



# Reassessing & Responding in Difficult Times

*Theological Opportunities Program - Thursday Half-Day Conferences*

September 17, 2009 – 10:00AM at University Lutheran

**AWAKENING TO THE REALITY OF THE CHANGED WORLD AROUND US**

Setting the issue: Robin Melavalin

Lecture by Tim McCarthy, historian, Harvard's Kennedy School of Government

September 24, 2009 – 10:00AM at University Lutheran

**WHAT IS ENOUGH? DO WE NEED TO "DE-TOX" FROM CONSUMERISM?: BEING ACCOUNTABLE FOR OUR CHOICES IN LIFE**

Setting the issue: Martha A.L.B. Nielsen\*

Lecture by John Ehrenfeld, author of *Sustainability by Design: A Subversive Strategy for Transforming Our Consumer Culture*

October 1, 2009 – 10:00AM at University Lutheran

**HOW CAN WE LIVE IN THIS ENTITLED SOCIETY WITHOUT BECOMING SELF-CENTERED OR NARCISSISTIC?**

Setting the issue: Anna Donovan\*

Lecture by Linda Weltner, activist, former *Boston Globe* columnist

October 8, 2009 – 10:00AM, at University Lutheran

**HOW DO YOU LIVE WITH FEAR—OR RESIST IT? —FEAR OF DYING, OF BEING ALONE, OF FINANCIAL INSECURITY?**

Setting the issue: Chris Farrow-Noble\*

Lecture by Marjorie Clapprod, former state representative and talk-show host

October 15, 2009 – 10:00AM, at University Lutheran

**THE DILEMMA OF LIVING ALONE: THE PROS AND THE CONS**

Setting the issue: Marcia Miller Boehlke\*

Lecture by Joan Anderson, author of memoirs *A Year by the Sea, An Unfinished Marriage, A Walk on the Beach, A Weekend to Change Your Life, and The Second Journey*

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October 22, 2009 – 10:00AM at University Lutheran

**HOW DO WE RESPOND TO A CULTURE OF BULLYING AND ABUSE WHEN SOCIETAL AND PERSONAL POWER IS MISUSED?**

Setting the issue: Kim Westheimer, co-author of *When the Drama Club Is Not Enough: Lessons from the Safe Schools Program for Gay and Lesbian Students*

Lecture by Susan Eisenberg, one of the first women to achieve journey-level status as a union electrician, artist, poet and educator, author of *We'll Call You If We Need You: Experiences of Women Working Construction*, and creator of the installation *On Equal Terms: Women in Construction 30 Years & Still Organizing*, visiting scholar, Women's Studies Research Center, Brandeis University

October 29, 2009 – 10:00AM at University Lutheran

**THROUGH HISTORY, STEREOTYPING WOMEN AS VIRGIN, WITCH OR WHORE**

Setting the issue: Theresa Greenfield

Lecture by Kate Clifford Larson, author of *Bound for the Promised Land*, women's history, Simmons College

November 5, 2009 - 10:00AM, at University Lutheran

**WHAT IS THE EVOLVING MEANING OF FEMINISM? FEMINIST VOICES IN DIALOGUE**

Panel: Angela Maffeo\*, Jaclyn Friedman, Amy Couto, Andres Castro Samayoa and Carol Johnson

November 12, 2009 – 10:00AM, at University Lutheran

**RECLAIMING THE SPIRIT OF CITIZENSHIP: REASSESSING THE BALANCE BETWEEN THE INDIVIDUAL AND COMMUNITY**

Setting the issue: Susan Little

Lecture by Madeleine Kunin, former governor of Vermont

November 19, 2009 – 10:00AM, at University Lutheran

**WHAT KIND OF SPIRITUAL "CORE" DO WE NEED TO REMAIN CENTERED IN THIS TIME OF ANXIETY?**

Setting the issue: Esther Scanlan\*

Lecture by Anne Yeomans, psychotherapist, one of the founders of The Women's Well