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14TH NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON CHRISTIAN-JEWISH RELATIONS SET FOR TULSA WASHINGTON--"Dialogue with the Other: Healing and Hope" will be the theme of the 14th National Workshop on Christian-Jewish Relations (NWCJR). Some 800 persons are expected to attend the workshop which will be held at the Adam's Mark Hotel in Tulsa, Oklahoma, November 6-9.

Among participants will be Bishop Edward J. Slattery of Tulsa and Father Remi Hoeckman, O.P., Secretary of the Holy See's Commission for Religious Relations with the Jews, who will address the concluding plenary session. Responding to Father Hoeckman will be Rabbi Jack Bemporad of the newly established Institute for Jewish-Christian Understanding at Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, Connecticut.

For over two decades churches and synagogues throughout the country have joined forces to hold the workshop, the oldest and most prestigious interfaith event in North America. Founded in 1973 in Dayton, Ohio, as a national Catholic-Jewish dialogue sponsored by the Bishops' Committee for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops (NCCB), and now widely co-sponsored across the spectrum of the Christian and Jewish communities, the NWCJR has become over the years a major ecumenical and interreligious event.

International leaders such as Mr. Avi Granot, Minister-Counsellor for Church Relations at the Israeli Embassy in Washington, Dr. Jacobus Schoneveld of the International Conference

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of Christians and Jews, Rev. Marcel Dubois, O.P., of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, and Bishop Krister Stendahl, former Bishop of Stockholm, will attend the workshop.

In addition to Jewish/Christian dialogue, the workshop will feature practical experiences in joint biblical studies and worship, as well as dialogue with Muslims, the latter featuring Dr. Mujeeb Cheema of the Islamic Society of Tulsa and Dr. Khalid Duran of the American Institute for International Studies in Washington. A unique session will be "Sharing the Spirit: Native American Culture."

Historical and other aspects of the Christian-Jewish dialogue will be explored. In addition, over 50 seminars and symposia will probe religious and social issues ranging from New Testament times to interfaith marriages and bioethical concerns. Topics of special Catholic-Jewish interest include discussions of the new Catechism of the Catholic Church, "Mutual Witness in a Culture of Disbelief," "the Auschwitz Convent Controversy," and the implications for the dialogue of the recent Accord between the Holy See and the State of Israel.

Nationally known scholars who will participate include Dr. Cornel West, Harvard University; Dr. Walter Harrelson, Vanderbilt University; Rabbi David Novak, the University of Virginia; Dr. Brad Young, Oral Roberts University; Dr. James Charlesworth, Princeton University; Rabbi Gary Bretton Granatour, Union of American Hebrew Congregations; Rabbi Irving Greenberg, KLAL/National Jewish Center; Dr. Mary Noel Kernan, National Catholic Center for Holocaust Education; Rev. Elias Mallon, Graymoor Ecumenical Institute; Dr. Michael Berenbaum and Mrs. Margaret Obrecht of the U.S. Holocaust Museum; Rev. Jay T. Rock of the National Council of Churches.

Also, Rabbi Lori Forman, American Jewish Committee; Rabbi Leon Klenicki, the Anti-Defamation League; Mr. Jerome Chanes, the National Jewish Community Advisory Council; Dr. Paul van Buren,

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Temple University (emeritus); Dr. Clark Williamson, Christian Theological Seminary; Dr. Marvin Wilson, Gordon College, Boston; Dr. Franklin Sherman, Institute of Christian-Jewish Studies, Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pennsylvania; Rev. Lawrence Frizzell and Rabbi Asher Finkel, Seton Hall University; and Rabbi Shira Lander and Rev. Chris Leighton of the Institute for Christian and Jewish Studies in Baltimore.

Dr. Eugene J. Fisher, Associate Director of the Secretariat for Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations of the NCCB has chaired the National Planning Committee for the NWCJR since 1980.

For further information on accommodations and registration call 918-584-6116.

A list of previous national workshops, including past speakers and topics, is available upon request from the Secretariat by calling 202-541-3020.

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