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PREVIOUS THEOLOGIANS-IN-RESIDENCE

- 2011 The Rev. Gradye Parsons, the current Stated Clerk of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the Rev. Dr. Clifton Kirkpatrick, Stated Clerk Emeritus.
- 2010 Dr. Al Staggs, performance artist.
- 2009 Dr. Marian McClure, Associate Director and North America Representative of "Edinburgh 2010: Witnessing to Christ Today."
- 2008 Oliver Thomas, Director of the Niswonger Foundation.
- 2007 Dr. Charles Aden Wiley, III, Associate for Theology in the Office of Theology and Worship, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).
- 2006 David Hendricksen, Director of Music Ministry at First Presbyterian Church of Greeneville.
- 2005 Gayle White, former religion reporter at *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*.
- 2004 Dr. Joseph D. Small, Coordinator of the Office of Theology and Worship and Associate Director of Congregational Ministries Division of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).
- 2003 Ervin Barham, Chuck Coker, Michael Smith and Chuck Bentley of Crown Financial Ministries.
- 2002 Dr. William J. Baker, Professor of History at the University of Maine, and Dr. Robert J. "Jack" Higgs, Professor Emeritus of English at East Tennessee State University.
- 2001 Fred Brown and Jeanne McDonald, journalists, authors, and editors; Loyal Jones, writer, speaker, and educator; Dr. Deborah Vansau McCauley, independent scholar, writer, and editor; Paul Rader, Coordinator for Missions of the Coalition for Appalachia Ministry.
- 2000 The Reverend Dr. Carnegie Samuel Calian, Pittsburg Theological Seminary; The Reverend Dr. John M. Mulder, Louisville Theological Seminary; The Reverend Dr. David L. Wallace, Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary; The Reverend Dr. Louis B. Weeks, Union Theological Seminary.
- 1999 Dr. Robert E. Knott, then-president of Tusculum College.
- 1998 Dr. Donald K. McKim, Academic Dean and Professor of Theology at Memphis Theological Seminary.
- 1997 Dr. James E. Andrews, retired Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).
- 1996 Dr. Tommy Oakes, Adjunct Professor in Storytelling at East Tennessee State University and a traveling evangelist.
- 1995 The Reverend W. Burney Overton, Tusculum College Class of 1939, Shallowford Training and Counseling Service, Shallowford Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, Georgia.
- 1994 The Reverend Dr. and Mrs. John L. Martin, First Presbyterian Church of Elizabethton.
- 1993 The Reverend Dr. Clinton M. Marsh, of Atlanta, Georgia, former moderator of the United Presbyterian Church.
- 1992 The Reverend Dr. Angus McGregor, Professor of Church and Society at Vanderbilt University Divinity School and a former Merrill Scholar at Harvard University.
- 1991 The Reverend Dr. Robert Johnson, retired professor of Theology and Dean of the Yale University Divinity School.

If you have suggestions for future topics or speakers, please send your suggestions to Mark Stokes, Director of Religious Life, Church and Community Relations at Tusculum, at mstokes@tusculum.edu.

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2012 Theologian in Residence

FEBRUARY 7, 14, 21 AND 28

The 2012 Theologian-in-Residence series will celebrate its 21st year by exploring the “open source church,” in which the basic functions of mission and ministry are open to anyone.

The series, co-sponsored by the Holston Presbytery and Tusculum College with funding from Ron Smith, will be led by the Rev. Landon Whitsitt, executive and stated clerk of the Synod of Mid-America whose book about the “open source church” was published in April 2011. A 2005 graduate of Louisville Presbyterian Theological



Rev. Landon Whitsitt

Seminary, Rev. Whitsitt served in campus ministry and as the music director for a postmodern new church development. Before entering the pastorate, he was a member of Session at First Presbyterian Church in Lawrence, Kansas. He was ordained as the program director for The Center for

Interfaith Relations in Louisville, Ky., and has served as a pastor in Kansas City.

Whitsitt has been active with Presbymergent, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) ecumenical-interfaith network, and has served on the PC(USA) Committee on Theological Education since 2008. In July 2010, he was confirmed as Vice-Moderator of the 219th General Assembly of the PC(USA) for a two-year term.

When he is not engaged in the life of the church, this trained writer, director, actor and musician can be found speaking about his book, “Open Source Church: Making Room for the Wisdom of All,” and penning his next manuscript, “Freedom and Fellowship: An Open Source Theology.”

Whitsitt and his wife, Jerilyn, are the parents of four boys.

Sessions will include:

February 7 - The Open Source Worldview

The Open Source Church is not an idea. It is a reality. It is not a hope (or a fear). It is here and will increasingly define the way that Christianity is organized and practiced. The Open Source Church is also not a fun fad or just another model, but a way of seeing the world that is fundamentally different than the assumptions of many current church members. What does it mean to describe one’s worldview as “open and inclusive” as opposed to “closed and exclusive”?

February 14 - The Open Source Church, Part I

All groups have rules and assumptions that guide their life together. These understandings guide the ways we interact and who is responsible for what. But if we desire to live our life together in as open a way as possible, how do we make our parameters clear without tipping into anarchy? This session will focus on the basic principles of an open source church and its different levels of participation and responsibility.

February 21 - The Open Source Church, Part II

Even though we might like the idea of an open source church, we do not want to waste our time unless it actually improves our ability to accomplish the mission God has given us. Although we might quibble with our current church structure, it is one we are comfortable with. This session will focus on why and how an open source structure might be a more effective way of organizing our lives together.

February 28 - Open Source Church Leadership

What is the role of leadership in an open source church? If leaders are not (and cannot be) about “command and control,” what is the purpose of leadership? This session will contrast current assumptions of leadership with a new set postures and practices.

For more information about the Theologian-in-Residence series, please contact:
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YES!

I wish to attend the 2012 Theologian-in-Residence Program on the Tusculum College campus.

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Please reserve a place for me at the following events:

February 7

- 10 a.m. Morning Workshop []
- 12:15 p.m. Luncheon []
- 1 p.m. Afternoon Wrap-up []

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