

Peace, Unity and Purity: Where is Justice?

Presented by *Honoring All Voices:*

A partnership of Long Island Presbyterian Churches
Bethany Presbyterian Church, 425 Maplewood Road,
Huntington Station, NY
Saturday, October 21, 2006 - 9:00 am - 12:30 pm -



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DIRECTIONS

From the East

Long Island Expressway (495) Take Exit 51. At end of exit ramp turn RIGHT. Go north on route 231 (Deer Park Rd). Under the Northern State Pkwy, bear LEFT on route 35. At second traffic light cross Jericho Tpke. Deer Park Rd. becomes Park Ave. at Jericho Tpke. Go north on Park Avenue to second traffic light. Turn LEFT on to Maplewood Road and RIGHT into Church parking lot. Bethany is on the corner of Park Avenue and Maplewood Road.

From the West

Long Island Expressway (495) Take Exit 51. At end of exit ramp turn LEFT. Go north on route 231 (Deer Park Rd.) and follow the directions indicated above.

conference schedule...

9:00-9:30	Breakfast and Registration
9:30-9:45	Morning Prayer and Welcome
9:45-10:45	Keynote address: The Rev. Dr. Jack Rogers
10:45-11:00	Break
11:00-11:45	Q & A
11:45-12:30	Worship

conference description...

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Honoring All Voices has invited the Reverend Jack Rogers, an evangelical teacher and scholar, past moderator of the General Assembly and author of a number of publications and videos, including *Breaking the Bible and the Confessions: the Presbyterian Way, Essential Tenets of the Reformed Faith*, and his new book, *Jesus, the Bible and Homosexuality: Explore the Myths, Heal the Church*, to place our current need for discernment of scripture and polity in a cultural and historical context.

Is peace or unity tenable without justice? Is spiritual purity discernible in the human realm? Can racism, sexism and heterosexism be linked and labeled as sins of the spirit? All are welcome to hear the Rev. Jack Rogers and to ask questions as he shares his insights on the theme of Micah 6:8, bringing them to bear on our current need to heal the Church. All are invited to worship with us, as we seek the healing presence of the Holy Spirit in the discernment of ways to "do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with (our) God."



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keynote *address...*

Jack Rogers is Professor of Theology Emeritus at San Francisco Theological Seminary and was Moderator of the 213th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). He is the author of many books, including *Claiming the Center: Churches and Conflicting Worldviews* and his most recent *Jesus, the Bible and Homosexuality: Explode the Myths, Heal the Church*. He also served as vice president of San Francisco Theological Seminary, founding the Southern California Program. He was previously Professor of Philosophical Theology at Fuller Theological Seminary for seventeen years.



prayer and *praise...*

Morning prayer and song includes beautiful piano music and liturgical dance by Ephphatha (Jesus' command in Aramaic: "Be opened" in Mark 7:34), a group comprised of dancers from across the Presbytery of Long Island.

Afternoon worship includes traditional elements of corporate worship combined with inspiring music delivered by voices of all ages and instruments of a variety of types from several churches in the Presbytery. There will be clown ministry that touches the heart as well as a larger liturgical dance piece from Ephphatha.

These services promise to encircle the day's schedule with the hope of true Christian community flowing in and through all those who participate.

**To make reservations call:
631-423-6359 or email
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Breakfast and beverages**

will be available throughout the morning.

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