

2011 Congress -- Workshop Descriptions

Wednesday, March 2nd: 10:30 am – 12:00 noon

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“Peacemaking thru Personal/Collective Confession”

Presenter: Jin Kim, Pastor, Church of All Nations, Minneapolis, MN

Track: Peacemaking at Home and Abroad

Level: Some Experience

How can the process of confessing and repenting of historical and structural wrongs lead to both deep personal healing and corporate reconciliation? Pastor Kim will describe the ways in which his multicultural/anti-racist congregation deploys the practice of testimony and prophetic speech to enter into peacemaking among various cultures, genders and backgrounds.

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A “Asleep at the Switch – Violence in America’s Heartland and a Wakeup Call to a Just Energy Future”

Presenter: Lan Richart and Pam Richart

Track: Peacemaking at Home and Abroad

Level: Some Experience

Our western lifestyle brings us unparalleled comfort and convenience, but also isolates our actions from their consequences. With the simple act of turning on a light switch, we set in motion a chain of events that destroys farmland, poisons drinking water, pollutes the air we breathe and displaces entire communities. This is happening in America’s heartland and projected to dramatically increase. How are we called to respond as people of faith?

B “Selective Conscientious Objection: A Case for Advocacy and Catechesis”

Presenter: David Miller, Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, IN

Track: Transforming Systems and Culture

Level: Some experience

Wars in Afghanistan and Iraq have presented many soldiers with a crisis of conscience. They have found these wars fail to meet the just war criteria. The Truth Commission on Conscience in War convened in March of 2010 to hear the testimony of some of these soldiers and other experts. This workshop will explore the Commission's recommendations of legal protection for selective conscientious objection and strengthened catechesis on the morality of war.

C “Styles of Conflict Resolution Across Cultures”

Presenters: Luis R. Rivera, McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, IL and Elina Rodriguez, Bridging Worldviews Consulting, Skokie, IL

Track: Peacemaking at Home and Abroad

Level: Beginners

Knowing more about the way people approach disagreements and engage in conflict across cultures can help you become more effective in dealing with disputes in a variety of contexts. Participants will have a better sense of their preferred conflict resolution style and options when involved in conflict situation with another person.

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A “Faith-based Community and Economic Development as a Means of Peacemaking in Communities”

Presenter: Felicia Howell LaBoy, Maple Park United Methodist Church, Blue Island, IL

Track: Developing Peace & Justice in Community

Level: Beginners

One cause of violence in urban communities is a lack of programs and services that create healthy relationships between middle-class congregations and their newer and poorer neighbors. This workshop demonstrates the need for all persons to create a healthy and vital community by stimulating economic development. Workshop participants will be provided tools to begin analyzing their communities and churches according to assets and needs.

B “Cops and Scholars: Addressing Violence Among Black Youth”

Presenter: Pamela Lightsey, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Evanston, IL

Track: Transforming Systems and Culture

Level: Some Experience

This workshop will describe the recent collaboration between Chicago-area Black scholars and the local chapter of N.O.B.L.E. (National Organization of Black Law Executives). We will discuss the current crisis of urban youth violence in the Black community and how local Black scholars have gathered with police to develop ways of addressing this issue.

C “Mercy Seasons Justice”

Presenter: Walter Boyd and Al Sharp, Protestants for the Common Good, Chicago, IL

Track: Public Policy Advocacy

Level: Beginners

This workshop will bring forward the statistics and human experiences which reveal the disparities inherent in the criminal justice system and the dire circumstances affecting the re-entry efforts of those who have criminal convictions. There will also be discussion on public programs and policies that help ex-offenders re-build their lives and drug treatment as an alternative to incarceration.

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A “Stopping the Cycle of Violence, A Choice for Hope – Teen Dating Violence Prevention”

Presenter: Kathleen Doherty, Between Friends, Chicago, IL

Track: Future Generations of Peace

Level: Beginners

One in three high school students have been or will be involved in an abusive dating relationship in their lifetime illustrating the critical need to promote alternatives to violent teen relationships. Learn effective ways of intervening before children have learned to accept and perpetuate violent behaviors so we can reduce the incidence of relationship and family violence.

B “Auburn-Gresham Model of Community Development”

Presenter: Cynthia Stewart, Chicago Semester, Chicago, IL

Track: Transforming Systems and Culture

Level: Beginners

Chicago’s Auburn-Gresham neighborhood is the home of the Faith Community of St. Sabina. In this workshop, you will learn how St. Sabina has transformed a once impoverished area into a vibrant community of economic opportunities. Social justice is at the heart of ministry for St. Sabina’s. Come learn about Auburn-Gresham – Chicago’s best kept secret.

C “God’s Radical Welcome – Blessings and Challenges working with LGBTQ Youth”

Presenter: Heather Bradley and Youth Outreach Team, The Night Ministry, Chicago, IL

Track: Developing Peace & Justice in Community

Level: Some experience

The Youth Outreach Team at The Night Ministry works with street based youth, including those experiencing homelessness and LGBTQ youth. This workshop focuses on how people of faith can provide safe, welcoming spaces and develop programs with people of all sexual orientations and gender identities as we live together into God’s wholeness. The Youth Outreach Team seeks to meet youth where they are at, build relationships and provide hospitality, crisis intervention and pastoral care support.

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A “Building Bridges Between the Rich and Poor”

Presenter: Arloa Sutter, Breakthrough Urban Ministries, Chicago, IL

Track: Transforming Systems and Culture

Level: Some Experience

How can we bridge the growing chasm between the rich and the poor – evidenced not only by income, but by world views and theological perspectives? The founding director of Chicago’s Breakthrough Urban Ministries will discuss efforts to transform individual lives and entire communities.

B “Keeping Children Safe”

Presenter: Rae Luskin, Art & Soul Connections, Deerfield, IL

Track: Future Generations of Peace

Level: Beginners

Every child is entitled to a life of promise and possibilities. Unfortunately, every child does not experience a safe, peaceful home. How can you help? This session features a story of sexual abuse and resiliency and important information about child abuse prevention and intervention strategies.

C "Pastoral Care in a Culture of Violence"

Presenters: Ramon Nieves and Felisa Roman, Advanced Latino Theological Education (ALTE), Chicago IL

Track: Developing Peace & Justice in Community

Level: Beginners

This workshop explores the ways in which pastoral care can be provided for people living in settings permeated by violence. Theological frameworks will be explored as well as pastoral care models that can be effective in addressing violent situations that are impacting families, communities and the church. Presenters will discuss the topic of violence in the context of religious settings and also share experiences from their own settings and ministries.

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A “Learning from Peacemaking Communities in Colombia”

Presenters: Kryss Chupp, Christian Peacemaking Teams, and Tim Nafziger, Christian Peacemaking Teams, Chicago, IL

Track: Peacemaking at Home and Abroad

Level: Beginners

For the past 10 years Christian Peacemaker Teams has partnered with peacemaking communities in Colombia to build a safer and more just future for them. This is a chance to hear the stories of these communities and their courageous struggle for justice. What can we learn from the strategies of accompaniment, peacemaking and

solidarity used in Colombia? Participants will participate in a role play to explore how they would respond to a situation of potential violence.

B “Dorothy Day, the Catholic Worker, and the Kingdom of God”

Presenter: Stephen Krupa, Institute of Pastoral Studies, Loyola University, Chicago, IL

Track: Redefining Citizenship with Kingdom Values

Level: Beginners

The workshop will introduce Dorothy Day and the Catholic Worker Movement as resources for nonviolence and a direct action plan for personal and social change. Day's personal relationship to Christ inspired her nonviolence and a direct action approach to life at the Catholic Worker which she co-founded with Peter Maurin in 1933. Her life embodies the values of the kingdom of God and is a model for reclaiming the radical Christ in our time.

C “Remixing Black Theology: Implications for Ministry and Theological Education” (Forum)

Presenters: Cynthia Milsap, SCUPE, Chicago, IL and Michelle Hughes, Brenda Matthews, Zach Mills

Track: Developing Peace & Justice in Community

Level: Some experience

African American theology has matured with a new level of sophistication and influence for both the worlds of practical ministry and theological education. This workshop provides a detailed analysis of Black Theology and the ministry context to which it must respond. *Sponsored by Center for African American Theological Studies.*

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“CCDA and Immigration Issues”

Presenter: Noel Castellanos, Christian Community Development Association, Chicago, IL

Track: Peacemaking at Home & Abroad

Level: Beginners

Family justice and local and national immigration issues are now making their impact on the church's urban ministry agenda. With this workshop, CCDA's Noel Castellanos will outline what local congregations can do on both the policy and ministry fronts to work for justice for all of God's people in the United States and elsewhere.

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A “Peace, Postmodernity and Practice: A Conversation on Changing Cultural Trends and the Black Church”

Presenter: Alise Barrymore, The Emmaus Community, Chicago Heights, IL

Track: Transforming Systems and Culture

Level: Advanced Level

Peace can be experienced, communities can be transformed, and violence can be reduced when there is an intentional, on-going, critical conversation between culture, race-ethnicity, and theology. Our present circumstances demand that leaders understand the ontological perspectives that form the backdrop of the violence in our communities. This workshop seeks to introduce leaders to the current cultural shift known as post-modernity and to provide paradigms that facilitate responsible engagement.

B “Building a More Sustainable City”

Presenter: Clinton Stockwell, Chicago Semester, Chicago, IL

Track: Transforming Systems and Culture

Level: Some experience

Green Witness will explore how churches and community based organizations can contribute to the greening of our cities. Building on a "creation mandate" theme, the presenter will give a rationale for sustainable city development, and will point to some urban examples of city building today. *Sponsored by Graduate Theological Urban Studies program.*

C “David and Goliath: People of Faith Confronting the Gun Industry”

Presenter: Drick Boyd, Eastern University, St. Davids, PA

Track: Promising Practices

Level: Some Experience

Every year thousands of urban young people are seriously wounded or killed by gun violence, while gun manufacturers make significant profits. This workshop will highlight the important economic and political forces propagated by the gun industry, and the ways in which people of faith can effectively respond through legislation, direct action and public witness.

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A “Defeating Burnout: Sustainable Practices for Thriving as a Peacemaker”

Presenter: Margot Eyring, One Thing, Washington, DC

Track: Spirituality of Peacemaking Track

Level: Some Experience

Peacemaking is demanding, overwhelming, and sometimes discouraging work. How can leaders live into shalom in a culture of busy-ness, technology-enhanced isolation, and cynicism? This workshop will help you develop a plan to transform yourself for living a healthy, sustainable life as a peacemaker. Practices include spiritual, psychological, physical and interpersonal ways to live well.

B “Asset-Mapping in Washington DC for Community Transformation”

Presenter: Sam Marullo and Fred Smith, Wesley Seminary, Washington, DC and Urban Ministry Fellows

Track: Redefining Citizenship with Kingdom Values

Level: Some experience

This workshop describes the innovative Urban Ministry Fellows program at Wesley Seminary and their ongoing ministry asset-mapping project. Through research, partnership formation, and contextual education, the Urban Fellows are contributing to kingdom-building work in Washington D.C., while being equipped to transform urban communities through their own ministry. The Fellows will present some results of their community-based research.

C “Spirituality of Peacemaking – Biblical Foundations”

Presenter: Walter Arthur McCray, National Black Evangelical Association, Chicago, IL

Track: Developing Peace & Justice in Community

Level: Some experience

This workshop will explore biblical themes and principles of oneness, unity, peace, koinonia, reconciliation and conflict resolution. References will be made to the peace-making contributions of Black and African scriptural personalities and nations.

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A “Prophetic Activism in the U.S. Borderlands”

Presenter: Helen Slessarev-Jamir, Claremont School of Theology, Claremont, CA

Track: Developing Peace and Justice in Community

Level: Some experience

The workshop will look at contemporary models of progressive interreligious peace and justice activism taking place among marginalized communities in the U.S.

B “Preaching and Teaching Peace Using Scriptures from the Old Testament”

Presenter: Wilma Ann Bailey, Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis, IN

Track: Redefining Citizenship with Kingdom Values

Level: All levels

Many Christians think that the Old Testament is all about violence and war while the New Testament is all about peace and love. This workshop will focus on Old Testament texts where violence within a community or between different ethnic groups could have been the expected outcome but a peaceful intervention turned that outcome around.

C “Inter-Religious Dialogue: Just and Peaceful Conversations”

Presenter: Jeff Spahn, Leaders Leading Leaders, Chicago, IL; and Shanta Premawardhana, SCUPE, Chicago, IL

Track: Developing Peace & Justice in Community

Level: Skill Building

How do we faithfully live into Inter-religious dialogue in a globalizing world? How can we have just conversations that engender peace? We know how to “speak our truth.” We know how to be nice and loving. But sometimes it is very difficult to do both at the same time. Through a mixture of conceptual presentation, exercises and dialogue, participants will become equipped to speak their truth with love.

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A “Drug Policy Reform”

Presenters: Al Sharp and Walter Boyd, Protestants for the Common Good, Chicago, IL

Track: Public Policy Advocacy

Level: Some experience

U.S. drug policy has created what can only be described as a prisoner nation. One out of every 31 individuals is under the jurisdiction of the criminal justice system. A highly disproportionate number are African American or Hispanic. This workshop will describe how our drug policy has contributed to urban violence. It will outline policies and strategies to counter the so-called War on Drugs which continues to shape national policy.

B “Conflict Transformation in an Era of Violence”

Presenter: Michael Mata, World Vision U.S. Programs, Los Angeles, CA

Track: Peacemaking At Home & Abroad

Level: Beginners

This workshop builds on a model of peace-building developed in South Africa. It will introduce key concepts and skills of conflict transformation and provide an overview of its application. The intent is to equip individuals to deal constructively with conflict in their own lives, institutions and communities.

C “Peacemaking in the Pew: The Multicultural Church”

Presenters: Magdalena Garcia, Ravenswood Presbyterian Church, Chicago, IL and Barbara Cathey, Edgewater Presbyterian Church, Chicago, IL

Track: Developing Peace & Justice in Community

Level: Beginners

With this workshop, Presbyterian pastors Magdalena Garcia and Barb Cathey will focus on peacemaking within their multicultural ministries in two of Chicago's diverse and vibrant north side communities – Edgewater and Ravenswood. *Sponsored by the Advanced Latino Theological Education program.*

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A **“Biblical Faith and the Vocation of Peace”**

Presenter: Robert Ludwig, Loyola University, Chicago, IL

Track: Developing Peace & Justice in Community

Level: Some experience

As people of faith, we are called to witness for justice and peace. This workshop focuses on the biblical foundations for peacemaking and its contemporary expressions in the Christian peace movement. We will draw from ancient Israel and the gospel as proclaimed in Galilee and Christian communities throughout the first century. *Sponsored by the Masters in Social Justice and Community Development program*

B **“Spoken Word Forum: ‘Somebody Better Say Something!’”**

Presenters: Brenda Matthews, Phil Jackson, Marco Maltbia, Rodney Mumphrey, John Green and Awthentik

Track: Developing Peace & Justice in Community

Level: Beginners

Rap, poetry, lyrics and spoken word are all vehicles that God uses to build the kingdom within the African American community. This workshop will focus on the use of spoken word performed at various community locations. The group, “Speak Life,” will discuss and perform spoken word pieces that address violence, hope and resilience. *Sponsored by Center for African American Theological Studies.*

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“Peacemaking in a Culture of Gang Violence”

Presenter: Kenny Ruiz, Coordinator of Youth Interventions – YMCA of Metro Chicago, Chicago, IL

Track: Developing Peace and Justice in Community

Level: Beginners

This workshop offers participants the essential tools for understanding youth gang culture and beginning a ministry to individuals and families caught in cycles of gang violence. Kenny Ruiz brings both pastoral and street expertise to this session.

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A **“Influencing Your Elected Officials or Speaking Faith in the Public Arena”**

Presenter: Laura Dean Friedrich, Protestants for the Common Good, Chicago, IL

Track: Public Policy Advocacy

Level: Advanced Level

The workshop will provide strategies and practice for interacting with legislators and other public officials, including relationship-building techniques, effective communication tools, and stating your case skills. Participants will also learn about the kinds of information that legislators want to know and how to present it for maximum effect.

B **“Peace Be Still: Alternative Dispute Resolution in a Culture of Violence”**

Presenter: Angelyn Anderson and Tanya Douglas-Cain

Track: Developing Peace and Justice in Community

Level: Some Experience

This workshop explores two forms of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) – Mediation and Restorative Justice – and how to apply these in equitable and culturally sensitive ways for conflict resolution. Participants will engage in a dialogue regarding the benefits of these techniques and leave with a pragmatic framework to establish alternative dispute resolution programs in their communities.

C “Faith, Justice and Public Policy”

Presenter: Mary Nelson, Loyola University Chicago, Institute for Pastoral Studies MASJCD

Track: Public Policy Advocacy

Level: Some experience

Taking an interactive approach, this workshop will look at the biblical call to justice, identify historical faith-centered efforts at just policies, and examine several current issues in the light of our faith, what groups are doing, opportunities for action and further resources.

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A “More than Beats and Rhymes: Conceptualizing a Theology of Hip-Hop”

Presenter: Melech Thomas, Christian Brothers United, Howard University, Washington, DC

Track: Transforming Systems and Culture

Level: Some Experience

The purpose of this workshop is to provide attendees with a conceptual understanding of Hip-Hop as more than a tool for ministry, but as a theological perspective for the 21st Century urban young person. The session will provide a long-view on Hip-Hop, how urban young persons have viewed God through Hip-Hop, and how a theology of Hip-Hop can be used for liberation.

B “Education for Peacemaking in Sarajevo/Southeastern Europe”

Presenter: Hans Strub, Center for Church Development, Zurich, Switzerland

Track: Public Policy Advocacy

Level: Beginners

This workshop provides participants with tools to successfully speak about trauma in post-war situations with veterans, victims, and loved ones. Participants will also gain a wider understanding on how to speak about “just peace” and “human security” in a context where the wounds of war are still visible and omnipresent.

C “Getting Over the ‘Willies’: Overcoming Youth Violence”

Presenter: Rebecca Knox and Lou Vetri, St. Luke’s/Christ Partnership Parish, Reading, PA

Track: Peacemaking at Home & Abroad

Level: Beginners

Hear the story of how a random act of Saturday night violence claimed the life of 17-year-old Willy and brought a neighborhood together helping a congregation expand its mission. Receive insights into collaborations that can fuel congregational programming for very little dollars.

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A “Becoming a Public Church in a Violent Political Context”

Presenters: Thomas Schlag, University of Zurich and Christina Aus der Au, University of Basel, Switzerland

Track: Transforming Systems and Culture

Level: Some experience

This workshop will look at strategies for the church to become an influence towards a peaceful society. The presenters will use the context of recent referendums in Switzerland which banned the construction of minarets and calling for the deportation of criminal foreigners. We will address the reasons behind such decisions, and the possibilities for churches to respond to hurtful public policy with clarity and a gospel hope that stimulates a more peaceful future.

B “Demilitarizing Life in the US – Organizing Across Cultural Lines for Justice”

Presenter: Sam Smith, Fellowship of Reconciliation USA, West Chicago, IL

Track: Transforming Systems and Culture

Level: Advanced

Unemployment and foreclosures are growing. Islamaphobia and racist actions dominate the media, our streets and spiritual places each day. The military targets the young, people of color and low-income communities to sustain its wars. This workshop will explore the relationship between class, race, and faith in our organizing strategies.

C “Criminality and Engaged Violence”

Presenter: Henry Allen, Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL

Track: Peacemaking at Home & Abroad

Level: Some experience

This workshop explores successful, tested programs that enhance peacemaking in urban areas. Material will move from criminological research and theological insights toward effective programs of crime prevention. Matters related to family violence, gang violence and violence against women will be discussed, with attention paid to Chicago and other urban centers.

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A “Healing the Violence of Racism: From Bystander to Witness”

Presenter: Charlotte Kunkel, Luther College, Decorah, IA

Track: Transforming Systems and Culture

Level: Some Experience

This workshop will address the culture of racism and how we can become participants in healing the violence of racism. The goal is to move us from passive bystanders to active witnesses with the understanding that we must take action in order to change the existing culture. Participants will gain knowledge of systemic racism and develop tools to intervene and disrupt that system.

B “Jubilee Jesus Meets Banker's Bailiff: What Jesus Teaches About Confronting 21st Century Whiteness”

Presenters: James Perkinson, Ecumenical Theological Seminary, Detroit, MI and Lilly Mendoza, Oakland University, Rochester, MI

Track: Transforming Systems and Culture

Level: Advanced

This workshop will begin a dialogue between the current foreclosure crisis and the 1st century Palestinian Jesus movement – organizing peasant resistance to predatory practices. In seeking to create a call/response between the biblical text and contemporary practice, participants will be asked to identify the way categories map onto institutional processes in both ancient and modern contexts. The aim is to sharpen discernment in either direction.

C “Managing Conflict to Empower the Peacemaker Within”

Presenter: Khaleelah Muhammad, Auburn Gresham Neighborhood Recovery Initiative, Chicago, IL

Track: Developing Peace & Justice in Community

Level: Beginners

This workshop covers fundamentals of maintaining a peaceful environment from within, while setting realistic expectations concerning the nature of conflicts. Participants will develop skills in solving conflicts as allies/partners rather than as opponents, and transforming problems into creative opportunities.

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A “The Urban Church in a Changing Neighborhood”

Presenter: Oreon Trickey, LaSalle Street Church, Chicago, IL

Track: Developing Peace and Justice in Community

Level: Some Experience

This workshop is a candid conversation on the joys and challenges of ministry at LaSalle Street Church, as we actively engage with our rapidly gentrifying neighborhood on the border of Cabrini Green. We will discuss the integrating of faith and justice using practices of hospitality, mutual respect, and creating relevant programs and organizations.

B “Gospel Nonviolence: Soul-Force and Social Change”

Presenter: Ken Butigan, Institute of Pastoral Studies, Loyola University, Chicago, IL

Track: Transforming Systems and Culture

Level: Some Experience

This workshop will use Bill Moyer’s *Eight Stages of Successful Social Movements* (from his book, “Doing Democracy: The MAP Model for Organizing Social Movements”) to track the spirituality and practice of nonviolent, faith-based people-power for challenging and transforming structural violence in our city and our world.