

Spring 2008

Three Important Lectures

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Human Rights, Peacemaking and Religious Liberty Examined

The Unitarian Church in Westport announces a new series of lectures exploring current ethical and philosophical issues of our day. **“Bridges to Belief: Three Community Lectures on Values and Vision”** will feature prominent experts on topics from the state of human rights to peacemaking and the role of religion in the U.S. There will be a reception following each lecture.

They will be held the first Sunday of March, April and May, 2008 at 3:00 pm at the church.



Sunday, March 2

The Rev. Dr. William F. Schulz, former Executive Director of Amnesty International USA, will discuss **“Restoring America’s Good Name: Human Rights in a Post-9/11 World.”** A Unitarian Universalist minister, he served as President of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations (UUA) from 1985-93. Schulz is Chair of the Board of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee.



Sunday, April 6

Dr. Sharon Welch, will examine notions of peace and peace building in our world in her lecture **“A Theology of Peacemaking.”** Dr. Welch is Provost and Professor of Religion and Society at Meadville Lombard Theological School in Chicago. Previously, Welch held positions as Professor and Chair of Religious Studies, Professor of Women’s and Gender Studies and Adjunct Professor of Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis at the University of Missouri. She is the author of several books on feminism and public policy.



Sunday, May 4

The Rev. Dr. C. Welton Gaddy, President of The Interfaith Alliance, will talk about religious liberty in his lecture entitled, **“Is American Religion Destroying American Values?”** The lecture will be based on his new book, published by Beacon Press: *First Freedom First: A Citizen’s Guide to Protecting Religious Liberty and the Separation of Church and State*, co-authored with Rev. Barry W. Lynn, Executive Director of Americans United for the Separation of Church and State. He also serves as the Pastor for Preaching and Worship at Northminster Baptist Church in Monroe, Louisiana.

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