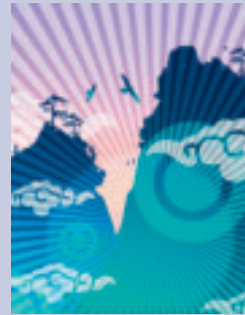


2010

## Spiritual But Not Religious: Problem or Opportunity?



January 25 and 26  
Crowne Plaza Columbus North Hotel  
6500 Doubletree Avenue, Columbus

### Speakers

#### Dr. John C. Green



Dr. John C. Green is director of the Ray C. Bliss Institute of Applied Politics at the University of Akron, a post he has held since 1988. He is Distinguished Professor of Political Science at

the University of Akron. Prior to joining the University of Akron, he taught Political Science at Furman University.

Dr. Green received his Ph.D. in Political Science from Cornell University and his B.A. in Economics from the University of Colorado.

Dr. Green has done extensive research on American religion and politics, political parties, and campaign finance. He is a Senior Fellow with the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life. Dr. Green is well published.

Titles of his talks are:

1. *Religion and Spirituality: A View from the Polls.*
2. *Spiritual but Religious: Attitudes and Opinions.*

#### The Rev. Dr. Linda Mercadante



The Rev. Dr. Linda Mercadante, is the B. Robert Straker Professor of Theology at the Methodist Theological School in Ohio. She has a passion for the intersection of

theology and culture. Dr. Mercadante has served as a Visiting Scholar in Media and Theology at the University of Edinburgh. She has published four books and numerous articles.

Dr. Mercadante lectures widely, gives retreats and enjoys conducting adult education seminars in churches. She leads workshops in spiritual autobiography, addiction recovery, and the faith/film paradigm. Her most recent project is researching contemporary persons who self-identify as "spiritual but not religious."

Titles of her talks are:

1. *Meeting the 'Spiritual but Not Religious'*
2. *What Can Organized Religion Do?*

## Options

Five "Options" (in lieu of workshops) on Monday afternoon:

1. **Soup for the Soul: Spirituality—Losing my Religion** — A conversation with students from Ohio University.
2. **The Taize Experience** — Worship and prayer out of the Taize movement, led by the Rev. Jon Siehl, parish associate at Overbrook Presbyterian Church.
3. **Walk the Labyrinth** — A labyrinth will be set up for anyone who wishes to take the time and practice this prayer discipline.
4. **12 Step Spirituality** — Members of twelve step programs will share their experience of the spiritual within such groups.
5. **From Mainline Church to Orthodoxy** — Conversation with a young adult on his spiritual quest. The Rev. Jeff Myers, Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church and Mr. Kyle Hofmeister.

## Luncheons

### January 25, 2010 — Crowne Plaza Hotel

Please make advanced registration for these luncheons with the contact person listed.

Christian Theological Seminary — Charles Webb, Jr. at 317-931-2312.

SemCon 2009 — Ohio's United Methodist Seminaries and Conferences gather for food and fellowship. Mary Ann Hirsch, at 419-798-4461, Ext. 248.

United Church of Christ and Christian Church in Ohio, (Disciples of Christ) — Partnership Luncheon - Joyce Decker at 614-885-0722, ext. 75.

Synod of the Covenant, PC (U.S.A.) — Dagmar Romage at 614-847-0565. Margaret Haney, Interim Synod Executive will speak on: "O Synod, What are Thou"?

## Schedule

### Monday, January 25

- 9:00 Registration, Refreshments, Visit Vendors
- 10:00 Welcome, Introductions Morning Worship
- 10:45 Plenary, *Dr. John Green*
- Noon Denominational Luncheons (to attend, contact your denomination, see bottom, left panel), or On Your Own
- 1:30 Plenary, *Rev. Dr. Linda Mercadante*
- 2:45 Visit Vendors
- 3:00 Options
- 4:15 Break, Visit Vendors
- 5:00 Convocation Dinner  
*Rev. Dr. Arleon L. Kelley*
- 7:00 Worship—Worthington UMC,  
*Sr. Dr. Lorelei F. Fuchs*

### Tuesday, January 26

- 8:30 Registration, Refreshments, Visit Vendors
- 9:00 Plenary, *Dr. John Green*
- 10:00 Break
- 10:15 Plenary, *Rev. Dr. Linda Mercadante*
- 11:15 Talk-Back with Keynoters
- 11:45 Closing Worship
- 12:30 Adjournment

## Worship

The Rev. Dr. Henry J. Langknecht, Trinity Lutheran Seminary, will serve as worship leader for the Convocation.



## Continuing Education

Certificates will be included in the registration packet for full participation.



## Change of Venue



Crowne Plaza Cols. North

Overnight rooms have been reserved at a rate of \$79.00 plus tax for Single/Double at the **Crowne Plaza Columbus North**, 6500 Doubletree Avenue, Columbus. To receive this rate, please identify yourself as a participant of the Ohio Ministries Convocation, by calling the hotel directly at 1/800-227-6963 or 614/885-1885. When you check out you would need to have your church Tax Exemption form in order to receive an exemption. Deadline for registration is 1/11/2010. For directions, go to:

[www.CrownePlaza.com/ColumbusNorth](http://www.CrownePlaza.com/ColumbusNorth)



## "Going Into Our 91st Year" Dinner and Worship

*In celebration of 90 plus years of Ecumenical Ministry in the State of Ohio*

**Dinner—5:00 p.m.**, Crowne Plaza Hotel with the *Rev. Dr. Arleon L. Kelley*, UM, former Associate Director of the Ohio Council of Churches, retired Executive Director of the NY State Community of Churches.

**Worship— 7:00 p.m.**, Worthington United Methodist Church, 600 High St., Worthington, with *Sr. Dr. Lorelei F. Fuchs*, SA, Theological Consultant at the Interchurch Center, NY and member of the Society of the Atonement.

## Registration

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse (if attending): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ St. \_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Denomination: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Note:** All registrations include dinner on Monday.

Full Registration: \$155 \_\_ Retired \$85 \_\_

Spouse, \$85 \_\_ Life Member, \$85 \_\_

Monday only \$85 \_\_ Tuesday only \$85 \_\_

Seminarian \$55 \_\_ First Timer \$55 \_\_

Additional tax deductible gift of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ in celebration of **90 years** of ministry!

**Total Enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JANUARY 15, 2010**

**Please make all checks payable to:**

The Ohio Council of Churches  
6230 Busch Boulevard, Suite 430  
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### **African Methodist Episcopal Church**

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Metropolis of Pittsburgh

### **Moravian Church in America**

Eastern District of the Northern Province

### **Ohio Baptist General Convention**

### **Presbyterian Church (USA)**

Synod of the Covenant

### **Religious Society of Friends**

Wilmington Yearly Meeting

### **Roman Catholic Church**

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Diocese of Columbus

Diocese of Steubenville

Diocese of Toledo

Diocese of Youngstown

### **United Church of Christ**

Ohio Conference

### **United Methodist Church**

East Ohio Conference

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## A Celebration

A part of the 2010 Ohio Ministries Convocation

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# Going Into Our Ninety-First Year of Ecumenism

## YOU ARE INVITED

Come celebrate — Monday, January 25, 2010

Throughout 90 years the Council has been a vital statewide organization that facilitates ecumenical dialogue, provides educational events/opportunities, and public witness. Its primary purpose is to be a vehicle whereby the Christian churches can "more fully manifest oneness in Jesus Christ." Town and Country, Christian Education, Ohio Pastors Convocation (now OMC), Church Women United, Public Affairs, Prince of Peace Declamation Contests, Church Planning and Strategy, and Migrant Ministry, have been only a few of the many programs and ministries since the early days. The *Ohio Christian News*, the official newspaper of the Council, has been in existence since 1920.

Join in celebration of the 91st year of the Council's existence, as part of the 2010 Ohio Ministries Convocation. If you register for the Convocation, you won't need to register separately for the dinner and worship.



**Dinner** will feature the Rev. Dr. Arleon L. Kelley, retired United Methodist clergy-person. Dr. Kelley served as OCC Associate Executive Director. He was former Assistant General Secretary for the NCCCUA, and served as Executive Director of the New York State Community of Churches from 1987-1998. He was the General Editor for the book, *A Tapestry of Justice, Service, and Unity:*

*Local Ecumenism in the United States, 1950-2000.* He has served overseas and has had significant domestic and third world involvements in both rural and urban economic and social justice issues, ecumenical and inter-religious relationships, organizational development and management and community development.



**Worship Preaching** will be Sr. Dr. Lorelei F. Fuchs, SA, a member of the Society of the Atonement, Graymoor, Garrison, NY. Formerly an Associate Director of the Graymoor Ecumenical & Interreligious Institute, she currently serves as the theological consultant for

the Interchurch Center, NY City, and research assistant for the NCCCUA. She is a member of the Methodist-Roman Catholic Joint Commission, the WCC Faith and Order Plenary Commission, the North American Academy of Ecumenists, and is on the staff at the Centre for Ecumenical Research in the Faculty of Theology, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium. Sr. Fuchs has translated, edited and authored books on ecumenism, and she lectures in various settings, stateside and abroad.



## "Into the 91st Year" Anniversary Celebration

### Dinner Registration January 25, 2010

Crowne Plaza, Columbus North Hotel—5:00 p.m.  
6500 Doubletree Ave., Columbus

- Yes, I want to register for **dinner** at \$50.00  
(includes \$20 gift to the OCC)
- No, I am unable to attend,  
but here is my \$ \_\_\_\_\_ gift

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Register by January 15, 2010**

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