



Bishop John Shelby Spong

Holly Near in Concert

Bishop Judith Craig, Bishop Sharon Zimmerman Rader, and more...

Kairos CoMotion

Progressive Wisconsin United Methodists

for Reconciliation...for Wholeness...for God's Shalom...for Change...for Justice...for Love...for Compassion...for Mercy...for Openness

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February 21- 23, 2002

**Madison Marriott West
Hotel & Conference Center
Middleton, Wisconsin**

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An important and respected voice for progressive Christianity for more than 20 years, **John Shelby Spong** integrates his often controversial stands on the Bible, Jesus, theism and morality into an intelligible creed that speaks to today's thinking Christian.

Bishop Spong is the author of 17 best-selling books including *Rescuing the Bible from Fundamentalism*, *Living in Sin?*, *Born of a Woman*, *This Hebrew Lord*, *Why Christianity Must Change or Die*, and an autobiography, *Here I Stand*.

Now retired as the Episcopal Bishop of Newark, NJ, John Shelby Spong is currently a visiting lecturer at Harvard University. Labeled a heretic by some, and a God-send by others, John Shelby Spong continues to emerge as one of the leading spokespersons in the Western world for an enlightened Christianity.

Thursday, Feb. 21, 2002
"A River Flows Out of Eden"
 Genesis 2:10

- 3–6 pm Registration
- 7–8:30 **Bishop Spong**
- 8:30–9:00 **Worship**
- 9 – 10:30 Reception and Community Time

Friday, Feb. 22, 2002
"Living Stones"
 I Peter 2:4-5

- 7–8:30 am Continental Breakfast
- 9–9:30 Morning Praise
- 9:30–10:15 **Bishop Craig**
- 10:30–12 Workshop I
- 12–1:30 Lunch
- 1:30–3:00 Workshop II
- 3:30–4:45 **Bishop Spong**
- 5–7 Dinner
- 7:30 **Holly Near in Concert**

Saturday, Feb. 23, 2002
"Leaves of this tree are for the healing of the nations"
 Revelation 22:1-2

- 7–8:30 am Continental Breakfast
- 9–11:00 Panel Discussion
- 11–12:30 **Closing Worship with Bishop Rader**

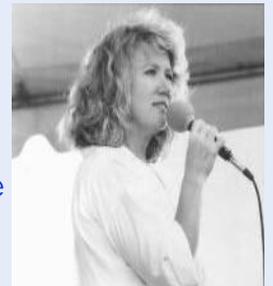
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Holly Near is a unique combination of entertainer, teacher, and activist. An immense vocal talent, Holly's career as a singer spans 30 years and boasts more than 20 recordings. Her career and her life have been profoundly defined by an unwillingness to separate her passion for music from her passion for human dignity.

A peace activist and advocate for human and civil rights, Holly has linked the multitude of issues that are our lives, refusing the idea of separate "causes." Touring worldwide, Holly Near is an ambassador for peace, inviting the audience to its best self as she brings to the stage an integration of world consciousness, spiritual discovery, and theatricality.

Out of this gentle, vibrant woman come a huge voice, a unique sense of humor, and a startling power. Come and be inspired by Holly, whose integrity earns her the reputation as one of the most powerful and articulate political artists of our time.





(K1) CHOOSING LIFE: PASSIONATE LEADERSHIP VS. MANDATORY CONFORMITY

How do we stay authentic and prophetic without going crazy? How do we stay passionate in a system that requires lukewarmness? Sharon Rader and Janet Ellinger reflect on living well in the midst of conflicting covenants.

*Bishop Sharon Zimmerman Rader, Wisconsin Annual Conference, Sun Prairie, WI
Rev. Janet Ellinger, River Falls, WI*

(K2) "ESTHER PUT ON HER ROYAL ROBES": FINDING VOICE IN SILENCING CULTURES

" ♪ Sit down. You're rockin' the boat ♪ " How do you stand up and speak in a culture that tells you to sit down and keep quiet? Im Jung and Debbie Skenadore share their experiences of finding their voices in places where women are often silenced.

*Debbie Skenadore, Oneida WI
Rev. Im Jung, Oneida, WI*

(K3) ANANIAS AND SAPPHIRA DROPPED DEAD: ECONOMIC JUSTICE IN A SOCIETY OF AFFLUENCE

Jesse DeWitt will help us to tell the truth about our economic realities and to begin the shift to a world where everyone has enough and no one has too much.

Bishop Jesse DeWitt, Retired, Ann Arbor, MI

(K4) A TIME TO LEAVE ... A TIME TO STAY: DIFFERENT RESPONSES TO GENERAL CONFERENCE 2000

Jeanne Audrey Powers and John Kruse agree that the church's position on homosexuality is unjust. These long-time friends will discuss their faithful, but different, responses to this injustice.

*Rev. Dr. Jeanne Audrey Powers, Minneapolis, MN
Rev. John Kruse, Madison, WI*

(K5) WHO ARE MY SPIRITUAL SISTERS AND BROTHERS?: FINDING CONNECTIONS ACROSS BOUNDARIES

Judy Crain will lead a discussion on faithful living in the context of religious diversity and pluralism. In seeking common ground, we will look not only beyond denominational limits but across faith boundaries as well.

Judy Crain, Green Bay, WI

(K6) AND A REMNANT WILL BE GATHERED: A CHURCH OF RESISTANCE

We dream of a "Church of Resistance" which will provide a network of support and strategy for individuals and congregations whose vision of inclusiveness is at odds with the denomination. Greg Dell & Sue Laurie will guide us in a deeper exploration of a movement which will call to life a multi-issued, expansively welcoming church.

*Rev. Greg Dell, Chicago, IL
Susan Laurie, Reconciling Ministries Network Staff, Edinboro, PA*

(K7) THE WORD IS LIFE: BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION

Progressive Christians are often accused of being biblically illiterate. Judy Craig and Hazelyn McComas will remind us that it just ain't so. Come be renewed by the biblical foundation upon which progressive Christians stand.

*Bishop Judith Craig, Retired, Powell, OH
Hazelyn McComas, Whitefish Bay, WI*

(K8) HOLY BOLDNESS AND CRAZY COURAGE: THE LIVING ROOM PROJECT

Power is a loaded word, especially for women, but its simple definition is the ability to act. The Living Room Project connects women with one another around the issues, values, and experiences that shape their lives. Kate Peyton will describe this program and inspire you to start a "Living Room Project" of your own.

Kate Peyton, Executive Director, The Living Room Project, Madison, WI

(K9) "FIRST BE RECONCILED": HEARING THE PAINFUL TRUTH OF RACISM

Velma Smith will discuss the economic and spiritual consequences of racism and then offer hope for building just and inclusive communities.

Rev. Dr. Velma Smith, Metro North District Superintendent, Milwaukee, WI

(K10) FROM CAPTIVITY TO THE PROMISED LAND: TRANSITION HAS A COST

"Things have got to change!" We say it. We believe it. But how will change impact one's self and soul? Change brings a process of transition involving grief, being "in-between" and engagement with what is new. Elaine Olson will help us explore these challenging dynamics.

Elaine Olson, Eau Claire, WI

Kairos CoMotion Registration Form

Please complete a separate form for each participant. Copy as needed or download additional forms at www.KairosCoMotion.org

Name Clergy or Laity (Please circle)

Address Daytime Phone / Evening Phone

City, State, Zip

E-mail address Fax number

1. WORKSHOP CHOICES: Indicate your 1st and 2nd choice, and 3 alternates. (see description on center

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• First Choice: _____

• Second Choice: _____

• Alternates:

• 1. _____

• 2. _____

• 3. _____

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2. SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS:

Do you need child care? _____ Number of Children: _____ Ages: _____

Indicate any accommodations you require to enable your full and comfortable participation in this event.

Please specify: _____

____ I am willing to be designated as an Emergency Medical Responder during this event.

3. EVENT FEES: *does not include housing

- A. Registration fee: \$135 (must be postmarked by December 1, 2001)
- B. Late Registration: \$185 (must be received no later than February 1, 2002)
(\$50 of the registration fee is non-refundable)

A. \$
OR
B. \$

A limited number of partial and/or full registration scholarships are available. For more information contact Amy DeLong, 715.463.2081 or lavenderloca@yahoo.com

- C. I would like to make a financial contribution to this and future projects of Kairos CoMotion
- D. Enclosed is a check for \$ _____

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Sorry, no credit cards accepted.
Please make checks payable to: Kairos CoMotion, Inc.
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ACCOMMODATIONS AND COSTS

Event costs:

\$135 Registration Fee: early registration postmarked extended to December 1, 2001

\$185 Late Registration: must be postmarked no later than February 1, 2002

Cost includes: program, 2 continental breakfasts, an hors d'oeuvre reception, Friday box lunch, and Friday evening entertainment by Holly Near. *This cost does not include room rate or meals, other than those designated. If you require vegetarian and/or lactose intolerant options, please indicate so on the registration form under "Special Accommodations" (#2).*

The Madison Marriott West Hotel & Conference Center

is located at 1313 John Q. Hammons Drive in Middleton, Wisconsin.

1.800.228.9290 or 608.831.2000

All areas of the Marriott-West Conference Center are fully accessible.

Marriott parking is free and handicapped spaces are available.

Room Rate at the Marriott

\$99 per night for a double room (1 to 4 people)

This rate may be extended for early arrival on Wednesday and late departure Sunday.

The Marriott honors tax exempt status, but a certificate of exemption must be presented at check-in.

Please Note: Arranging for housing at the conference is *your* responsibility and is not part of the registration process.

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Marriott and will be held only until January 22, 2002. It is suggested that you make housing arrangements as soon as possible as a State Wrestling Tournament is being held in Madison at the same time as Kairos CoMotion and rooms may be in short supply.

Read more at www.KairosCoMotion.org

Holly Near Concert



There is no charge to conference participants.

Additional seating for the concert is available at a cost of \$15 per person.

To reserve additional tickets, you must contact Lynn Church at 1.608.723.4332 or fullmoonhowler@hotmail.com



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.7 miles from Marriott

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- **Re-Form** the way we live together so as to more fully embody the radically expansive love of God
- **Network** for solidarity, advocacy and action
- **Act-Up** on behalf of those who are silenced, dispossessed, or excluded

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*We are treated as imposters, and yet are true;
As unknown, and yet are well known;
As dying, and see – we are alive;
As punished, and yet not killed;
As sorrowful, yet always rejoicing;
As poor, yet making many rich;
As having nothing, and yet possessing
everything ...*

*Our heart is wide open to you.
(2 Corinthians 6:8b-11 NRSV)*