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**WCC PRAYER FOR PEACE DURING 28 SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER 4, 2008**  
**WE PRAY IN-ROTA, FOR: ARMENIA, AZERBAIJAN, GEORGIA**

## SABBATH IN THE CITY

“Sabbath in the City” is the theme of a conference open to all throughout the BTI being held Thursday evening through Friday, October 2-3 at Boston University School of Theology. Sponsored by the Center for Practical Theology, the Boston Theological Institute, the Lord’s Day Alliance and the Massachusetts Council of Churches, the event will include a gala dinner on Thursday at which CPT co-director Professor Claire Wolfteich will speak and a series of panels, presentations and exercises on Friday, concluding with shared reflection on Sabbath and Sunday as Sabbath with BU’s Hillel Society.

Central to Judaism and marked out in both the creation story and Ten Commandments as a core feature of Jewish faith and practice, Sabbath as Sunday became a Christian norm and central to the liturgical cycle of worship in recognition of Jesus’ resurrection. If Sabbath was about well being in time, the power of the resurrection pointed to eternal well being. Worship on Sunday celebrated the new creation into which all persons were called. Referred to as the Lord’s Day or the “Eighth Day of Creation,” Saint Basil argued that this Sabbath attests to God’s power to resurrect and restore life. Set within the sevenfold succession of days, the Sabbath as Lord’s Day evoked in Christian theology not only the beginning of time, but also its prophetic end in the age to come. Human well being was intended, now restored through the power of the resurrection in Christ Jesus (Romans 5 & 6).

Reflecting our conception of time, drawing together in its practice patterns of social justice and piety, Sabbath – and Sunday as Sabbath – was the template for the weekend in

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### CELEBRATING BTI’S 40TH ANNIVERSARY

**OCTOBER 15, 2008**

**THE BTI DINNER AND LECTURE:** Acknowledging 40th Anniversary will take place on October 15, 2008 (4-7:30pm) Sperry and Braun Rooms at Harvard Divinity School. ([www.bostontheological.org](http://www.bostontheological.org))

Boston University School of Theology  
 Center for Practical Theology

## SABBATH IN THE CITY

OCTOBER 2-3, 2008

The challenges of Sabbath-Keeping in contemporary culture and an exploration of concrete Sabbath practices

DINNER AND PRESENTATION:

### “SABBATH IN THE CITY”

Dr. Claire Wolfteich, Boston University

#### Additional Speakers and Panelists

Dr. Claire Wolfteich, Boston University School of Theology

Rabbi Abi Heller, Boston University, Hillel House

Rev. Jack Johnson, MCC

Dr. Rodney L. Petersen, BTI & LDA

Rev. Martin D McLee, J.D. United Methodist Church

Susan Forshey, Center for Practical Theology

Register By September 26, 2008 with Susan Forshey: [susan@bu.edu](mailto:susan@bu.edu) or 617.358.3885 or Marian Simion: [btioffice@boston-theological.org](mailto:btioffice@boston-theological.org) or 617.527.4880 x3

### EPISCOPAL DIVINITY SCHOOL

## THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD:

A MUSICAL CELEBRATION OF THE 23RD PSALM

October 16, 2008 7:00pm

Join the EDS singers and other choirs in St. John’s Memorial Chapel to enjoy some of the many musical settings for the 23rd Psalm. This candlelit evening will feature two prepared choral versions of the Psalms, lead by Patrick Michaels, EDS’ director of Chapel music. There is a suggested donation of \$5.00. For more information, contact Priscilla Burns at [pburns@eds.edu](mailto:pburns@eds.edu) or at 617.682.1506.

## PRACTICING THEOLOGY IN CONTEXTS OF TRAUMA

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western societies. The Lord's Day Alliance, one of the conference's co-sponsors, was one of the organizations, working together with Labor Unions and other religious groups, primarily Judaism, that saw to the formation of the weekend in American society during that earlier period of 24/7, industrialization at the end of the nineteenth century. According to historian Robert Haynes, the campaign for the weekend (and Sabbath) was a part of an effort to enable wage earners to have the time to be mothers and fathers for their children and to cultivate themselves to be citizens of a democracy. In giving shape to social order after Egyptian tyranny, Israel was not to work 24/7, an argument followed by nineteenth century legislators. Sabbath was given, according to theologian Karen Burton Mains, as a gift of mercy following years of servitude. It was a space of time in which to focus on relationships – between themselves and their work, their families, their community, and their God.

The BU Conference will allow space for students, ministers and others to think through the practical issues involved with acknowledging “Sabbath in the City” – or Sunday as Sabbath – in contemporary society. See conference details for further information ([www.bostontheological.org](http://www.bostontheological.org)).

The Michael G. and Anastasia Cantonis  
Chair of Byzantine Studies

*Invites you to*

A lecture by

**CHRISTINE KONDOLEON**

The George and Margo Behrakis Senior Curator  
of Greek and Roman Art, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston

Hellenic College

Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology  
50 Goddard Avenue, Brookline, MA 02445

**Thursday, October 2, 2008 at 7:00 pm**

Charting the Course of Artistic Transformations  
in Late Roman and Early Byzantine Art

A reception will be held prior to the lecture in  
Dowd Hall beginning at 6:00 pm

The Lecture will be held in  
The Reading Room of the Archbishop Iakovos Library  
For more information:

Nikki Stournaras 617.850.1213 or [nstournaras@hchc.edu](mailto:nstournaras@hchc.edu)



Massachusetts Council of Churches

Honoring Massachusetts House Speaker

**SALVATORE F. DiMASI**

for his efforts in

**KEEPING GAMBLING  
OUT OF MASSACHUSETTS**

**October 27, 2008 6pm**

The Massachusetts Council of Churches will host a reception in honor of the Massachusetts Speaker of the House, Salvatore F. DiMasi. The gala event will be held at the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts on Monday, October 27th at 6:00PM. Speaker DiMasi is being honored for his leadership in opposing gambling expansion in the Commonwealth. Council executive director, Rev. Jack Johnson, said that “the defeat of the proposal was clearly related to the speaker’s strong and dedicated advocacy against the social cost of casinos and importing a ‘casino’ culture into our state.”

The Council has a long history of opposition to gambling. This year the Council helped form “Casino Free Mass”, a non-partisan state wide coalition made up of a diverse group of citizens opposing legalized gambling casinos. The Council engaged local congregations throughout the Commonwealth in a grass root effort to defeat the casino proposal plan.

The event to honor DiMasi will also host guest keynote speaker, the Rev. Dr. Bob Edgar. Edgar currently serves as the president and CEO of “Common Cause”, the non-profit, non-partisan, citizens lobbying organization dedicated to promoting open and honest government. Rev. Edgar was the general secretary for the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. and served in the U.S. House of Representatives representing the 7th Congressional district of Pennsylvania.

Reservations for the event may be made through the Council office (617) 523-2771.

For further information please contact Rev. Jack Johnson (617) 523-2771.

## BTI “THINK-TANK”: APPLIED THEOLOGY FOR EFFECTIVE MINISTRY

During the academic year of 2008-2009 the BTI Newsletter will publish a series of articles on a theme entitled, “Applied Theology for Effective Ministry.” This series of articles intends to serve as a “think-tank” that would stimulate creativity in finding new components of theological education, which would effectively engage new issues facing tomorrow’s religious leaders. Reflective articles could be written by BTI faculties, students and guests, on topics such as: religion and politics, violence, global resources, financial crisis, identity, world order, racism, environment, gender, etc.

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### ANTS: Orlando Costas Lecture

Wednesday, October 1, 2008 6:15pm, the Orlando E. Costas Latino/a Theology Lectureship will feature Dr. Michele Gonzalez Maldonado, Assistant Professor of Religious Studies at The University of Miami, who will speak on the topic of "Liberation Theology, 'Evangelicos,' and The Future of American Christianity." The lecture event is scheduled from 6:15pm to 7:15pm in the Wilson Chapel, followed by a reception and book signing in the Peck Room. The event is free and open to all. Indeed, all are welcomed to come and enjoy of this educational opportunity. For more information, contact Dr. Benjamin Valentin, Professor of Theology and Culture and Director of the Orlando E. Costas Latino/a Theology Lectureship at Andover Newton Theological School (617-964-1100, ext.245, [bvalentin@ants.edu](mailto:bvalentin@ants.edu)).

### HDS: Noon Service

Wednesday October 1, 2008 (12:10-12:45pm), you are cordially invited to the HDS community noon service Hosted by Shura': Islamic Forum at HDS to pray with our companions across the boundaries of our many respective traditions. Location: Braun Room, Andover Hall For more information, contact Jeff VonWald in Religious and Spiritual Life at 617.384.7571.

### HDS: World Religions Cafe

Wednesday, October 1, 2008 (7-8:30pm) you are invited to a presentation by Jan Sokol, CSWR Senior Visiting Fellow and Professor of Philosophical Anthropology at Charles University, Prague, on the theme "Money and the Sacred: B. Laum's Hypothesis On the Origins of Money" Location: CSWR Common Room, 42 Francis Avenue. For more information, visit the CSWR website or call 617.495.4476.

### BCSTM: Lecture Meeting Jesus: Christ in Tradition and Traditions

Thursday, October 2, 2008 7pm Presenter: Francine Cardman will speak on the topic "Meeting Jesus: Christ in Tradition and Traditions" Like the earliest Christians, we meet Jesus Christ on the way, in the world, through the relationships and communities that are the contexts of our lives. These experiences are immediate and particular but are also part of larger contexts and communities that extend across cultures and across centuries. This wide and deeply textured network of Christian faith offers multiple, rich traditions of practice and reflection within which we may encounter Jesus Christ and continue to hand on the Tradition of God's saving love. This presentation will sketch the contours of this broad terrain and explore examples of its diverse possibilities and perspectives. Francine Cardman is Associate Professor of Historical Theology and Church History, Boston College School of Theology and Ministry Co-sponsored by the Church in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Center and STM Free of charge. Register: [stmce@bc.edu](mailto:stmce@bc.edu) or 617-552-6501 Location: 129 Lake St., Room 024, Boston College Brighton Campus

### HDS: Eucharist at HDS

Thursday, October 2, 2008 (8:30-9am) Andover Chapel will be open for silent prayer at 8:15 am, followed by the offering of the Eucharist. Kerry Maloney will be preaching and presiding. For more information, contact Jeff VonWald in Religious and Spiritual Life at 617.384.7571.

### HDS: Sitting Meditation

Thursday, October 2, 2008 (noon-12:30pm) Andover Chapel invites you to join sitting meditation on Tuesdays and Thursdays while classes are in session. No experience required. Convened by a rotation of faculty and staff including Cheryl Giles, Monica Maher, Kerry Maloney, and Matthew Turner. For more information, contact Jeff VonWald in Religious and Spiritual Life at 617.384.7571.

### BCSTM: Symposium A Living Faith: Themes of the Catholic Catechism

Friday, October 3, 2008 9am-1pm Richard Clifford, SJ, Thomas Groome, Thomas A. Kane, CSP, Randy Sachs, SJ, Thomas Stegman, SJ, and Edward Vacek, SJ will present on the theme "A Living Faith: Themes

## CERTIFICATE IN RELIGION & CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION

is awarded by the Schools of the Boston Theological Institute in recognition of demonstrated engagement and study of Theology, Theory and Practice of Faith-based Conflict

## CERTIFICATE IN YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

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1. One course on Christian education;
2. Four additional courses on YYAMS;
3. Demonstrated experience with youth;
4. Ecumenical engagement; and
5. One brief integrative paper.

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is awarded by the Schools of the Boston Theological Institute in recognition of demonstrated engagement and study of International Mission and Ecumenism

## CERTIFICATE IN SCIENCE AND RELIGION

is awarded by the Science and Religion Advisory Committee of the Schools of the Boston Theological Institute in recognition of demonstrated engagement and study of Science and Religion in the following tracks:

1. Religion and Natural Sciences;
2. Religion and Bioethics;
3. Religion and Ecology; and
4. Religion and Cognitive Sciences.

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of the *Catholic Catechism*" This symposium represents a Gift from the STM to the Archdiocese of Boston in Honor of their 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The faculty of Weston Jesuit recently came together to create a DVD series consisting of eight 40-minute programs that promise to provide a wonderful accompaniment to the *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults* (published 2006). This Symposium will feature a historical perspective on Catechisms, how to use the DVD series for education, along with clips and comments by the faculty presenter featured in the following programs: Ministry of Jesus, Catholic Morality, and Prayer. *Richard Clifford, SJ, is Dean and other presenters are all on the faculty of the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry. Co-sponsored by the Church in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Center and STM* Location: 129 Lake St., Room 024, Boston College Brighton Campus Free of charge. Register by September 26: [stmce@bc.edu](mailto:stmce@bc.edu) or 617-552-6501

### HDS: Honoring David D. Hall

Friday, October 3, 2008 (5-6:30 pm) you are cordially invited to a conference on American Religious History Honoring the Career of David D. Hall. Keynote Lecture will be given by David Hall and the "Writing Of American Religious History" followed by a presentation by David N. Hempton, Alonzo L. McDonald Family Professor of Evangelical Theological Studies at HDS, to celebrate the retirement of David D. Hall, former Bartlett Professor of New England Church History, from HDS. Location: Sperry Room, Andover Hall. Please note that the remainder of the conference is closed to the public. For more information, contact Janine McCullom at 617.384.8394.

### BCSTM: Workshop: The Ignatian Way with Art

Saturday, October 4, 2008 (9am-4pm), Robert Gilroy, SJ will present a workshop on the theme "The Ignatian Way with Art". This event will take place at Jesuit Collaborative Center, Watertown, MA. There will be a \$15 fee which includes lunch. Please register at [stmce@bc.edu](mailto:stmce@bc.edu) by September 26, 2008. This experiential workshop will take the structure of a retreat, introducing methods of meditation based upon the spiritual tradition of St. Ignatius and simple art exercises. Within an open studio environment there will be relaxation and guided imagination exercises. Time will be given throughout the workshop for personal art, journaling

and storytelling. The goal is to reflect on personal symbolic images that draw one close to Christ. Eucharist will be celebrated at the end of the day. No art experience is necessary. Please bring your own art materials and journals. A list of suggested materials will be sent to registrants. Limited to 12 participants. *Bob Gilroy, SJ, is a spiritual director at Campion Renewal Center, Eastern Point Retreat House, and the Jesuit Collaborative. The focus of his work is to facilitate conversation through reflection on spiritual experiences in daily life and art. Co-sponsored by the Jesuit Collaborative and STM*

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Hosted by a different group each week, the HDS Noon Service is an opportunity for all in the HDS community to pray with our companions across the boundaries of our many respective traditions. For more information, contact Jeff VonWald in Religious and Spiritual Life at 617.384.7571.

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Do you have items that may be of interest to the BTI community?

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Please be aware that events happening at BTI schools have first priority, and that space and time limitations may dictate what information can be included in our pages. **Unless otherwise noted, all events are open to the public.**

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