inspiring people to life, being with family and friends, and simply loving out loud.

Curtis Zunigha is a private consultant and producer of multi-media communications, community development and government policy throughout American Indian Country. An enrolled member of the Delaware Tribe of Indians in Oklahoma, he is currently a member of the Tribal Council. Previously he was elected Chief (1994-1998) and led his tribe on a historic quest for federal recognition in 1996. Mr. Zunigha has also served his tribe as business manager, housing director, and ambassador to Sweden. Curtis is also a cultural liaison to the Boy Scouts of America, The National Indian Monument & Institute, and the Oklahoma Institute of Indian Heritage. He is a traditional dancer and singer at pow-wows and ceremonials.

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- Being Human Party: www.beinghumanparty.com
- Bodhicharya Oklahoma Buddhist Sangha www.bodhicharyaoklahoma.com
- Domestic Violence Intervention Services: www.dvis.org
- Equal Exchange Fair Trade Coffee, Tea, and Chocolate: www.equalexchange.com
- Green Country Friends
- Islamic Society of Tulsa: www.istulsa.org
- Just Progress: www.justprogress.org/
- Ihloff Salon: www.ihloffspa.com/site
- Kerr Center for Sustainable Agriculture: www.kerrcenter.com
- Living Arts of Tulsa: www.livingarts.org
- Living Kitchen Farm & Garden: www.livingkitchen.homestead.com
- Mayflower (UCC) Congregational Church: www.mayflowerucc.org
- Metropolitan Community Church: www.mcctulsa.com
- Mental Health Association in Tulsa: www.mhat.org
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