In These Troubles Times: Interfaith Dialogue at Unification Theological Seminary

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On Monday, July 31, from 6:00 to 9:00 PM at the <u>New York City Extension Center</u> 4W43 in New York City, the <u>Unification Theological Seminary</u> (UTS) will host an interfaith dialogue.

The UTS mission emphasizes the bridging of religious and cultural divides as well as service and engagement with the world. Our three speakers exemplify the commitment to interfaith conversation and action.

Join us there!



Dr. Andrew Wilson joined the Unification Theological Seminary faculty in 1985. He is Professor of Scriptural Studies and the Director of Scriptural Research. Wilson holds a Doctor of Philosophy, a Master of Theological Studies, and a B.A., all from Harvard University. He is a prolific scholar, whose books and papers cover diverse topics ranging from religion and peace to character education to the theory of the spirit world. Wilson's efforts on behalf of inter-religious harmony led him to write World Scripture: A Comparative Anthology of Sacred Texts, which has become a standard work of interfaith scholarship and a resource for interfaith worship. Wilson has also been writing and teaching in the area of feminist theology, especially on relating to God as Heavenly Mother.



Mr. Peter Gudaitis has over 25 years of experience in chaplaincy, disaster emergency management, faith-based philanthropy, program management, and social services administration. Since 2007 Mr. Gudaitis has served as the president of the National Disaster Interfaiths Network (NDIN), and as a consultant, recovery contractor, researcher and trainer. He lectures nationally and internationally on interfaith and inter-religious partnerships and disaster management – as well as religious literacy and competency in crisis settings, and disaster readiness, response, and recovery best practices. Gudaitis holds a Master of Divinity degree from General Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church and a B.A. in Religion from Kenyon College.



Rev. Michael Elam is Director of Wounded Healers, a spiritually based 12-step recovering ministry program and Vice President of LGBT Faith Leaders of African Descent. He is also a member of the St. Paul Community Baptist church in Brooklyn, NY. Elam holds a Master of Divinity degree from Union Theological Seminary (UTSNYC) and a B.A. in Speech Communication and Rhetorical Studies from Hofstra University. He is currently a D.Min. candidate at UTSNYC with a concentration in Human Sexuality and Theology.

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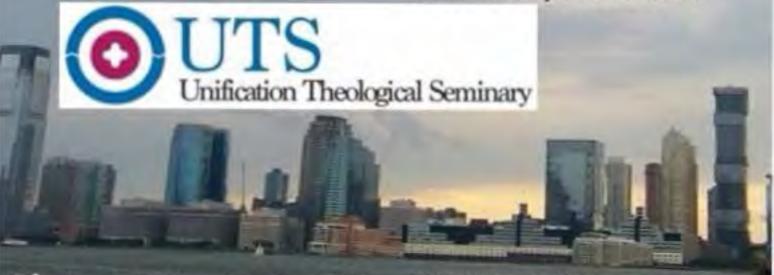
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Achieving local and world peace through interfaith conversation and action
With speakers DR. ANDREW WILSON (UTS Professor of Scriptural Studies); MR. PETER GUDAITIS, M Div (New York Disaster Interfaith Services Exec. Director); and REV. MICHAEL ELAM (Black American and Pan-African Christianity Researcher and Interfaith Minister)

A free event by the

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