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Please join friends, colleagues, students, alumni,
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in honoring

Professor Leonard Swidler

THE MAN AND HIS WORK



Sunday, April 26, 2009

4:00 p.m. Reception

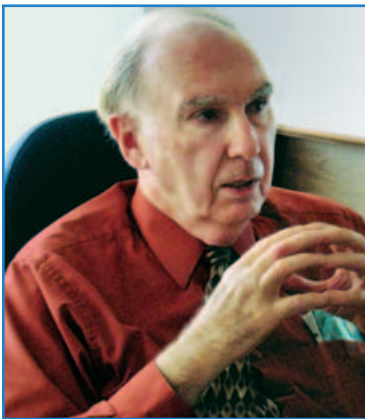
4:45 p.m. Gala Program

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Three Celebrations

- Leonard Swidler's 80th birthday
- The 45th Anniversary of the *Journal of Ecumenical Studies*
- The establishment of the Leonard and Arlene Swidler Chair in Interreligious Dialogue at Temple University

LEONARD SWIDLER: THE MAN AND HIS WORK



Leonard Swidler is Professor of Catholic Thought and Interreligious Dialogue in the Religion Department of Temple University, where he has taught since 1966. A true pioneer in the field of dialogue, Prof. Swidler has been a leading figure in ecumenical and interreligious relations not only in the United States but also on a global scale. At Temple, and as a visiting professor at universities around the world—including Graz, Austria; Tübingen, Germany; Fudan University, Shanghai; and the University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur—Prof. Swidler has mentored a generation of U.S. and international scholars in the work of interreligious dialogue.

Prof. Swidler has a Licentiate in Sacred Theology from the University of Tübingen and received his Ph.D. in History from the University of Wisconsin; he also holds honorary doctorates from St. Norbert's College and LaSalle University. His more than 70 authored and edited books include *Jewish Christian Muslim Dialogue* (1978); *Religious Liberty and Human Rights* (1986); *After the Absolute: The Dialogical Future of Religious Reflection* (1990); *A Bridge to Buddhist-Christian Dialogue* (1990); and *Jesus Was a Feminist* (2007).

Prof. Swidler is the co-founder (with his wife, Arlene) and editor of the *Journal of Ecumenical Studies (JES)*, the first peer-reviewed journal in the area of ecumenical and interreligious dialogue. In 1978 he initiated the **International Scholars' Abrahamic Trialogue (ISAT)** as an outreach arm of the *JES*. These conferences bring together leading Jewish, Muslim, and Christian scholars for constructive interreligious dialogue at the invitation of significant public figures such as Prince El-Hassan Bin-Talaal of the Kingdom of Jordan, and the late President Boris Trajkovski of the Republic of Macedonia. An expanded array of outreach programs is now carried out by the **Dialogue Institute**, of which he is Founder and President.

Prof. Swidler's vision for the transformative power of interreligious, intercultural dialogue inspired Pennsylvania businessperson Harry Halloran to endow the **Leonard and Arlene Swidler Chair in Interreligious Dialogue** in the College of Liberal Arts at Temple. Halloran, CEO of the American Refining Group and a former Catholic seminarian, is a strong advocate for religious tolerance and an innovator in the areas of alternative energy and business ethics. The Swidler Chair will assure the continued preparation of interreligious scholars and activists for the next generation.



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April 10, 2009

Leonard J. Swidler, Ph.D.
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Dear Len,

I am delighted to join your many friends and colleagues in sending my very best wishes for your 80th birthday and to thank you for sharing more than half of your remarkably accomplished life with the students and faculty of Temple University.

A simple reading of your curriculum vitae reveals an astonishing record of scholarship and service: more than 70 books and 200 articles which you authored, edited or translated; travel to more than 50 countries to lecture, teach and build critical relationships between universities and scholars; your championship of gender equality and respect among people of different faith traditions; and your role in founding and leading the Institute for Interreligious, Intercultural Dialogue, the Association for the Rights of Catholics in the Church and the Global Dialogue Institute, to cite just a few examples.

We know that you hold your wonderful collaboration with your beloved Andie highest among your achievements. From your groundbreaking work together on the *Una Sancta* Movement and co-founding of the *Journal of Ecumenical Studies* and so many projects, you and Andie have contributed immeasurably to the field of interreligious dialogue, and in raising your two equally gifted daughters, you have passed the fire of intellectual curiosity and passion for teaching and research to the next generation.

You have inspired many generations of Temple students as well, and everyone who has encountered your work has had the opportunity to grow in appreciation and tolerance. I am deeply grateful that you remain so active in your continued studies and travels. You continue to amaze us all by such feats as your trip last summer to Jordan and Romania and your three-week whirlwind lecturing tour of five Far Eastern countries just this past January.

On this special occasion and on behalf of the entire Temple University community, I hope you will accept my most sincere appreciation for all you continue to do to promote greater understanding and peace among the faithful of all traditions and all who seek a more peaceful and collaborative world.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'A. Hart'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end that loops back under the name.

Ann Weaver Hart

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CITATION

More than 45 years ago, Temple University recruited Dr. Leonard Swidler, a young professor of religion.

Upon the Swidler family's arrival, Philadelphia became home to the world's premier scholarly periodical on interreligious dialogue, the *Journal of Ecumenical Studies*, which Arlene and Leonard Swidler co-founded. This journal broadened the Christian-Jewish dialogue and soon, thereafter, included dialogue among other religions.

In an era charged with civil rights advocacy, the Swidlers championed human rights, feminism and reform within their own religious tradition of Catholicism. They have demanded that society as a whole demands equality, inclusiveness and accountability for all people.

During his time at Temple University, Dr. Swidler mentored, taught and shaped new scholars in the field of interreligious dialogue locally and globally to those who are committed to social consciousness and global ethics.

For four decades, Dr. Swidler answered the call of political, business and spiritual leaders to address courageously the use of religion, as well as its misuse in the service of hate and violence. He established the Dialogue Institute, which places interreligious dialogue at the core of conflict resolution and serves as the standard of human relations and best practices for society.

It is fitting and appropriate, therefore, that the City of Philadelphia officially recognize with this Citation

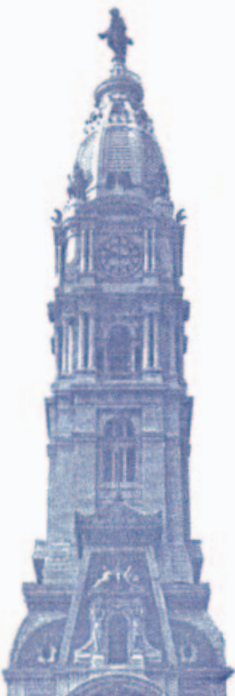
DR. LEONARD SWIDLER

for his outstanding lifeworks and encourage all fellow citizens to celebrate his 80th birthday and 45th anniversary of the *Journal of Ecumenical Studies*.



Michael A. Nutter
Mayor

April 26, 2009



April 20, 2009



Tribute for Professor Leonard Swidler

It is a great privilege to be able to join in this felicitation of Professor Leonard Swidler.

Len has been one of the most spirited and fervent supporters of the Parliament of the World's Religions since its modern incarnation in 1993. The Parliament itself goes back to 1893 when the World's Columbian Exposition convened in Chicago. Thanks in large measure to that epochal event, the religious face of the U.S.A. and of the world changed dramatically in a new dawn of religious pluralism. From 1966 onwards, when he began to teach at Temple University, Len has been one of the prophets and champions of this religious pluralism in his multiple roles of teacher, scholar, journal editor, founder of the Dialogue Institute, and tireless promoter of interreligious and intercultural communication in settings around the world from Europe and the Americas to Africa and Asia.

At a time when some academicians sniffed their noses at the "popular" nature of the Parliament, Len, by contrast, realized its great potential. On the one hand, scholars had a great deal to learn from interreligious activities on the ground, and the Parliament represented the widest and most inclusive context for such activities. On the other hand, Len also saw that there could be fruitful two-way communication and learning between the practice and the theory of interreligious dialogue. Len worked with Hans Kung to draft a "Declaration toward a Global Ethic," a document seeking the ethical commonalities of the world's diverse faiths. That document, which was formally signed at the Chicago Parliament of 1993, has provided a template for interfaith understanding in multiple contexts from classrooms around the world to the United Nations. It has played an important role in the U.N.'s working towards declaring 2010-2020 a "Decade for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue." Also, Len's "Dialogue Decalogue," published first in his *Journal of Ecumenical Studies* in 1983, continues to be one of the most cited and discussed texts in the field of interreligious studies.

It is with deep pride that the Parliament of the World's Religions congratulates Len also on the endowment of the Leonard and Arlene Swidler Chair in Interreligious Dialogue at Temple University, ensuring that the pioneering work done by Len will continue. We join in this celebration and are very pleased that one of our trustees, Professor Sol Katz, will be present to represent the Parliament on this joyous occasion.

Ad multos annos, dear Len.

Professor Joseph Prabhu, CPWR Trustee
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Performers

IN GRATITUDE TO THESE PERFORMERS, WHO GAVE THE GIFT OF THEIR TALENTS TO THIS EVENT

Dancers:

Megan Mazarick, Choreographer for World Premiere of "The Seven Stages of Deep Dialogue," received her MFA in Dance from Temple University. She is a resident artist for the Community Education Center's New Edge Residency Program and adjunct faculty at Rowan University. www.mazaricknation.com

A native of Puerto Rico, **Les Rivera** completed 12 years of world touring with the renowned hip-hop dance company Rennie Harris Pure Movement. Currently he tours with Clowns without Borders, a nonprofit organization that does free clown shows all over the world for marginalized children. Les recently returned from Cairo, Egypt, appearing before Sudanese refugee children.



Musicians:

The Women of Tribe 1 include Niyonu D. Spann, founder and director, with Ingrid Lackey, Deborra Sines Pancoe, Fredretha Spann, Foluke Bennett, and Sonia Rosen. Through songs of transformation, poetry, and movement, **Tribe 1** has toured the United States and abroad. They are community activists, conflict resolution consultants, and educators as well as singers, poets, and drummers. In addition to concerts, Tribe 1 offers workshops on topics such as "Creative Use of Difference and Conflict." www.tribe1.org or www.nivibes.blogspot.com or www.Beyonddiversity101.org

Intercultural Journeys Ensemble:

Roger Mgrdichian, oud, **Adeeb Refela**, violin, **Joseph Tayoun**, drums, and **Ken Ulansey**, alto/soprano sax and clarinet



Laura Thomae is a singer, songwriter, and music therapist. She directs the Creative Arts and Complementary Therapies program at Keystone Hospice in Wyndmoor, PA. "Alleluia" was inspired by Laura's work over the past 17 years with people of many faiths and the universal power of music to uplift, connect, and heal. lthomae@aol.com

Rodney Whittenberg is a musician, composer, filmmaker, and creative entrepreneur. Melodyvision is his production company, achieving results through sight and sound. www.melodyvision.com

Program

HOSTS

Julia Sheetz-Willard and Racelle Weiman

PROLOGUE

World Première of a specially commissioned choreographed piece to illustrate Leonard Swidler's

"Seven Stages of Deep Dialogue"

Megan Mazarick and Les Rivera

WELCOME TO ALTER HALL

Dean *M. Moshe Porat*, Fox School of Business

RECOGNITION BY THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

Lynne Abraham and the Rev. Malcolm T. Byrd

The Intellectual, Spiritual, and Dialogical Journey of Len Swidler presented through Testimonies by Eyewitnesses to History:

SEVEN BUILDING BLOCKS

BLOCK ONE: TEMPLE UNIVERSITY

Greetings from President *Ann Weaver Hart* and Deputy Provost *Richard M. Englert*

Representatives of six decades of mentored students:

Rodger Van Allen, Nancy Fuchs-Kreimer, Terry Rey, Mutombo Nkulu N'Sengha, Michael Jones

...and into the future: Graduate Interns *Per Faaland, Angela Ilić, Rebecca Mays*

BLOCK TWO: ECUMENISM

Intra-Christian Dialogue

Elizabeth Mellen

Journal of Ecumenical Studies

Paul Mojzes and Nancy Krody

BLOCK THREE: CHURCH REFORM

Association for the Rights of Catholics in the Church

Gerard Sloyan

Passion Play Reform

Ingrid Shafer

BLOCK FOUR: FEMINISM

MUSIC: *Women of Tribe 1*

Arlene Swidler and Women in Religion

Blu Greenberg

Justice for Women in Christianity

Ellen Charry

BLOCK FIVE: INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE

Jewish-Christian Relations

Eugene Fisher

Muslim-Christian Relations

Suleyman Nyang

Jewish-Christian-Muslim Relations

Sani Kirmani

BLOCK SIX: SCHOLARS' ABRAHAMIC TRIALOGUE

MUSIC: *Intercultural Journeys*

Interreligious Dialogue and Pluralism

Paul Knitter

Interreligious Dialogue and Hope

Rabbi Irving Greenberg

BLOCK SEVEN: GLOBAL ETHIC

Global Ethics and Civil Society

Carolina Lopez, Mexico

Global Ethics and Economics

John Dalla Costa, Canada

MY VISION OF LEONARD SWIDLER, THE MAN AND HIS WORKS

Harry Halloran

MY VISION

Leonard Swidler, accompanied by his granddaughter, Willow Swidler

A CIRCLE OF FAITH BLESSINGS

MUSIC: *"Alleluia"*

Buddhist: *Bokin Kim*; Hindu: *Kana Mitra*; Jewish: *Rabbi Reuven Firestone*; Muslim: *Khaleel Mohammed*; Protestant: *the Rev. Sherri Hausser*; Catholic: *Father John P. McNamee*; Sufi: *Sheikh Ghassan Manasra*

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Emil Ciocoiu

"Verständigung"

Öl auf Leinwand
2002/2003
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EMIL CIOCOIU

To Len Svidler
in gratitude
for his achievements
in interreligious dialogue:
at the occasion
of his 80th birthday
all blessings and good wishes
Tübingen, April 2009

Hans Küng

The Rev. Dr. Hans Küng, theologian, author, Emeritus Professor of Ecumenical Theology, University of Tübingen; President of the Foundation for a Global Ethic (*Stiftung Weltethos*).



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The Dialogue Institute leads and sustains a movement of interreligious and intercultural dialogue within an academic setting, on a global scale. It draws its energy from intellectual inquiry, critical thinking, and open exchange, enjoying its unique position on the urban campus of a secular public university. The Dialogue Institute works collaboratively with other universities, non-governmental organizations, and the business and public sectors to build trust and foster knowledge and mutual understanding across lines of religious and cultural difference. Among Dialogue Institute offerings:

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For scholars, teachers, clergy and lay leaders, young adults, community organizers and activists.

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Programs that deepen awareness of religious/cultural diversity in the workplace, leading to enhanced employee relations and productivity and greater cultural competence in a global economy.

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A one-year course introducing the key tools and understandings needed to be an interfaith activist, leader, or well-informed global citizen.

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A resources packet and set of books made available to sites around the world where such materials are limited.

Dialogue Institutes Network (DIN)

New initiatives often arise among those who have participated in DI programs. The DIN keeps these "multipliers" informed of each other's work through personal contact, web interactivity, and local site visits when requested.

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Or visit our website:

www.jesdialogue.org

Upcoming Events this summer from the Dialogue Institute

- April 29-30** Two workshops for the World Affairs Council programs at Bodine High School for International Affairs in Philadelphia. The DI once again teams with Intercultural Journeys.
- May 3** At Temple University, in co-sponsorship with the Interfaith Committee for Middle East Peace (ICMEP), a one-day public seminar: **Two Wise Men from the Holy Land: Rabbi Menachem Froman and Sheikh Ghassan Manasra**
- July 19-29** Women's Intercultural Leadership Seminar, a pilot project between the Dialogue Institute and Al-Qasemi Academic College of Education, Israel. As a follow-up Fulbright Program, twelve Jewish and Arab women from Israel will come to the DI to participate in a 10-day seminar devoted to capacity-building and the development of collaborative women's leadership across cultural and religious lines of differences.

Upcoming traveling lectures and consultations:

- May 7** *Leonard Swidler* lectures for Post-Doctoral Fellows of the Foundation for Interreligious, Intercultural Research and Dialogue of the University of Geneva, Switzerland.
- May 7** *Racelle Weiman* lectures at Faith in Human Rights Conference at the Graduate Theological Union, University of California, Berkeley, CA.
- May 12,13** *Leonard Swidler* lectures at the Institut für Sozialethikan der Katholisch-Theologischen Fakultät of the University of Vienna, Austria.
- June 2** *Racelle Weiman* and co-sponsoring Al-Qasemi Academy Dean, Dalia Fadila, give a presentation at US Embassy, Tel Aviv, Israel.
- June 15,16** *Racelle Weiman* lectures at the School of Divinity, University of Ankara, Turkey.
- June 18** *Rebecca Mays* presents a paper on Interreligious Dialogue and Education at the Friends Association for Higher Education at Guilford College in Greensboro, North Carolina.
- August 30-Sept 2** *Leonard Swidler* lectures on "Interreligious Dialogue" for US Military Chaplains and Brigade Command Teams at military bases in Garmisch, Graf, and Baumholder, Germany.
- September 29** *Racelle Weiman* keynote lecture at Center Stage Program, Tennessee Technological University, Cookeville, TN.

Next International Scholars' Abrahamic Triologue

- November, 2010** Hong Kong, on the topic of Religion, Ethics, and Business.

Recent resources from JES/DI for interfaith scholars, activists, and seekers

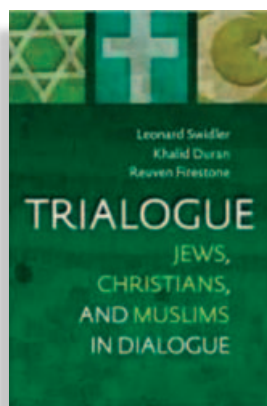


A wonderful resource for religious leaders and faith communities, this volume offers down-to-earth guidance for interreligious dialogue in a variety of grassroots settings. Leading Jewish, Muslim, and Christian scholars and activists share their wisdom and stories, discussion questions, and action suggestions. Great for use by individuals, study groups, classes, and more.

"[To] enhance understanding . . . requires addressing points of connection as well as points of division—a complex dance that this remarkable collection helps choreograph."

Zainab Al-Suwaij,
Executive Director, American Islamic Congress

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Leonard Swidler, Khalid Duran, and Reuven Firestone, scholars of Christianity, Islam, and Judaism respectively, present their faith traditions and the challenges and possibilities for “trialogue” among them. Each offers valuable insights into how the beliefs and practices in his own tradition have evolved through the centuries and suggests points of connection emerging out of shared Abrahamic roots. Throughout the text, readers are encouraged to pause for reflection and/or discussion of the key points presented by the authors. All three authors are regular participants in the International Scholars’ Abrahamic Trialogue.

“... the book is inviting, thought-provoking yet non-threatening. I would even say, benevolent”

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the *Journal of Ecumenical Studies* and the Dialogue Institute
provide resources; train religious, civic, and academic leaders
in the skills of critical thinking and respectful dialogue;
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dialogue, and social action.

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