



# INTERSECT

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## Take Back Your Time...

As we begin the fall season, after hopefully some "Sabbath" time over the summer, be it a vacation, a holiday, days on the beach, or moments in the garden, we need to be mindful of the importance of Sabbath. Sabbath a time to rest while affirming the goodness of God's

creation. The Council in this edition of "Intersect" wishes to underscore the importance of Sabbath through affirmation of a ministry by the Council. The ministry, "Take Back Your Time", a part of a national project, seeks to underscore the importance of what one might call an intentional time out. For people of faith, it is Sabbath, a principle of taking time, centering on the goodness of creation, and in so doing affirm the creator. Rabbi Heschel reminds us, "Keeping Sabbath time is keeping in touch with the holy in us, around us, and between us."

One of the challenges our life styles seem to present to us in our time, is our inability to take time out or time off. Recent studies show that many persons do not use their vacation time. 26% of American workers don't take any vacation. Studies too report that many while on vacation continue to work electronically each day of their vacation. Advocates from "Take Back Your Time" want the government to require a minimum number of paid vacation days for everyone. According to the Center for Economic and Policy Research, the United States is the only advanced economy without such a mandate. We live and participate in a 24/7 culture that often defines our value



and identity by our work.

Yet, too, we are mindful for some Sabbath time is a challenge in terms of their economic circumstances and employment. Some have limited opportunities for time off due to unfair labor practices. About a quarter of private sector U.S. workers have no paid vacation at all, and the lower your salary, the more likely you will fall into this category. There, too, is the underserved vacation

forced by the reason of unemployment, a concern for us as persons of faith. We should seek to advocate on their behalf for a fairer and just system for all who work toward the contribution of the common good.

Bishop Margaret Payne, Bishop of the New England Synod of the Evangelical Church in America, writes, "I wish fervently that leaders and members in our conversations would begin to acknowledge their spirit-killing pace of life by taking part of 'Take Back Your Time.' It will give them glimpses of sanity, spiritual wisdom and pure joy."

We would encourage you to mark this year's date of October 24th as an occasion to share in your faith community the importance of Sabbath. Resources available through the MCC web site at [www.masscouncilofchurches.org](http://www.masscouncilofchurches.org) or contacting our office at 617-523-2771 or [www.timeday.org](http://www.timeday.org). These resources provide program opportunities, no not one thing to do, but creative ways of lifting up "doing Sabbath." Place our centerfold poster in a prominent space and affirm the occasion of Sabbath in a designated worship celebration this fall.

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## Lord's Day Alliance Conference

"Sabbath in the City" is the theme for this year's Lord's Day Alliance conference. To be held at Boston University School of Theology, the LDA will partner together in this event with the Center for Practical Theology at Boston University.

The conference will provide an opportunity to learn from the Sustaining Urban Pastoral Excellence (SUPE) Program under the direction of professors Bryan Stone and Claire



Wofteich. The conference aims to advance dialogue about urban ministry, spiritual formation, and Sabbath keeping in contemporary culture. It will provide

opportunities for dialogue among pastors, seminary students, faculty, and church leaders, as well as exploration of concrete practices of Sabbath keeping.

■ Thursday evening, October 2, "Sabbath in the City" Dinner 6:00 PM. Program 7:00 PM. Presentation on sabbatical experiences of the pastors in the SUPE with Professor Claire Wofteich.

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# Ecumenical Institute 2009: Formation for Leadership

Save the dates: May 17–20, 2009

By Laura Everett

Participants in the Ecumenical Institute go on to great things for the good of the Church. In 2005, Brian Flanagan attended the Ecumenical Institute with a scholarship from the MCC's "Hope for the Future" Fund. Now Dr. Flanagan, having finished his Ph.D. from Boston College, teaches at Holy Cross in Worcester and is one of the representatives for the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston on the Commission on Christian Unity of the MCC. Catherine Townsend was a member of the class of 2007 at the Ecumenical Institute. She returned to her home state of Louisiana and helped the Louisiana Interchurch Conference begin their own Ecumenical Institute. Class of 2007 participant Rev. Don Anderson is now the executive minister of the Rhode Island State Council of Churches.

Participants come to the Ecumenical Institute from around the country to be formed for ecumenical leadership in a variety of settings. The quality fellow students at the Ecumenical Institute are as much a reason to attend as the quality program. Who do you know who could benefit from 4 days of prayer and learning about the work for the full, visible unity of Christ's Church?

Beginning on Sunday evening May 17 and ending mid-day on Wednesday May 20, 2009 at the Graymoor Spiritual Life Center in Garrison NY, the Ecumenical Institute provides instruction on the history, theory and practice of the ecumenical movement. Ecumenical Institute 2009 is an ideal introduction to the ecumenical movement for newly ordained clergy, new staff in ecumenical and interreligious organizations, recently appointed ecumenical representatives and interested lay leaders. Each day features morning and evening prayer, lectures from course leaders, small group study, group discussion and fellowship. Consider sending someone from your church.

Topics for the Ecumenical Institute 2009 include: What

is the shape of the unity we seek?; a Brief History of our Ecumenical Movement; Spiritual Ecumenism; Claiming our Common Christian Witness; Issues in Jewish/Christian relations; Contemporary Questions in Interfaith Relations and 'Hot Topics' in 21st Century Ecumenism.

The faculty confirmed thus far include: Rev. Dr. Tom Best, Retired Executive Secretary of Faith and Order for the World Council of Churches; Dr. Audrey Doetzel, NDS (Sisters of Notre Dame de Sion) Assistant Director for Programs at the Center for Christian-Jewish Learning, Boston College; Ms. Laura Everett, Associate Director of the Massachusetts Council of Churches; Rev. Jack Johnson, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Council of Churches; Dr. Tony Kireopoulos, Senior Program Director for Faith & Order and Interfaith Relations of the National Council of Churches in Christ USA; Rev. Jim Loughran, SA (Society of the Atonement), Director of the Graymoor Ecumenical and Interreligious Institute; Fr. Thomas Ryan, CSP (Community of St. Paul), Director of the Paulist North American Office for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations.

The 2009 Ecumenical Institute is presented by: Graymoor Ecumenical & Interreligious Institute; Massachusetts Council of Churches; Paulist Office for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations; Sisters of Our Lady of Sion- with our partners, the National Council of Churches in Christ, USA and the Boston Theological Institute. More information will be available at [www.graymoorcenter.org](http://www.graymoorcenter.org) or email [council@masscouncilofchurches.org](mailto:council@masscouncilofchurches.org). Applications are available at [www.masscouncilofchurches.org](http://www.masscouncilofchurches.org). Scholarship funding is available from the MCC's Hope for the Future Fund. Tuition, room and board will cost \$280 before March 31, 2009; \$300 after April 1, 2009.

## 2009 — SAVE THE DATES

**MCC Annual Meeting**  
Saturday, January 24, 2009

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

(location and program to be announced)

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**  
January 18–25, 2009

## 2008 — SAVE THE DATES

40th Anniversary of the Boston Theological School  
held at Harvard Divinity School

October 15, 2008

Faith Leaders Summit on Climate/Energy

November 20, 2008

Symposium on Forgiveness and Reconciliation on  
the Occasion of the 60th Anniversary of the United  
Nations' Declaration of Human Rights

(location to be determined)

December 8, 2008

For additional information, visit  
[www.massconcilofchurches.org](http://www.massconcilofchurches.org)

## “Spiritual Awakening in Troubled Times” Envoys for Ecumenism Advent Retreat

This year’s annual Envoys For Ecumenism retreat, December 4th and 5th at Miramar Retreat Center will be an occasion for Sabbath as we begin the Advent season. The Reverend Dr. Norman Faramelli, lecturer in Social Ethics at Boston University School of Theology and Adjunct in Christian Ethics at Episcopal Divinity School, will be our retreat leader. His theme “Spiritual Awakening in Troubled Times” will raise the fundamental question, how does the Spirit call and lift us up in difficult times? The Advent season is a most appropriate time to ask, “What is the Spirit calling us to be and do in an unjust and fractured world?”

The retreat location is, a beautiful setting, overlooking Kingston Bay from fields where Wampanoag Indians once

lived and where the Pilgrims first settled. The center is operated by the Society of the Divine Word Missionaries, a congregation of more than 6,000 Catholic missionary priests and brothers who serve the poor in 60 countries worldwide.

To register for the Envoys Retreat, contact Louise at call 617-523-2771 or download reservation form at [www.masscouncilofchurches.org](http://www.masscouncilofchurches.org). The retreat cost will be \$100. and includes overnight guest accommodation and three meals. We begin at 2:00 PM on Thursday, December 4th and conclude following lunch on Friday afternoon, December 5th.

### Take Back Your Time, *continued from page 1*

We too would wish to share with urban pastors, the occasion of “Sabbath in the City.” (see article on page 1) This special conference sponsored by the Lord’s Day Alliance, held at Boston University School of Theology, on October 2nd and 3rd, will underscore the special importance of Sabbath for urban pastors.

An “Envoy’s for Ecumenism” retreat on December 4th – 5th at Miramar Retreat Center in Duxbury will also be an occasion for Sabbath as we begin the Advent season. Our retreat will be but one more occasion of an intentional time out, a time apart, a time alone, and a time with others in sharing a sacred time.

### Sabbath in the City, *continued from page 1*

- Friday, October 3, 9:00 AM — “Keeping the Sabbath: The Challenge for Spiritual Formation”
- 12:30 – 2:00 PM Afternoon program “Taking the Sabbath Challenge.”

The program will be at Boston University. Registration deadline is Friday, September 26.

For registration and additional information, contact the Center for Practical Theology, Boston University School of Theology (617-358-3885; email: [susan@bu.edu](mailto:susan@bu.edu)) or the Boston Theological Institute (617-527-4880; email: [btioffice@bostontheological.org](mailto:btioffice@bostontheological.org)).

## Keeping Sabbath

The conference “Sabbath in the City” is a title of a new book to be published in October by Westminster John Knox Press, written by Professor Bryan P. Stone, a E. Stanley Jones Professor of Evangelism at Boston University, and Professor Claire E. Wolfreich, associate professor of Practical Theology and Spiritual Formation at Boston University.

Drawing on their research involving urban pastors from across the United States, Stone and Wolfreich identify and examine spiritual practices that foster excellence in urban ministry. This book flows out of the Sustaining Urban Pastoral Excellence project carried out by the Center for Practical Theology at Boston University from 2003–2007. The project worked with 96 urban pastors across the nation to learn more about the features of excellent urban ministry and how to sustain it. Sabbath in the City lifts up the voices of these pastors, weaving them into discussions of the realities of urban ministry and an invitation to deeper spiritual life in the city. After discussing the specific challenges facing urban pastors

and presenting the kinds of excellence required of them, Wolfreich and Stone explore several practices that help sustain ministers working in urban contexts, such as cultivating holy friendships, practicing Sabbath, maintaining lives of prayer and study, and setting appropriate boundaries. Throughout, the authors bring together stories from urban pastors from a variety of denominations with insights from the history of Christian spirituality and theology to chart a theological course for the formation and renewal of pastors in diverse contemporary contexts.

As we lift up the importance of Take Back Your Time, and working with the Lord’s Day Alliance on the importance of Sabbath, we wish to recognize our work with Professor Claire Wolfreich whose contribution in writing this book, with Professor Bryan Stone, is a significant contribution to this discussion. We at the Council, representing seventeen denominations, many whose congregations are located in urban settings, believe this book and the upcoming conference will be most helpful to urban pastors and denominational leaders.

# Ecumenical Dinner... An Evening of Coming Together

Over one hundred and thirty folks filled the parish hall at the Church of the Nativity, Northboro for an evening of good conversation, inspiring music, great food and a most provocative speaker.



General Secretary of the National Council of Churches of Christ, U.S.A., Reverend Dr. Michael Kinnamon, keynote speaker, eloquently reminded us that "A council of churches is its members."

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Associate Director, Ms. Laura Everett and Reverend Dr. Anthony (Tony) Pappas, Executive Minister of the American Baptist Churches of Massachusetts share an "ecumenical moment" at the reception.

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A lighter moment as the Right Reverend Gordon Scruton, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts, welcomed MCC Board President, Mr. Richard Harter, Esq., and the audience to the "frontier land" west of Boston.

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Mark Harvey's jazz trio provided stirring and inspirational music throughout the evening.

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Board member, Ms. June Carter (l) brought together a table of friends and parishioners from Union United Methodist Church in Boston, shares a moment with the Reverend Charlotte Pridgen-Randolph, Pastor of the Newton United Methodist Church.

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Conversation abounds as the evening began with a reception of greeting old friends and making new acquaintances.

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The Rev. Fr. Marc Bergeron, Ecumenical Officer of the Diocese of Fall River, and MCC Board member is joined by friends from the south coast and the Cape during the dinner hour.

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## An Evening to Honor the Speaker and Support Your Council, Oct. 27, 2008

The Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Honorable Salvatore DiMasi, will be honored by the MCC on Monday evening, October 27th, for his leadership in defeating efforts to bring casino gambling to Massachusetts.

This past year the Council devoted significant energy and effort to affirming denominational members strong opposition to a proposal to develop casino gambling here in the Commonwealth. The Council brought together a state wide coalition, Casino Free Mass, seeking to persuade legislators that the proposal was wrong for the good of the people. On March 20th, under the Speaker's able leadership, the proposal was resoundingly defeated 108 to 46. There is little question that the proposal was defeated due, in fact, to DiMasi's strong opposition. The Council membership was deeply gratified by his thoughtful leadership on this issue.



*The Honorable Salvatore DiMasi, Speaker of the Massachusetts House of Representatives to be the honoree on Monday evening, October 27, 2008.*

The occasion, a reception from 6:00 to 8:00PM will be a most special evening. Reverend Dr. Bob Edgar, President of "Common Cause", will be the keynoter. Edgar a noted national figure became President of "Common Cause" this past year. Edgar previously lead the National Council of Churches of Christ, U.S.A. as their General Secretary (2000–2007), he was President of Claremont Theological Seminary (1990–2000), and served in Congress representing the 7th District of Pennsylvania (1974–1987). Edgar, a United Methodist pastor, serves on the boards of several organizations, including the National Coalition for Health Care; the National Religious Partnership for the Environment; and the Environmental and Energy Study Institute.

Reservations may be made by calling the MCC at 617-523-2771; via email: [council@masscouncilofchurches.org](mailto:council@masscouncilofchurches.org) or download form [www.masscouncilofchurches.org](http://www.masscouncilofchurches.org).



*The Reverend Dr. Bob Edgar, President of Common Cause, to be the keynote speaker.*

## Strategic Planning Process

The Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Council of Churches launched a Vision Development and Strategic Planning Process at its spring meeting. The Council engaged Mr. Derek Kotze, from Littleton, MA, to work with an eight member Steering Committee, chaired by Rev. Joel Anderle, Board Vice-President and pastor of the Community Covenant Church in Peabody. The Committee membership will be meeting over the summer and early fall with some sixty stakeholders to discern from their perspective of the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats that the Council faces. The Board will be devoting a significant part of their agenda in the coming year in this process. Part of the process will engage delegates at the January Annual Meeting in seeking their input in future visioning. The process will enable the Council to look out three to five years in visioning its future. The Board will receive the report of the Steering Committee at its May 2009 meeting.



*Data Gathering: Board members engage, at their May meeting, in an exercise that footnoted the past as but one component of visioning for the future.*

# Protecting Dogs and Keeping Massachusetts Casino Free

*Churches encourage to "Bless and Protect Dogs" at St. Francis of Assisi Feast October 4–5, 2008*

By *Laura Everett*

The 2-year legislative session ended in Massachusetts on July 31, but the continued threat of gambling expansion in the Commonwealth remains. The Massachusetts Council of Churches was one of the key leaders in the Casino Free Mass coalition that worked long and hard this session to keep Massachusetts



free from slot machines. This November, Massachusetts voters will have another opportunity to weigh in on the debate when the Greyhound Protection Act appears on the ballot by voting "Yes on 3" to end greyhound racing.

At the May 2008 MCC Board meeting, the Board affirmed our support for the Greyhound Protection Act, in keeping with the churches' overall goal of opposing state-sponsored and state-supported gambling. Currently there are two commercial dog tracks in Massachusetts. While their industry has been dying, they have been lobbying hard to become 'racinos,' or dog tracks with slot machines. Legalizing the highly addictive slot machines at the tracks would open the legal door for large-scale megacasinos across the state.

In addition to concerns about expanded gambling, dog racing is a cruel practice that goes against our shared sense of care for all of God's Creation. At the two Massachusetts tracks, thousands of dogs endure lives of nearly endless confinement, typically kept in small cages barely large enough for them to stand up or turn around for 20 or more hours per day. Since 2002, more than eight hundred dogs have been injured while racing in Massachusetts, including dogs that have suffered broken legs, head trauma, cardiac arrest, paralysis and seizures. The Greyhound Protection Act will phase out dog racing by 2010.

Christine Dorchak, chairwoman of the Committee to Protect Dogs, said "it's a blessing to the dogs of Massachusetts that the churches are concerned about their protection. The Massachusetts Council of Churches is a smart political force. We are thrilled about this endorsement that draws attention to the moral issues of dog racing and the continued injury to dogs."

The Massachusetts Council of Churches and member denominations are creating resources for congregations to hold "Blessing of the Animals" services, with a special emphasis on protecting Greyhounds from this cruel practice. On Sunday October 5 (St. Francis' day is Oct 4), congregations are encouraged to share information about the Greyhound Protection Act with the blessing of the animals. Local greyhounds are available to visit your congregation — call the MCC at 617-523-2771. For more resources including flyers and liturgies, visit [www.masscouncilofchurches.org](http://www.masscouncilofchurches.org).

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## Global Warming... A Care for the Creation

Your Council has been engaged through the Massachusetts Interfaith Climate Network in advocating for a Global Warming Solutions Act which was passed by the state legislature during the last week of July and signed into law by the Governor. The core provisions in the Act set enforceable state limits on green house gas emissions for 2020 and 2050. This bill will place Massachusetts in an enviable position both in terms of attracting investments in clean energy sector, and addressing global climate change. Our biblical faith underscores for us the importance of the care of God's creation. Bishop Bud Cederholm, of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts, noted "Our sacred scripture calls us to serve and protect what God has created." Global warming underscores the fact that we have not been good stewards of God's creation. Rev. Dr. Jim Antal, President of the Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ, noted "I believe global warming is one of the most critical moral issues of our day."

The Council will be co-sponsoring a summit on addressing

the energy crisis: The Road Ahead on Climate for New England religious leaders on November 20. Noted global warming activist, internationally known author Bill McKibben, will be addressing the gathering. (For more information [www.masscouncilofchurches.org](http://www.masscouncilofchurches.org).)



*Advocates for the Global Warming Solution appeared at a July rally at the State House in Boston. From Left to Right: Rep. William Brownsberger; Senator Marc Pacheco; Ms. Nancy Banks, Director, Massachusetts Interfaith Climate Network; Rev.*

*Jack Johnson, MCC Executive Director; Rev. Deborah M. Warner, Priest in charge, Church of the Messiah, Woods Hole, MA.*

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# It's Here!

## The Healthy Kids, Healthy Churches, Healthy Communities Curriculum

*Healthy Kids, Healthy Churches, Healthy Communities*, an adult and youth curriculum on Creation, toxic products, and environmental justice, is now available to congregations in Massachusetts. This free, Biblically-based resource provides churches with an introduction to environmental justice and the problem of toxic chemicals in everyday life, and provides practical solutions.

### Eight Study Sessions are Divided into Two Parts

Four sessions provide a framework for understanding environmental health and justice from a Christian perspective:

1. Creation, environmental pollution, and our health
2. Identifying environmental injustice through Hurricane Katrina
3. The Biblical witness on Creation and community
4. Applying our faith to environmental health and justice

Four sessions address the question: What can we do?

5. Healthy kids: Protecting the most vulnerable in our homes
6. Healthy churches: Making our churches safer
7. Healthy communities: Mapping our communities and responding
8. Safer for all: Legislative advocacy for a healthier Massachusetts

The eight sessions can each stand alone, can be used as a 2-part series (sessions 1–4 and 5–8), or be used successively. The full lessons will take between 1 and 1½ hours each, but can be tailored to the time available.

*Healthy Kids, Healthy Churches, Healthy Communities* is appropriate for use in an adult Christian education class, a retreat setting, an Advent or Lenten study, a youth group, a social concerns committee, a denominational or ecumenical clergy group, an ecumenical gathering with other churches in your community, a parenting group, as community outreach, and other settings.

### The Toxic-Free Christmas Coffee Hour Kit

Introduce the subject of toxic products to your congregation while designing a toxic-free celebration of Christ's birth

- Theological reflections on giving
- "Contaminated without Consent" DVD
- Alternatives to toxic products
- Alternatives to consumerism

Contact Louise ([louise@masscouncilofchurches.org](mailto:louise@masscouncilofchurches.org) or 617-523-2771)



*The Reverend Lise Hildebrandt, coordinator of our "Healthy Kids, Healthy Churches, Healthy Communities" is ready to guide your congregation in using this new and informative curriculum.*

For a hard copy of the curriculum, call Louise at the MCC office, 617-523-2771, or send an email to [louise@masscouncilofchurches.org](mailto:louise@masscouncilofchurches.org). Questions should be directed to the Rev. Lise Hildebrandt ([mcchealthychurches@yahoo.com](mailto:mcchealthychurches@yahoo.com) or 508-869-2167).

Who should lead the curriculum? It is designed as self-contained and lay- or clergy-led. However, it may be most effectively led by a several-person team, which might consist of a parent, someone who has suffered from toxic exposure, someone with environmental or medical background, and someone with an educational or theological background. You already have people in your congregation and community with a wealth of experience and knowledge to draw on!

Over 2200 people have heard about toxic chemicals and the curriculum at the 44 presentations that MCC staff members have given around the state. Many congregations plan to use *Healthy Kids, Healthy Churches, Healthy Communities* in their churches beginning this fall. If you would like to attend a training session on the curriculum, see the box below or contact Lise Hildebrandt to see about setting one up in your area. An additional free resource is the Coffee Hour Kit, which can introduce the topic to your group or congregation in a 1-hour setting (see box).

### Trainings

- The Cape: Christ Church, Harwichport, Oct. 21 from 5:30 to 7:30 PM
- Boston area: October, 2008
- The Berkshires: St. Stephen's, Pittsfield, October 28, evening

Contact Lise (508-869-2167 or [mcchealthychurches@yahoo.com](mailto:mcchealthychurches@yahoo.com))

# Dialogue

Dialogue, understanding one another, one of the unique ministries of the Massachusetts Council of Churches are the occasions of dialogue with individuals from other faith perspectives. These dialogue groups have been in existence for over 25 years where sessions enrich understanding of different perspectives. Three on going dialogues are Evangelical/Liberal, Jewish/Christian, and Muslim/Christian. The dialogue programs for 2008–09 are:

## Muslim/Christian

October 14, 2008 from 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

*Topic: How does our religion inform/influence our choice in political elections.*

February 12, 2009 from 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

*Topic: Philanthropic and charitable practices for uplifting the poor.*

May 20, 2009 from 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

*Topic: Moderation challenges by religious fundamentalism.*

## Jewish/Christian

*Theme: Exploring the language of faith, through the lens of contemporary issues.*

October 7, 2008 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM

*Topic: Faith/religion in the electoral process*  
*Special presenter: Fr. Brian Hehir*

February 10, 2009 1:00 PM – 3:30 PM

*Topic: Dominion and Creation*

May 12, 2009 1:00 PM – 3:30 PM

*Topic: The role of the prophetic in our religious tradition*

## Evangelical/Liberal

October 9, 2008 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

January 15, 2009 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

March 5, 2009 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

May 21, 2009 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

If you wish to join one or all three of these dialogue groups please register with the MCC today at 617-523-2771 or [council@masscouncilofchurches.org](mailto:council@masscouncilofchurches.org).



MCC Executive Director, the Reverend Jack Johnson (l) and the Archdiocese of Boston Interfaith officer, Fr. David Michael (r), join Dr. Lawrence Lowenthal, Executive Director of the American Jewish

Committee, on the occasion of recognition of his 19 years of service in interfaith activities. Lowenthal has been a key leader in the MCC Jewish/Christian Dialogue.



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