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April 10, 2003, Dayton, Ohio. Vice President for Academic Affairs and Academic Dean Dr. Kendall K. McCabe, announces the Heck Lectures and Spring Convocation at United Theological Seminary scheduled for May 5 and 6.

Dr, Ted Peters, professor of systematic theology at Pacific Lutheran Seminary and the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, CA, and program director for the Science and Religion Course Program at the Center for Theology and the Natural Sciences, will present three lectures on the theme of *Faith and Science*. The **first lecture is at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, May 5**, entitled *Faith and Science.. Are They Really at War? The second lecture, Are We Playing God With Our Genes? is at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 6. The final lecture, The Evolution Controversy: From Creation to New Creation, is on Tuesday afternoon at 1:30. All lectures are in Zimmerman Chapel on the campus.*

Three workshops will be offered on Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 in the classrooms of Bonebrake Hall. They are *Introducing Ecological Issues in the Parish* (Leader: Dr. Carolyn Bohler, professor of pastoral theology and counseling), *Religion and Science: Old and New* (Leaders - Dr. Tom Dozemari, professor of Old Testament) and Dr. Andrew Sung Park (professor of theology), *Genetic Engineering* (Dr. Don Geiger of the University of Dayton).

Dr. Ted Peters has served as principal investigator for a research project funded by the National Institutes of Health on "Theological and Ethical Questions Raised by the Human Genome Initiative" and is a member of the research team on the "Religion, Culture, and Family" project sponsored by the University of Chicago. Peters is the author of many books, including *Playing God? Genetic Determinism and Human Freedom; For the Love of Children: Genetic Technology and the Future of the Family; GOD-the World's Future-* and *Systematic Theology for a Postmodern Era.*

Bishop Milton Wright.- Faith, Family, and f7ight is the tide of the plenary session scheduled for Tuesday morning, May 6, at 9:30 a.m. Ms. Dawne Dewey, head of special collections and archives for the Wright State University Libraries in Dayton, and the principal curator of the Wright Brothers Collection and other aviation history is the leader. Her B.A. and M.A. in history are both from Wright State. Dewey is the editor of the *Bishop Milton Wright Diaries* published in 2000. All events are open to the public. A registration fee of \$30 is required. For further information, call 937/278-5817 and speak with Beth Holten at ext. 2410.