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**PERKINS SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY SPONSORS
ANNUAL PERKINS THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL FOR THE LAITY**

Dallas, Texas – Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, will sponsor its annual Perkins Theological School for the Laity, March 8-10, 2007, with speakers including Elisabeth (Niebuhr) Sifton, author of *The Serenity Prayer: Faith and Politics in Times of Peace and War*.

The program on SMU's Dallas campus will also feature lectures by SMU's Robin W. Lovin, author of *Christian Ethics: An Essential Guide*; Joerg Rieger, author of *God and the Excluded: Visions and Blindspots in Contemporary Theology*; and Barbara Wendland, author and publisher of *Connections* newsletter. Participants can also choose from more than a dozen one- and two-day workshops led by faculty from SMU's Perkins School of Theology on topics including *Experiencing God through the Gospel of John*, *Christian Engagement with Non-Christians*, *Women in Early and Medieval Christianity*, *Christianity, War, and Peace*, and *Charles Wesley and the People Called Methodists*. Guest instructors include Carlton R. Young, editor of *The United Methodist Hymnal*, and Harvard University's Patrick Provost-Smith.

Persons may register for one workshop for as low as \$60 or may register for the complete program, including meals, for \$225. Persons can pre-register by March 2 online at perkins.smu.edu or can call 214-768-2124 for more information.

Perkins School of Theology is one of five University-related official schools of theology of The United Methodist Church. The school was founded in 1911 by the Methodist Episcopal Church South, now The United Methodist Church. Degree programs include the Master of Church Ministries, Master of Divinity, Master of Sacred Music, Master of Theological Studies, and Doctor of Ministry degree, as well as the Ph.D. in cooperation with SMU's Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences.

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