

The Church In The Public Square  
Adventist Theological Society  
2006 Bible Symposium

What It's About

Our symposium this year, "The Church in the Public Square," addresses the duty of the Church as the spiritual entity most responsible for our society's moral integrity. Other significant entities populating the public square include business interests which seek to sustain and advance the economy, political interests endeavoring to direct society's management, and legal institutions which strive to maintain law and order.

Christian believers must ever beware lest we, on the one hand, be remiss in our duty to season society with biblical moral principles, and lest, on the other, we be found guilty of economic, political, or legal manipulation, or vulnerable to any of these, in our zeal to achieve that seasoning.

Our speakers today share a consciousness that the church is heaven's embassy on earth, a place where the highest ideals of fairness and justice, biblically defined, should be lived out and spoken for in all our relations, whether economic or political, with all peoples of God's world. Today's presentations are a product of thoughtful experience in legal study, ethical and theological research, and decades of personal interaction with society's leaders, and many of the world's political decision makers. It is our prayer that this conference will yield much profit for all concerned as in papers and dialogue, scholarship and fellowship, we are guided by the wisdom whose foundation is the fear of the Lord.

The entire conference will be recorded and available as podcasts on our website, [www.atsjats.org](http://www.atsjats.org), or through American Cassette Ministries.

Goals of the Adventist Theological Society

- ◆ To affirm the centrality of the cross
- ◆ To reaffirm the surety of the Word
- ◆ To confirm the Spirit of Prophecy
- ◆ To research revealed truth
- ◆ To investigate unsettled questions
- ◆ To evaluate new approaches to truth
- ◆ To create new methods of witness
- ◆ To fellowship with committed fellow believers
- ◆ To consider principles of interpretation
- ◆ To pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit

**Free Shuttle** will be available from Washington Hilton Hotel to Spencerville SDA Church.

**Bus Schedule:**

8:45 am from the Washington Hilton, arriving at church by 9:30am.

6:00 pm from Spencerville to hotel after evening panel discussion

8:30 pm from Spencerville after ATS Business meeting

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The Church in the Public  
Square

Spencerville SDA Church  
16325 New Hampshire Ave.  
Silver Spring, MD 20905

18 November 2006

Time: 8:30am – 7:30pm

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## Adventist Theological Society 2006 Bible Symposium

Sabbath, November 18

- 8:30 a.m. **First Service Worship**  
Carl P. Cosaert, Walla Walla  
"Take the Chance"
- 9:50 a.m. **Sabbath School**
- 11:15 a.m. **Second Service Worship**  
Larry L. Lichtenwalter, President  
ATS  
"Sabbath Mode In A Hurting  
World"
- 12:45 p.m. **Fellowship Dinner**
- 2:30 p.m. Gerald A. Klingbeil,  
AIAS, Philippines  
*"The Prophetic Voice of Amos  
as a Paradigm for Christians in the  
Public Square"*
- 3:00 p.m. Edwin Cook, Dawson Institute  
for Church-State Studies,  
Baylor University  
*"The Parameters of Social  
Justice and Natural Law Theory"*
- 3:30 p.m. **Break**

Seek good and not evil, that you may live; so the LORD God of hosts will be with you, as you have spoken. Hate evil, love good; establish justice in the gate. It may be that the LORD God of hosts will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

Amos 5:14,15 NKJ

## The Church in the Public Square

- 3:45 p.m. Miroslav Kiš, Andrews University  
*"Biblical Models of Church and  
Society Relations"*
- 4:15 p.m. John Graz, International Religious  
Liberty Association  
*"The Church in the Public Square:  
Public Activity and Public Image"*
- 4:45 p.m. **Break**
- 5:00 p.m. Nicholas P. Miller, Andrews  
University  
*"The Priesthood of Believers and  
the Separation of Church and  
State: 18th Century American  
Protestant Thought and Religious  
Disestablishment"*
- 5:30 p.m. Bert B. Beach, International  
Religious Liberty Association  
*"Should the Christian Mission  
Focus on Salvation or Society?"*
- 6:00 p.m. **Panel & Vespers**
- 6:30 p.m. **Light Supper**
- 7:30 p.m. **ATS Constituency Meeting**

Thus says the LORD: Observe what is right, do what is just; for my salvation is about to come, my justice, about to be revealed.

Isaiah 56:1 NAB

## Directions

Directions from the Washington Hilton to the  
Spencerville SDA Church, 16325 New Hampshire  
Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20905

Start out going North on Connecticut Ave NW toward  
Columbia Rd NW.

Turn Slight Right onto Columbia Rd NW.

Turn Slight Right onto Harvard St NW.

Turn Left onto 14th St NW.

Turn Right onto Park Rd NW.

Turn Left onto Sherman Ave NW.

Sherman Ave NW becomes New Hampshire Ave NW.

Pass through 1 roundabout.

Turn Left onto N Capitol St NW/N Capitol St NE.

Turn Slight Right onto New Hampshire Ave NE  
(Crossing into Maryland).

End at 1625 New Hampshire Ave.

ATS membership consists of Bible scholars,  
theologians, pastors, church administrators, and  
interested lay people. Maybe you, too, would like  
to join that group. Look for us online at:

[www.atsjats.org](http://www.atsjats.org)