



# THE CITY OF GOD FOR AMERICAN CITIES

*Reinventing the Urban Church™*

Friday, June 1–Wednesday, June 6, 2012



A conference produced and led by  
the Center for Urban Ministry, Inc.™

*Conference location:*

*Washington Theological Union  
6896 Laurel Street, NW,  
Washington, DC 20012*

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and additional scholarship assistance, is  
significantly underwritten by foundation grants  
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# JOIN US

Join us for this  
conference as we  
address critical  
and transforming  
realities for urban  
congregations in  
all denominations.

Conference Registration  
Center for Urban Ministry, Inc.  
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Conference Location: Washington Theological Union,  
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(202) 726-8800 [www.wtu.edu](http://www.wtu.edu)



*Stations of the Cross on the streets  
of Washington, DC.*

### **Conference Benefits:**

- **Renewed spirit and vision** for doing the vital vocation of building up the urban Body of Christ and the doing of social justice ministry
- **Defining and discerning** tools for renewing congregational mission and ministry in the city
- **Networking** with other clergy and lay leaders in city church ministry
- **Urban pilgrimages** to churches and church-based ministries that inspire and spark new ideas for ministry in your city
- **We work** to identify congregational assets and needs, and discern tools for motivating your congregation or a coalition of congregations
- **Dialogue** around issues of funding, partnerships, formation of 501(c)(3) non profit corporations





## ***Reinventing the Urban Church***

The cities of our nation are the context for both crisis and encouragement, for division and healing, for isolation and community. City churches are uniquely situated to answer Christ's call for authentic urban ministry. Imagine how many city churches of all denominations are yearning for congregational inspiration and renewed mission.

This conference intends to be a learning laboratory for reimagining the urban body of Christ. Participants will share the compelling vocation for urban clergy and city congregations. The conference will include nationally known keynote speakers, plenary discussions, reflections on the biblical Word in the City, pilgrimages to imaginative urban ministries in Washington, and practical proposals for developing changes to benefit our cities through the ministry of your city church.

## **Who Should Attend**

The conference is intended for **urban church leaders** of all denominations. We hope to extend a welcome to an ecumenical spectrum of **clergy** as well as to **laypersons involved in urban ministry**.

*Note: This conference opens on Friday, June 1, 2012 with Registration at 4:30PM. All participants are requested to be in attendance for all sessions and remain through closing Wednesday, June 6 at 12:00 Noon.*

## Pilgrimage Visits

- To several churches in Washington, DC doing strategic urban ministry
- To some church-based urban ministries making significant differences for people
- Advocacy work and training on issues related to justice and reconciliation
- Conversation with The Church of the Saviour on the “essence” of urban church ministry

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## To Register

The conference fee is \$550 and includes single occupancy room, meals and program fee.

A deposit of \$275 is due with registration.

To register, and for additional information about accommodations and conference content contact Carolyn Bailey at the Center for Urban Ministry 336-794-7446, fax 336-774-0377 or [carbail@msn.com](mailto:carbail@msn.com). More information about CFUM at [www.centerforurbanministry.org](http://www.centerforurbanministry.org).

Conference Location: Washington Theological Union, 6896 Laurel Street, NW, Washington DC 20012. In the neighborhood of Takoma Park, Washington Theological Union is a Roman Catholic graduate school of theology and ministry, educating people of all backgrounds for collaborative ministry in the Church and service to the World. It is two blocks from the Metro. More information about WTU at [www.wtu.edu](http://www.wtu.edu).



## Faculty

**Dr. Marcus Borg**, preeminent biblical and Jesus scholar, is Canon Theologian at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Portland, Oregon and former Hundere Chair of Religion and Culture at Oregon State University. He is author of 20 books, including best sellers, *Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time* and *The Heart of Christianity*. *Speaking Christian* is Borg's most recent book. He has appeared on NBC's "Today Show;" ABC's "Evening News;" and NPR's "Fresh Air." His work has been published in 11 languages. His lectures emphasize biblical social justice. "In every generation there is a handful of writers of whom it can be said 'Read everything they write.' Borg is one of these today."

**The Rev. Stephanie Spellers** serves as priest and lead organizer of The Crossing, an emergent congregation rooted at St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral in Boston, Massachusetts. The author of *Radical Welcome: Embracing God, the Other and the Spirit of Transformation*, she is a popular consultant and speaker nationwide. Spellers co-chairs the Episcopal Church's Standing Commission on Mission and Evangelism. She was recently appointed Chaplain to the Episcopal House of Bishops. Spellers' national workshops on "radical welcome" provide congregational tools for incorporating people of diverse gifts and culture.

**The Rev. Dr. Douglass M. Bailey** is Founder/President of Center for Urban Ministry, Inc. As former Rector of Calvary Episcopal Church, Memphis, TN, he led the establishment of ten non-profit urban ministries and significant congregational growth. A flagship Jubilee Center parish, Calvary Church built a national reputation for urban mission. With over 30 years experience in urban ministry, Bailey is former Assistant Professor of Urban Ministry at Wake Forest University School of Divinity. He recently stepped down from teaching to focus on Center for Urban Ministry, whose mission is congregational development for transforming cities.

**CENTER FOR URBAN MINISTRY, INC. Conference Registration**

“The City of God for American Cities: Reinventing the Urban Church”™

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Name (include title) \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred name (name tag) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Office phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Church or Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Denomination \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Requesting Scholarship Assistance (Please call with your request)

\_\_\_ Single room shared bath

\_\_\_ Single room with private bath preferred. (Limited availability for additional fee of \$100 payable with registration.)

Information for couples available on request.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Registration deposit of \$275 enclosed

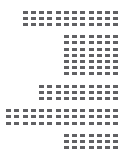
Balance of \$275 due May 1, 2012. Cancellation fee applies if conferee spot cannot be filled.

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