



Theology and Peace

gathering for a theology & practice of peace

Fourth Annual Conference

Transforming Christianity

May 31-June 2, 2011

College of Notre Dame of Maryland, Baltimore

A gathering for theologians, pastors, activists and others, to develop the insights of mimetic anthropology toward the formation of a theology, community and practice of peace.

A time to dialogue with one another and with . . .

Brian McLaren on *Christianity Transformed and Transforming*
Theologian and author of *A New Kind of Christianity*

Michael Hardin on *The Babylonian Captivity of the Gospel*
PreachingPeace.org, co-founder and author of *The Jesus Driven Life*

Suzanne Ross on *Beyond Power Struggles: Teaching Without Rivalry*
Raven Foundation, co-founder and author of *The Wicked Truth: When Good People Do Bad Things*

Conference details and registration form below and at www.theologyandpeace.org

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Brian D. McLaren is a pastor, speaker, author, and networker who is devoted to “a new kind of Christianity.” *Time* magazine named him one of America’s top twenty-five evangelicals. He has appeared on television shows such as *Nightline* and *Larry King Live*. His books have reached best seller lists and have influenced a variety of Christians, especially those experimenting in new forms of ecclesial community know as the emergent church movement. Those books include: *A Generous Orthodoxy*, *A New Kind of Christian*, *The Secret Message of Jesus* and *A New Kind of Christianity*. Brian has been active in planting and networking churches during the last 20 years. The Board of Theology and Peace considers Brian to be a valuable friend as we continue our shared mission to transform the landscape of Christianity in America.

Michael Hardin is one of the earliest members of the Colloquium on Violence and Religion, a co-founder of PreachingPeace.org and of Theology and Peace. René Girard says of him, “I consider Michael to be a gifted and effective advocate who is able to make the Mimetic Theory and its application clear to both clergy and lay people.” He is author of *The Jesus Driven Life*, of which has been said, “It’s a postmodern, anthropological, systematic theology in one concise volume!” As a former member of the Theology and Peace board, Michael’s work on interpreting scripture and understanding the life of Jesus through a mimetic lens is essential for the transformation we seek.

Suzanne Ross has worked in education for over fifteen years. She has taught Montessori preschool and kindergarten, worked as a corporate training consultant, and as the education director for a United Church of Christ congregation. Upon discovering the work of Rene Girard in 1997, Suzanne was astounded at how mimetic theory was able to illuminate her life and work as educator, parent, church member, and lover of fiction and theater. In 2007, Suzanne and her husband Keith Ross founded the Raven Foundation to increase and promote awareness of mimetic theory. Her two books, *The Wicked Truth* and *The Wicked Truth about Love*, are examples of the Foundation’s work. The Board of Theology and Peace considers Suzanne and the Raven Foundation to be valuable friends in our shared mission to expand the insights of mimetic theory throughout North America.

SCHEDULE AND PROGRAM: The program will begin at 2:00 pm on Tuesday, May 31 and end at noon on Thursday, June 2. A plenary presentation by each speaker will be followed by personal reflection and small and large group dialogue. The conference endeavors to provide a holistic sense of symbol and worship surrounding talk and ideas. In this setting, liturgy and prayer, interest groups, social gatherings, free time and a brief business meeting will complete the schedule.

PRE-CONFERENCE MIMETIC THEORY OVERVIEW: A free-of-charge pre-conference program is offered from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm on Tuesday, May 31st, providing an immersion in Mimetic Theory, the anthropological understanding at the heart of Theology and Peace. Includes free continental breakfast (lunch available for purchase at the college).

LOCATION: The Conference will be held at the **College of Notre Dame of Maryland, Baltimore**, located at 4701 North Charles Street, Baltimore. For directions go to www.ndm.edu

ACCOMMODATIONS AND MEALS: Single or double rooms in residence halls (with hall baths or semi-private bath) are available. The conference fee includes meals beginning with dinner on Tuesday and ending with breakfast on Thursday.

DUES: [Theology and Peace](http://TheologyandPeace.org) is a membership organization, though our Conference is open to all. Dues provide conference seed money and help us provide other mimetic theory resources related to peace theology and practice. Please consider joining!

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Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Male ____ Female ____

Special dietary or accommodation needs _____

Basic conference fee includes program, 2 nights lodging & meals. Please check all that apply, then total:

_____ Double room with private bath per person \$195 _____

There are very few double rooms with two beds available – for married couples only, please.

_____ Single room with hall bath per person \$215 _____

_____ Single room in suite, sharing bath with one other per person \$225 _____

_____ Single room with private bath per person \$245 _____

_____ Commuter (includes program & meals) per person \$175 _____

_____ Additional night in room (Monday, May 30) no extra meals included \$55 _____

_____ Annual Membership dues \$15, \$20, \$50, or more - as possible _____

Sub-Total _____

_____ Early Registration discount – take \$25 off sub-total if postmarked before 4/1 – \$25 _____

_____ Student scholarship discount – take \$50 off your sub-total if you are a student – \$50 _____

_____ Other Scholarship discount – please see scholarship application below – \$ _____

Total Due _____

Registration fee must be paid (in US \$) with registration by check or money order, made to Theology and Peace.

Send to:

Pastor Mary McKinney, Registrar

Theology and Peace

18 Golfview Place

DeKalb, IL 60115-1855

Registration Questions? Contact:

Pastor P. Shannon Mullen

843 592 3444 OR pastorshannon@stjohnsbeaufort.org

Scholarship Application

This form not required for basic student scholarship.

We have been blessed this year with special funding for scholarships and it is our desire not to turn anyone away for lack of personal resources.

Therefore, those who need special consideration for scholarship funds (other than the basic student scholarship), please fill out this form. The Theology and Peace registration committee will consider your request and notify you as quickly as possible.

Registration procedure: write the scholarship amount you are requesting in the "Other Scholarship" blank above and calculate your adjusted fee. Send adjusted registration fee (in US \$) by check or money order with registration. Your check will be held until your scholarship request is considered. If your scholarship request is approved, your check will be deposited. If we are unable to grant the scholarship requested, you will be contacted to discuss further options.

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____ **Phone** _____

Scholarship amount requested \$ _____

Explanation/situation: _____

