

## **TUESDAY WORKSHOPS**

**January 27, 2:00-3:30 pm**

### **1. Pop Goes Religion**

*Jay Johnson and Richard Lindsay*

This workshop will attempt to transcend the limitations of specific and dated examples of religion in popular culture and focus instead on recurring themes that cut across media forms, including television, music video, film, and advertising. Examples include: rock n' roll messiahs and antichrists; apocalypse; cybertheology; humor and sacrilege; New Age talk-show religion (Systematic Oprahology); kitsch, camp, and queer; and Celebrity Buddhists.

### **2. Overcoming Challenges to Racial and Ethnic Diversity**

*Gerardo Marti*

This workshop is for pioneers working through the challenge of creating ethnically and racially diverse churches. By looking at successfully diverse churches across the nation, the workshop will discuss critical attitudes for cultivating a hospitable church, perspectives on recent immigration and the neighborhood church, and experiments and global awareness.

### **3. Restorative Justice Circle Conference for Healing and Solving Conflicts**

*Yuri Morita*

The circle has enormous significance for human society, especially for a spiritual community. A restorative justice conference begins by sitting in a circle in order to solve difficult conflicts within a community. It also produces the responsibilities of the offenders and healing for the victims. This workshop will explain the philosophy and history of restorative justice circles and provide the steps to facilitate such circles in your communities.

### **4. The Role of the Progressive Church in the Obama Administration**

*Roland Stringfellow*

The role that conservative and fundamentalist churches played during the Bush administration is well known. Will they continue to hold that same influence over government and politics with Obama in the White House? This workshop will address that question and more, including: What is the agenda of progressive churches, and will they be able to present their case to the new president? How can progressive churches develop an agenda at national, state, and local levels?

### **5. A Conversation with Karen Ward**

Bring your questions and engage Earl Lecturer Karen Ward in a conversation about new forms of worship and community.

### **6. A Discussion of Community and Continuing Education**

Meet with PSR staff to discuss clergy, laity, and community needs in relation to community education. Bring your most creative ideas for a conversation that will help us chart a course for future PSR educational events.

## **WEDNESDAY WORKSHOPS**

**January 28, 2:45–4:15 pm**

### **1. Getting Rid of the Exclusive Mentality of Churches**

*Jay Bakker*

“As Christians we are sorry for being self-righteous judgmental bastards.” That is the founding creed of Revolution Church, a congregation that meets in bars in the hip districts of Brooklyn, Atlanta, and Charlotte. Jay will speak about his 15 years of outreach to “punks, skaters, and metal heads” around the country; about the importance of being graceful, compassionate, and inclusive; and about the lessons he’s learned as the pastor of “the church for people who’ve given up on church.”

### **2. Bringing Worship to Life**

*Andrea Bieler, Andrea Davidson, and Aeri Lee*

Come and help plan (and then participate in) the Wednesday evening worship at Earl Lectures. We need singers, dancers, and dramatists to help lead us in Wednesday evening vespers. Join the Earl Lecture Choir by coming to this workshop!

### **3. Church 2.0: Internet/Technology as a Tool**

*Bruce Reyes-Chow*

The Internet is not just an accessory for our congregations, says Reyes-Chow, but a vital tool for helping build community and keeping us connected in faith. Join a discussion with a pastor who has built a church, provided pastoral care, and spoken prophetically—all through the Internet.

### **4. A Conversation with Boyung Lee**

Bring your questions to this conversation with Earl Lecturer Boyung Lee, associate professor at Pacific School of Religion.

### **5. Preaching in the Age of YouTube**

*Richard Lindsay*

In the age of broadcast media and the Internet, preachers find themselves a small, lone voice in a non-stop deluge of talking heads. This workshop will address both the challenge of preaching live to congregations in a visual culture, and provide approaches for progressive Protestant preachers to expand their media presence in the midst of a vast and bewildering datasphere.

### **6. Devotional Singing: A New Way of Using Music in Worship**

*Nicole Naffaa and Keith Stafford*

Devotional singing is *not* concerned with hitting the right note, singing the right words, or keeping the right tempo—it's about using music and song to open ourselves up to one another and to the Divine Spirit among us. Join us as we talk about this approach to music and how it may be incorporated into a traditional worship setting or used independently as an additional way for people to gather in song. Come, let us make a joyful noise!

## **7. Explaining, Exploring, and Evaluating the Outcome of Proposition 8**

*Roland Stringfellow*

The No on 8 campaign worked tirelessly to defeat California's anti-same-sex-marriage constitutional amendment, only to be disappointed by a narrow vote in favor of passage. This workshop will unpack the campaign to understand the secular/spiritual dichotomy of the marriage issue, and will look toward the future of marriage and family equality.