

# religion & VIOLENCE

untangling the roots of conflict

Explore with a panel of leading theologians how religion becomes entangled with violence and what are the resources within each tradition for living together in peace, without losing unique identities.

## Schedule

### Tuesday, January 22, 2008

- 8:00 am Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 am Opening Remarks
- 9:15 am James H. Cone—Presentation and Q&A
- 11:00 am Reflection Groups
- 12:15 pm Lunch on Your Own
- 2:00 pm Susannah Heschel—Presentation and Q&A
- 3:45 pm Reflection Groups
- 5:00 pm Adjourn (approximate)

### Wednesday, January 23, 2008

- 8:00 am Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 am James Carroll—Presentation and Q&A
- 10:45 am Reflection Groups
- 12:00 pm Lunch on Your Own
- 1:00 pm Tariq Ramadan—Presentation and Q&A
- 2:45 pm Reflection Groups
- 4:15 pm Closing Panel
- 5:00 pm Adjourn (approximate)

### Small reflection groups (6-12)

Purpose: to move from talking about theology to “doing” theology. Involves taking thoughts and developing them into something life giving and potentially life changing. Bring together four voices: church, personal experience, the world around us, and our personal belief systems.

Fee: \$18 per day, or \$30 for both days. Come and go as your schedule permits. Come and bring a colleague for stimulating discussion, reflection and fellowship. A continental breakfast will be served at 8:00 a.m. on each day, lunch is on your own.

*Please register by January 7.*

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James Carroll



James H. Cone



Susannah Heschel



Tariq Ramadan

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to participate in  
the conference  
Webcast

The Congregation of Saint Joseph in pleased to present the Trinity Institute's 38th National Theological Conference on January 22 and 23, 2008 through down-link webcasts. Here is an opportunity for local residents to hear a panel of prominent Christian, Jewish, and Muslim theologians and to explore with members of our own community the deeply rooted, seemingly inexorable union of religion and violence, illuminating the resources within each tradition for living together in peace, without losing the unique identities of each faith.

While people of all faiths raise prayers for peace, reports of religiously fueled violence fill the news. Critics question whether we can afford to tolerate any longer a force as destructive as religion. Is violence an inescapable result of religious commitment, or is it a distortion, a human projection on a God in whom there is no violence? Is it the sole province of extremists, or do its roots touch all persons of faith? Do solutions to the problem lie within the traditions themselves? We hope that you will consider joining us.

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