



Wall of the Reformers, Geneva

Unity & Reformed Heritage Seminar

April 15-22, 2009

Geneva, Switzerland

The **2009 Unity & Reformed Heritage Seminar** will be held at the Ecumenical Centre in Geneva, headquarters of the World Council of Churches, the World Alliance of Reformed Churches and other ecumenical agencies. Accommodations will be provided at the John Knox International Centre. Both locations provide easy access to the city of Geneva, including the United Nations, St. Peter's Cathedral and the Old City, historic sites and other attractions. This educational trip to Geneva is designed to broaden our understanding on theological, social & economical global issues, such as: interfaith dialogue, evangelism, globalization, church unity, justice and peace, ecumenical dialogue, the Reformed faith in the 21st century, among others, and worship.

A one-day visit is scheduled to the WCC Ecumenical Institute – Chateau de Bossey – in a lovely rural setting twelve miles from Geneva. A city tour, a visit to the Museum of the Reformation and one full-day tour to Gruyeres and the Chateau de Chillon is also included. The Seminar begins with lunch on Wednesday and concludes with breakfast on Thursday morning. Persons wishing to travel in Europe before or after the seminar may do so at their own expense.

Sponsored by: The Office of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Cost: \$1,350 double occupancy (additional \$150.00 for single room)

Seminar Coordinator: Rev. Carlos Malavé, Associate for Ecumenical Relations

Special Features:

- ◆ Visits to the Ecumenical Centre, including worship with the Centre staff
- ◆ Opportunity to worship on Sunday at the Auditory where John Calvin taught and John Knox preached, or at other local churches, including St. Peter's Cathedral
- ◆ Opportunity to dialogue with leaders of the World Council of Churches (WCC), the World Alliance of Reformed Churches (WARC) and the Conference of European Churches (CEC), World Student Christian Federation (WSCF) and Lutheran World Federation (LWF)
- ◆ A city tour, visit to museum of Reformation & Archeological site and one full-day tour to Gruyeres and the Chateau de Chillon
- ◆ Tour of the city of Geneva, visit to Museum of the Reformation & archeological site and one full-day tour to Gruyeres and the Château de Chillon; lunch visit to Ecumenical Institute of Bossey
- ◆ Visit with UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

TO RECEIVE MORE INFORMATION OR TO REQUEST AN APPLICATION FOR THE SEMINAR

Call: Ms. Deborah Harrison (888) 728-7228, ext. 5665

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For complete seminar schedule: www.pcusa.org/dear

Registration deadline: February 17, 2009

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Purpose and program of the seminar

This educational trip to Geneva is designed to broaden our understanding of theological, social and economical global issues, such as: Interfaith dialogue, evangelism, globalization, church unity, justice and peace, ecumenical dialogue, and the Reformed faith in the 21st century, among others. Participants will engage the staff of the World Council of Churches, the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Oikocredit, and other ecumenical organizations based in Geneva. A one-day visit is scheduled to the Ecumenical Institute of Bossey – in a lovely rural setting outside of Geneva. A city tour, a visit to the Museum of the Reformation & Archeological site and one full-day tour to Gruyeres and the Chateau of Chillon are also included. This is a great educational opportunity, including time for leisure and relaxation.

Participants

The Geneva Seminar will be comprised of a cross-section of clergy and laity of all ages. Youth, ministers of the Word and Sacrament, theological students, church officers, concerned laypersons and executives of denominations and councils of churches (spouses welcome!) are encouraged to apply. Early registration is encouraged. Seminar is limited to twelve (12) persons. Participants need to be capable of a relaxed 15- to 20-minute walk to the Ecumenical Centre.

Seminar cost (\$1,350) includes

- ◆ Tuition for 8-day seminar, beginning with lunch on Wednesday (tuition does not include airfare)
- ◆ Arrival transfer from airport to John Knox Centre
- ◆ Lodging at the John Knox Centre, Geneva, based on double occupancy (additional \$150.00 for single room)
- ◆ All meals during seminar except lunch on Sunday
- ◆ Contribution to the World Council of Churches and the World Alliance of Reformed Churches
- ◆ Ground transportation related to seminar
- ◆ Tour of the city of Geneva; visit to Museum of the Reformation & archeological site; one full-day tour to Gruyeres and the Château de Chillon; visit (including lunch) to Ecumenical Institute of Bossey
- ◆ Visit with UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

For additional information

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