

Yearning for Wholeness: Healing Disconnection in Our World

Theological Opportunities Program - Thursday Half-Day Conferences

"You are related to everything else in the world, since you and all things come from the same star-stuff."

Charlene Brotman: *We Live in a World of Awesome Stuff*

March 12, 2009 - 10:00AM, at University Lutheran

THE HUMAN BRAIN: HARD-WIRED FOR CONNECTION

Setting the issue: Lindsa Vallee

Lecture by Amy Banks, instructor in psychiatry, Harvard Medical School; Jean Baker Miller Training Institute

March 19, 2009 - 10:00AM, at University Lutheran

AWAKENING TO CONNECTION: WE ARE PART OF THE AWESOME WEB OF LIFE

Setting the issue: Charlene Brotman*

Lecture by Cassandra Extavour, assistant professor in Department of Organismic and Evolutionary Biology, Harvard University

March 26, 2009 - 10:00AM, at University Lutheran

THE PLANETARY EMERGENCY: WHAT WILL WE DO WITH THE TIME WE HAVE?

Setting the issue: Susan Brown*

Lecture by Dianne Dumanoski, journalist, pioneer in reporting on the global crisis, author of *Our Stolen Future*

April 2, 2009 - 10:00AM, at University Lutheran

WHY WE ARE ENDANGERING THE EARTH?: STALKING THE WILD ASSUMPTION

Setting the issue: Cheryl Suchors*

Lecture by Elizabeth Dodson Gray, author of *Green Paradise Lost* and *Patriarchy As a Conceptual Trap*

April 9, 2009 - NO TOP—CHURCH UNAVAILABLE because of a noon service for Maundy Thursday

April 16, 2009 - 10:00AM, at University Lutheran

LIVING IN A CONSUMERIST SOCIETY WITHOUT BUYING INTO IT: RECONNECTING WITH OUR VALUES

Setting the issue: Pat Morris*

Spontaneous participatory performance by Annie Hoffman & the True Story theater ensemble

April 23, 2009 - 10:00AM, at University Lutheran

ALIENATION FROM OUR GOVERNMENT: WHERE AND HOW CAN WE ACHIEVE A SOLUTION?

Setting the issue: Cara Morris Stern

Lecture by Arnie Arnesen, teacher, talk show host, writer for *Boston Globe*, "recovering politician"

April 30, 2009 - 10:00AM, at University Lutheran

RACE AND GENDER: HOW CAN WE EVER ARRIVE AT MUTUALITY?

Setting the issue: Carol Staszewski*

Responding to questions: Callie Crossley, TV & radio commentator, WGBH-TV "Beat the Press" & NPR

May 7, 2009 - 10:00AM, at University Lutheran

OUR MOTHERS OURSELVES/ OUR DAUGHTERS OURSELVES: FROM DISCONNECTION TO COMPASSION

Setting the issue: Jadzia Allison*

Lecture by Ruth Nemzoff, author of *Don't Bite Your Tongue: How to Foster Rewarding Relationships with Your Adult Children*, resident scholar at Women's Studies Research Center, Brandeis University

May 14, 2009 - 10:00AM, at University Lutheran

HOW CAN WOMEN'S VALUES CHANGE AMERICA?

Lectures by Katherine Adam & Charles Derber, co-authors, *The New Feminized Majority: How Democrats Can Change America with Women's Values*, Charles Derber is professor of sociology at

Boston College

May 21, 2009 - 10:00AM, at University Lutheran

SPIRITUAL DIS-EASE: YEARNING FOR WHOLENESS

Setting the issue: Monique Morimoto Flaherty

Lecture with singing by Fred Emerson Small, senior minister, The First Parish in Cambridge (The First Church - Unitarian Universalist)

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