

## Registration for Engaging the Bible

(register by mail, fax, or phone)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, state, zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation \_\_\_\_\_

I would prefer a vegetarian meal.

Select one session in the morning and one in the afternoon. Fee: \$50 (includes lunch and a complementary SBL membership) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Morning Session	Afternoon Session
<input type="checkbox"/> The Gospels and Media	<input type="checkbox"/> The Gospels and Media
<input type="checkbox"/> The Bible and Human Rights	<input type="checkbox"/> The Bible and Human Rights
<input type="checkbox"/> The Bible and "Family Values"	<input type="checkbox"/> The Bible and "Family Values"

CEU Fees: CEU certificates can be provided for an administrative fee of \$10 per event \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL PAYMENT \$ \_\_\_\_\_

My check, payable to the Society of Biblical Literature, is enclosed in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please charge my credit card in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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### THE BIBLE AND RELIGIOUS LEADERSHIP IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY

These conferences gather religious leaders to study and reflect on the Bible and its use in their professional, congregational, and intellectual lives. Each session introduces the latest techniques, publications (print and digital), and other resources focusing on the most effective use of these resources for personal enrichment and professional responsibilities, such as writing, preaching, teaching, participating in the public arena, and reaffirming the importance of biblical values. The sessions will employ lecture, panel, and workshop techniques to address the various learning styles of those convened.

## ENGAGING THE BIBLE— POLITICS, MEDIA, HUMAN RIGHTS, AND FAMILY

- ◆ *How do we use the Bible to assist congregations in better discerning perspectives on public issues?*
- ◆ *How is the Bible being used in political discourse?*
- ◆ *How do various media use the Gospels?*
- ◆ *What biblical and theological warrants help religious communities deal more effectively with human rights issues?*

The Society of Biblical Literature is partnering with Wesley Theological Seminary in a two-day event that will discuss the resources the Bible brings to these pressing public issues.

26–27 February 2007

Wesley Theological Seminary

Washington, DC

  
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## PUBLIC PANEL

### THE USE OF THE BIBLE IN RECENT POLITICAL SPEECH

Oxnam Chapel, Trott Administrative Building, 26 February  
7:00 PM – 7:30 PM, Reception  
7:30 PM – 9:00 PM, Public Panel

**Bruce C. Birch**, Dean and Woodrow W. and Mildred B. Miller Professor of Biblical Theology at Wesley Theological Seminary, Presiding

**Mike McCurry**, Partner, Public Strategies Washington

**Shaun Casey**, Associate Professor of Christian Ethics and Director of the National Capital Semester for Seminary, Wesley Theological Seminary

This public session will examine how scripture was used by a variety of political figures in the 2006 elections. In addition to a theological assessment of this phenomenon it will offer alternative views of how scripture might be appropriately used in political discourse.



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## WORKSHOPS

Kresge Building  
27 February  
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Registration \$50, includes lunch and complementary Society of Biblical Literature membership.

Deadline: 20 February

Religious leaders, ordained and lay, are invited to register. Select two seminars, one morning and one afternoon. A concluding plenary will give everyone an opportunity to share reflections.

## THE GOSPELS AND MEDIA

**Elizabeth Struthers Malbon**, Professor of Religious Studies, Department of Interdisciplinary Studies, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University



This workshop will focus on the importance of context and genre when exploring the texts of the Gospels as well as their expression in storytelling, painting, music, and movies. Workshop segments will include: Telling Mark's Stories, Painting Luke's Stories, Singing Matthew's Stories, Viewing a Gospel Story.

## THE BIBLE AND HUMAN RIGHTS

**Beverly Mitchell**, Associate Professor of Historical Theology Wesley Theological Seminary



This workshop is designed to identify and address some of the foundational biblical and theological principles that govern human rights from Jewish and Christian perspectives. Attention will be given to how a religious community can apply these principles to specific human rights matters.

## THE BIBLE AND "FAMILY VALUES": THE CASE OF THE HEBREW BIBLE

**Julia M. O'Brien**, Professor of Old Testament, Lancaster Theological Seminary



Modern debates about families and family values are usually heated: What makes a family? How should members of a family relate to one another? Does the Bible prescribe a particular form of family? In this workshop we'll look at one aspect of these contentious debates: what the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament has to say about the family. We'll try to get a perspective on the contemporary discussion in three ways: (1) by learning how sociologists and scholars think people lived and worked in biblical times; (2) by considering how that information opens up new understandings of biblical stories; and (3) by comparing the economic and social settings of our own lives with those of ancient Israel.