Theology & Peace 6th Annual Conference
“Lynching, Scapegoating & Actual Innocence”
July 4-6, 2013 • UNC Chapel Hill

JUNE 4/Tuesday
Morning
8-9  Registration
9-9:30 Continental Breakfast for Mimetic Theory Into participants
9:30-12:30 INTRODUCTION to MIMETIC THEORY
Four different speakers will introduce Rene Girard’s key concepts in mimetic theory, including: imitation, scapegoating, scripture as revelatory of human violence and mimetic theory in popular culture. This session is especially designed for people new to Girardian thought.
11-1:30 Registration
12:45-1:45 LUNCH

Afternoon
2-2:25 Opening remarks/Welcome/Introductions
2:30-3:40 Plenary session with DR. JULIA ROBINSON
Professor of African-American Religions, UNC Charlotte; Consultant with the Colloquium on Violence & Religion on “Lynching and Mimetic Theory”.
3:45-4 Refreshment break
4:10-5:30 Small group reflection process
4:10  Silent reflection (and/or liturgical song) with your small group
4:15-4:55 Small group discussion
5-5:30  Plenary group Q & A and closing
    comments by Dr. Robinson, closing prayer/song
5:45-6:45 DINNER

Evening
7-8:30 Plenary session with CHRISTINE MUMMA
With Q&A
Executive Director of the North Carolina Center on Actual Innocence, which coordinates the work of the North Carolina law school Innocence Projects®.
8:45 Prayer for the End of the Day (optional)
8:45-until Gathering Place for informal conversation, refreshments and socializing
Close-up magic with a Girardian touch by JIM WARREN
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JUNE 5/Wednesday

Morning
7-7:30  Morning Prayer
7:30   BREAKFAST

8:45   Opening remarks
9-10:20 Plenary session with DR. KELLY BROWN DOUGLAS
         Professor and Chair of Religion, Goucher College, MD and a leading
         Theologian concerning the African American experience.
10:25  Refreshment break
10:45-noon Small group reflection process
       10:45-11:50 Silent reflection (and/or liturgical song)
       10:50-11:30 Small group discussion
       11:35-12/noon Plenary group Q & A and closing
          comments by Dr. Douglas, closing prayer/song

12:15  LUNCH

1-2   Theology & Peace Business Meeting
      All participants are voting members. Please come.

Afternoon
2-2:25  “Lo-fi” dramatization of Bread of Life Discourse, shadow puppetry by
       by SUE WRIGHT & CLEMENT COLEMAN.
2:30   Plenary opening remarks
2:35-3:50 Plenary by The REV. PAUL NUECHTERLEIN
        Senior Pastor, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Portage, MI and creator of
        The website “Girardian Reflections on the Lectionary.”

3:55-4:10 Refreshment break
4:10-5:30 Small group reflection process
        4:10 Silent reflection (and/or liturgical song)
        4:15-4:55 Small group discussion
        5-5:30 Plenary group Q & A and closing
            comments by the Rev. Nuechterlein, closing prayer/song

5:45-6:45 DINNER

Evening
7-8:30 COMMUNION SERVICE

8:45-until? Gathering Place for informal conversation, refreshments and socializing
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JUNE 6/Thursday
Morning
7-7:30 Morning prayer

7:30 BREAKFAST

8:30-9:45 Plenary by VINCE BANTU, CCDA
Representing The Christian Community Development Association, Vince Bantu will speak about the CCDA’s reconciliation work in situations of violence and racial division.

9:45-9:55 Silent reflection (and/or liturgical song)

10-10:15 Refreshment break

10:15-11:15 Round Table Comments & Discussion

11:30 CLOSING announcements, thanks, farewells