



28 & 29 March Lectures Featuring Jacob & Glory Dharmaraj and Geoffrey Wainwright

The Center for Global Christianity & Mission welcomes Reverend Doctors Jacob & Glory Dharmaraj and joins in welcoming Reverend Doctor Geoffrey Wainwright for three lectures to be held at Boston University on Wednesday, 28 March and Thursday 29 March 2007. See details inside this issue.

Catharine Padilla Lecture

Mrs. Catharine Padilla (standing on the right side of the picture) lectured at Boston University School of Theology on 27 February on the topic of the needs for theological education in Latin America. Currently, one of the most pressing needs is for the production and distribution of quality literature for use in Christian education. Mrs. Padilla called attention to the Kairos Foundation, which seeks to address this need in the region. Approximately thirty people were in attendance at the lecture, many of whom were students in Dr. Dana Robert's classes.



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Rev. Dr. Jacob Dharmaraj

Lecture: "Pastoral Ministry in a Cross-Racial and Cross-Cultural Context"

Wednesday, 28 March — 1:30-3:00 pm — Room 906, Photonics Building, Boston University.

Jacob Dharmaraj, Ph.D. is a United Methodist pastor in the New York Annual Conference. He has served churches in the Bombay and Illinois Great Rivers conferences before he moved to the New York Conference. He received masters' degrees in Public Administration, Political Science, New Testament, and World Mission. His Ph.D. is in the Theology of Mission.

Dr. Dharmaraj has published numerous articles and written several books, including *Christianity and Islam: A Missiological Encounter*; *Creating Interfaith Community*; *Christianity, Judaism, and Islam: A Missiological Encounter*. His most recent book is *Many Faces, One Church: A Manual for Cross-Racial and Cross-Cultural Ministry* (Abingdon 2006). He has taught a number of Regional and Conference Schools of Mission and served on various committees in The United Methodist Church.

Since his ordination as a pastor in Bombay Methodist Regional Conference, Dr. Dharmaraj has traveled widely and been actively involved in Christian Mission and Interfaith Dialogue. For the last twenty years, as a pastor in The United Methodist Church, he has served small and large congregations both in rural and suburban settings.



Rev. Dr. Glory Dharmaraj

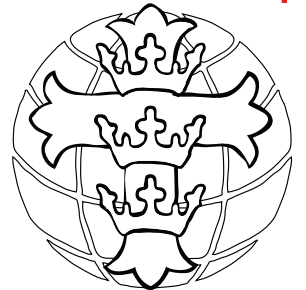
Lecture: "Mission as Tending the Hearthhold of God"

Thursday, 29 March — 10:30-Noon — Hartman Room, Boston University School of Theology.



Glory Dharmaraj, Ph.D. is Director of Spiritual Formation and Mission Theology for the Women's Division of the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church. She is also the Administrator of the United Methodist Seminar Program on National and International Affairs at the Church Center for the United Nations in New York.

Glory spent her childhood on a tea estate in Sri Lanka. Completing her undergraduate and master's studies in India, Glory taught at Sarah Tucker College in Tamil Nadu and Queen Mary's in Mumbai (Bombay), India. She received her Ph.D. from Loyola University of Chicago, and is currently completing her Doctor of Ministry, a joint program at San Francisco Theological Seminary, California, and Ecumenical Theological Education at the World Council of Churches, Geneva.



Author and co-author of many books, including *Concepts of Mission; Christianity and Islam: A Missiological Encounter; Christianity, Judaism and Islam: A Missiological Encounter; Many Faces and One Church: A Manual for Cross-Racial and Cross-Cultural Ministry*, she wrote the denominational geographical mission study for 2005-2006: India and Pakistan.

Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Wainwright

Lecture: "Ecumenism: The Shifting Scene"

Thursday, 29 March — 12:00 Noon — Room 325, Boston University School of Theology.

Born in Yorkshire, England, in 1939, Geoffrey Wainwright is an ordained minister of the British Methodist Church. He received his university education in Cambridge, Geneva, and Rome, and holds the Dr. Théol. from Geneva and the D.D. from Cambridge. He served as a circuit minister in Liverpool (1964-66) and then as a missionary teacher and pastor in Cameroon, West Africa (1967-73). Returning to England, he taught Scripture and theology at the Queen's College, Birmingham (1973-79). In 1979 he moved to Union Theological Seminary, New York, where he became the Roosevelt Professor of Systematic Theology. Since 1983 he has taught at Duke University, where he occupies the Cushman chair of Christian Theology. Dr. Wainwright has held visiting professorships at the University of Notre Dame, the Gregorian University in Rome, and the United Faculty of Theology in Melbourne, Australia.

From 1976-1991 Dr. Wainwright was a member of the Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches, and chaired the final redaction of the Lima text on "Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry" (1982). Since 1986 he has been co-chairman of the Joint Commission between the World Methodist Council and the Roman Catholic Church. In 2004 he gave the opening address on behalf of "the ecclesial communities of the West" at the Roman symposium to mark the fortieth anniversary of the Second Vatican Council's Decree on Ecumenism.

Among Wainwright's dozen books the most influential remains the classic *Doxology: The Praise of God in Worship, Doctrine and Life* (Oxford University Press, 1980). His more recent books include *For Our*

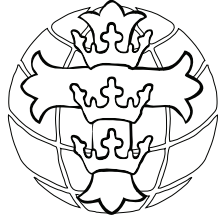


Salvation: Two Approaches to the Work of Christ (1997), *Worship with One Accord: Where Liturgy and Ecumenism Embrace* (1997), *Is the Reformation Over? Catholics and Protestants at the Turn of the Millennia* (which was the Père Marquette Lecture for 2000), and an intellectual and spiritual biography of a father of the twentieth-century ecumenical Church, *Lesslie Newbigin: A Theological Life* (Oxford University Press, 2000). His *Eucharist and Eschatology* (1971) and *Christian Initiation* (1969) were re-issued in 2002 and 2003 respectively. His latest book, edited with Karen Westerfield Tucker, is *The Oxford History of Christian Worship* (2006).

Geoffrey Wainwright has served as president of the international Societas Liturgica (1983-85) as well as of the American Theological Society (1996-97). He was honored by the publication of *Ecumenical Theology in Worship, Doctrine, and Life: Essays Presented to Geoffrey*



Wainwright on his Sixtieth Birthday (Oxford University Press, 1999). He received the 2005 Johannes Quasten Medal from the Catholic University of America for “excellence in scholarship.” He has lectured all around the globe, and his work has been received in many countries and languages.



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