McCormick Days Worship

Preacher: Shaun Whitehead

The Reverend Shaun Whitehead is the Associate University Chaplain, at St. Lawrence University in Canton, New York. As Associate Chaplain, Shaun ministers to students, faculty, staff and the broader community. Her primary call is that of pastor of the weekly Gospel Service on the St. Lawrence campus. She is also director of the Community Gospel Choir. Shaun teaches and leads workshops on the history and singing of Negro Spirituals. Through music, she has brought many people together. Shaun holds a Master of Divinity from McCormick Theological Seminary. She is an ordained Minister of Word and Sacrament in the United Church of Christ. Before full time ministry, she worked in Chicago’s radio industry for 14 years. Shaun focuses her work on breaking down barriers, building relationships that are inclusive, reconciling and affirming.

Musician: Gary Rand

Dr. Gary Rand is the Pastor of Worship and the Arts at LaSalle Street Church in Chicago, Illinois. He also serves as Seminary Musician and Adjunct Professor at McCormick Theological Seminary. He holds a Doctorate in Music Composition from Northwestern University and an MTS in Worship and Culture from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary. Gary is a teacher and leader of worship, liturgy and music with a wide breadth of experience with multiple cultures and diverse music styles in a variety of denominational contexts. He is an accomplished choral conductor and a commissioned composer of choral, orchestral, theater and film music.

Gold and Silver Banquet

Sunday Evening, October 24, 2010
McCormick Theological Seminary honors the Class of 1960 and the Class of 1985
An evening of conversation, food and fellowship at the Old Commons in Lincoln Park
4:45 p.m. Bus Leaves McCormick
5:15 p.m. Bus leaves Seneca Hotel/Red Roof Inn
6:00 p.m. Reception
7:00 p.m. The Gold and Silver Banquet

Worship Planner: Linda Wygant

The Reverend Dr. Linda Wygant is a McCormick alumna (D.Min. 2006) and is the founder of Grace Seeds Ministries which encourages churches and individuals to plant gardens and give the produce to food pantries.

McCormick Days Workshop Leaders

The Reverend Dr. Deborah Kapp is the Edward F. and Phyllis K. Campbell Professor of Urban Ministry at McCormick. She is the author of Worship Frames: How We Shape and Interpret Our Experience of God (Alban Institute, 2008).

The Reverend Neddy Astudillo is an alumna of McCormick (M.Div. 1998) and a candidate for a D.Min. in Eco-justice Ministries and Eco-spirituality at Drew University. A native of Venezuela, she is pastor of a Latino ministry in Beloit, Wisconsin. Tom Spaulding is executive director of the Angelic Organics Learning Center in Caledonia, Illinois.

The Reverend Roger W. Verley, H.R., is an alumnus of McCormick (M.Div. 1963) and an independent advocate for recovering small and mid-sized sustainable family farms and ranches in the US and globally.
Keynote: Dr. David Beckmann

An economist as well as a clergyman with degrees from Yale University, Christ Seminary and the London School of Economics, the Reverend Dr. David Beckmann is one of the foremost advocates for hungry people. He has led Bread for the World’s successful, large-scale campaigns to strengthen the United States’ political commitment to overcoming hunger and poverty since becoming president of the organization in 1991. Bread for the World comprises a large faith-based network of members who write to and hold meetings with their members of Congress and work through churches, campuses and other organizations to engage more people in advocacy. He also leads the Bread for the World Institute, which provides policy analysis and strategies to end hunger. Dr. Beckmann is the author of numerous books and articles including Transforming the Politics of Hunger and Grace at the Table: Ending Hunger in God’s World. He has lived in Bangladesh and Ghana, overseen projects in Bolivia and Ecuador, and visited more than 70 countries. In June, he was named one of the World Food Prize laureates. This award, the equivalent of the Nobel Prize for food and agriculture, recognizes the critical efforts of nongovernmental organizations in mobilizing and empowering citizens to end hunger in communities around the world by improving the quality, quantity and availability of food for all. There are 33 World Food Prize laureates, most of them scientists. Dr. Beckmann is the first member of the clergy to receive the award.

The Reverend Michael McConnell
M.Div., Class of 1977, 2010 Distinguished Alumnus

Michael is Midwest Regional Director for the American Friends Service Committee. A teacher, a pastor, an administrator and an organizer, he is perhaps best known for “Eyes Wide Open,” an exhibit of U.S. army boots, alongside a wall of remembrance inscribed with the names of Iraqi civilians, illustrating part of the human cost of the Iraq War.

Transportation from/to O’Hare or Midway Airport

For prices and availability of airport shuttle services, contact:
Airport Express Shuttle at (888) 284-3826 or www.airportexpress.com
Omega Shuttle at (773) 483-6634 or www.omegashuttle.com
Taxi service information, contact 1-312.829-4222.

Note: Complimentary transportation will be provided for McCormick registrants between the Seneca/Red Roof Hotels, Fourth Presbyterian Church and the McCormick campus on a preset schedule. A special bus will transport the Class of 1960 and 1985 on Sunday evening. Complete bus and van schedules will be available at registration.

Schedule

**Monday, October 25**

**Location:** McCormick Theological Seminary

8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast & Registration (Ender Lobby)

9:30 a.m. Worship (Augustana Chapel)
  - Shaun Whitehead preaching

10:30 a.m. Plenary I
  - David Beckmann “Dramatic Progress is Feasible”

11:30 a.m. Alumni/ae Association Meeting

12:00 p.m. Boxed Lunch

1:00 p.m. Workshops (see website for descriptions and bios)
  - Deborah Kapp “Deciphering the Meal”
  - Neddy Astudillo and Tom Spaulding “Just Farming”

2:45 p.m. Buses back to Campus Housing and Hotels

**Location:** Fourth Presbyterian Church

5:30 p.m. Dinner (Anderson Hall)

7:00 p.m. Plenary II (Sanctuary): The 5th Annual Lane Seminary Distinguished Lectureships in Church and Society
  - David Beckmann “This is God Moving in Our Time”

9:00 p.m. Bus departs to Seminary housing and Seneca Hotel

**Tuesday, October 26**

**Location:** McCormick Theological Seminary

8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast & Registration (Ender Lobby)

9:30 a.m. Worship (Augustana Chapel)
  - Shaun Whitehead preaching

11:00 a.m. Workshops (see website for descriptions and bios)
  - Roger Verley “Biophilia or Biophobia: Bio-Eco Diversity and Sustainability”
  - Neddy Astudillo and Tom Spaulding “Just Farming”

12:30 p.m. Break/Book Signing

1:00 p.m. President’s Recognition Lunch (Hyde Park Union Church)
  - Michael McConnell, 2010 Distinguished Alumnus

3:30 p.m. Plenary III
  - David Beckmann “People of Faith Can Change History for Hungry People”

5:00 p.m. Reception (Ender Lobby)

6:00 p.m. Bus leaves for Campus Housing and Hotels

For Additional Information
Visit www.mccormick.edu for updated event information including detailed workshop descriptions and workshop leader biographies. You may select the workshops you wish to attend at McDays.

To Register

**Early Registration Deadline:** Oct. 1.

(Note: Seneca Hotel reduced rate registration ends on Sept. 24)

**By Check:** Mail this registration form and your check to McCormick Theological Seminary, Alumni/ae Office, 5460 S. University Ave., Chicago, IL 60615

**By Credit Card:** Go to www.mccormick.edu and click on the “McDays Registration” link. You may register online for the full event or for one day only. One day is $60 before Oct. 1, $75 after Oct. 1.

Registration includes MTS bus transportation to and from campus housing, the Seneca Hotel and the Red Roof Inn. It is inclusive of all events and meals listed on Oct. 25 and Oct. 26.

**Conference Registration for McDays, October 25-26 Fee**

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**Payment**

Please make checks payable to: McCormick Theological Seminary, with “McDays” in the memo line. Thank you!

**Housing**

(We recommend you reserve housing as soon as possible)

The Seneca Hotel (one block east of Fourth Presbyterian Church), is holding a block of reduced rate rooms. Contact the hotel directly and indicate that you are with McCormick Seminary. The reduced rate is $159 for a deluxe room with king sized bed or two double beds. These rooms come with living and dining areas suitable for entertaining classmates and friends. These rates are available for the following dates: October 23-26. (Check out, October 27). To guarantee the reduced rates, make your reservation before September 24. Valet parking is $48 per day with unlimited in/out privileges. Phone (312) 787-8900 or go to www.senecahotel.com.

The Red Roof Inn is an alternative near the Seneca and Fourth Church. Phone (312) 787-3580. Website: www.redroof-chicago-downtown.com.

Limited Campus Housing is available. Call Diane Sinish at (773) 947-2950.