



VOICES OF FAITH 2007

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE METHODIST FEDERATION FOR SOCIAL ACTION

What: A Gathering of Justice-Seeking United Methodists

Why: Celebrate, Organize, Take Action, *Be The Church*

When: April 13-15, 2007

Where: Hyatt Regency Hotel in Crystal City, VA

Time is Running Out!!!
What are you waiting for?
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Dr. Diana Butler Bass

Celebrate 100 years of justice action!

The Methodist Federation for Social Action (MFSa) was founded in 1907 in Washington, DC. We will recognize and honor the leaders of MFSa on whose shoulders we stand.

Sing, Worship and Listen to Great Preaching!

Dr. Marcia McFee will guide us in worship and Rev. Dr. Traci West and Bishop Minerva Carcaño will preach the truth of the Gospel for the current day. Join with hundreds of energized United Methodists singing songs of justice, peace and power as we experience the gift of community together.



Dr. Brian Blount

Have Fun!

Let the music of African American Women's a capella group, "In Process," nurture our souls and give us strength for the journey.

Recall our Faith Roots!

New Testament scholar, professor and author, Dr. Brian Blount, of Princeton will ground us in the soil of Biblical justice in which we are rooted.

Learn and Respond!

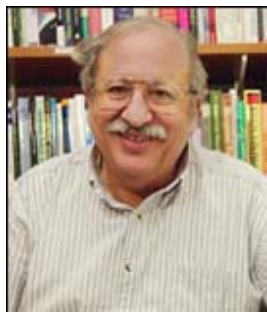
Author of *Christianity for the Rest of Us*, Dr. Diana Butler Bass, will point to signs of hope and vitality within the church. Workshops, speakers and resources will be available on a wide variety of topics.

Organize!

Former director of organizing for Cesar Chavez's United Farm Workers and currently lecturer at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, Dr. Marshall Ganz, will help us understand how being people of faith and good organizers go hand in hand. Impressed with John Wesley's organizing skills, Prof. Ganz will help us hone our own skills as we prepare for General Conference 2008 where we intend to be a mighty force!

Witness!

On Sunday afternoon we will travel to the White House and raise our voices in song, prayer and witness, bringing our message of peace, justice and liberation as we challenge the current administration to live up to the highest ideals of the Gospel and of our nation.



Dr. Marshall Ganz



Bishop Minerva Carcaño



Rev. Dr. Traci West



Dr. Marcia McFee

SCHEDULE AND WORKSHOPS

FRIDAY APRIL 13TH, 2007

9am-5pm -- Registration Open

2pm-5:30pm

The Journey of Justice: Setting the Stage

A Celebration of 100 years of MFSA
(with music, spoken word and historic presentations)

7:30pm-9:00pm

Rooted in Faith: Called Into Action

Dr. Brian K. Blount, Professor of New Testament Interpretation,
Princeton Theological Seminary

SATURDAY APRIL 14TH, 2007

8am-Noon -- Registration Open

8:00am -10:00am

Worship and Biblical Engagement

Dr. Marcia McFee and Rev. Dr. Traci West, Drew Theological
Seminary

10:00am-Noon

Organizing Progressive Methodists: Developing Leaders

Engaging Members and Changing the World
Dr. Marshall Ganz, Kennedy School of Government

Noon – 1:130

Lunch on your own

1:30pm- 3:00pm

Workshops Group I

1. **Creating “A Land Twice Promised”:** Performance
Process of an Israeli and Palestinian Dialogue — Noa
Baum, Artist and Storyteller

2. **If We Can Risk Nuclear War, We Can Risk Disarma-
ment** David Culp, Friends Committee on National Legislation
and Chair, Interfaith Committee for Nuclear Disarmament

3. **Immigration: A Theological Response**
Bill Mefford, General Board of Church and Society, Allison
Rutland Soulen, Director of Legal Services and Rob Rutland-
Brown, Executive Director, Just Neighbors Ministry

4. **Consumerism: Heaven’s Wealth and Earthly Treasures**
Rev. Marti Zimmerman, former MFSA staff and Clergy in the
Rocky Mountain Conference

5. **America’s Disgrace: Incarceration and the Death
Penalty** -- Rev. Sala J. Nolan, Minister of Criminal Justice and
Human Rights, Justice and Witness Ministries, UCC

6. **Living the Questions: Engaging Progressives in Study**
Rev. Jeff Procter-Murphy and Rev. David Felten, authors of
Living the Questions

7. **Possibilities in Being Church in the 21st Century**
Dr. Diana Butler Bass, author, *Christianity for the Rest of Us*

8. **Faith in the Age of Empire**, Rev. George McClain, MFSA
Executive Director Emeritus

9. **The Problem of Evil and the Goodness of God** --
Bishop Roy Sano

10. **Worship and the Arts: Moving Beyond
Words** -- Delyn Celec, Musician and Panel

3:15pm- 4:15pm

Christianity for the Rest of Us
Dr. Diana Butler Bass

4:30pm- 6:00pm

Workshops Group II
Same as Group I

SATURDAY EVENING, APRIL 14TH

6:30pm - 9:30 pm

And the Journey Continues: A Banquet of Thanksgiving

Entertainment: *In Process* (Women’s Acappella Group)
Former Senator John Edwards, invited

SUNDAY, APRIL 15TH, 2007

8:00am-9:00am

Morning Centering

9:15am-10:45am

Workshop Group III

1. **Economic Divestment as a Tool to Impact the Occupa-
tion of Palestine** — Elizabeth Corrie, End the Occupation
2. **Ending the War NOW: Next Steps for Organizing** - TBD
3. **Common Cause: Intersections of Oppression**
Rev. Troy Plummer, Director of RMN and Panel
4. **Nonviolence Training: A Basis for Action** -- Janet
Chisholm, Peace and Justice Coordinator, Kirkridge Retreat
Center
5. **Popular Education: Finding Our Voice**
Tufara Waller Muhammad and staff, Highlander Center
6. **Working for a Living Wage: Economic Engagement** --
Rev. Osagyefo Uhuru Sekou, Executive Director of the Inter-
faith Worker Justice Center of New Orleans
7. **Emerging Faith Communities: What We Need to
Know** - TBD
8. **Organizing for Social Transformation** TBD
9. **Middle East Opportunities for Action**
Ashley Wilkinson, US Campaign to End the Occupation and Jim
Vitarello, President of Sharing Jerusalem USA

11:00am-12:30pm

Organizing for Action

Option One: MFSA Organizing for General Conference

Option Two: Organizing for the Public Square and the Role of
People of Faith

1:30pm-3:00pm

Worship and Witness: Stepping Out and Stepping

MFSA will remember the prophetic past when the founders
gathered at the Willard hotel and then walked to the White
House for a meeting with the President. After a worship
service at Church of the Epiphany near the White House, we
will process to the White House where Bishop Minerva Carcaño
will send us forth into action.