

Jim Wallis to Headline 2010 Stewardship Summit

Rev. Jim Wallis, president and CEO of Sojourners and editor-in-chief of *Sojourners* magazine will be keynote speaker for the Foundation's 2010 Stewardship Summit scheduled for Friday, Sept. 17 at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Orlando. The event is open to all Florida Conference lay and clergy and to Sojourners' followers and subscribers.

Wallis is a best-selling author, public theologian, speaker and international commentator on ethics in public life. His keynote address will be based on his latest book about keeping Christian values in contemporary America, *Rediscovering Values: On Wall Street, Main Street and Your Street – A Moral Compass for the New Economy*.

The book raises questions about the current economic crisis and how our response to it may change us as a Christian community and nation. It offers suggestions on how we can make moral changes in our personal lives that can profoundly impact our churches and communities, and ultimately, our nation. Summit attendees will have a chance to participate in a question and answer period with Wallis during the program.

Other highlights include morning worship lead by Bishop Timothy Whitaker and afternoon workshops on "best stewardship practices" lead by representatives from churches that have implemented them. Subject areas will include annual stewardship, planned giving and capital fund raising. Scheduled presenters include: Rev. Richard Evans, chair of the Permanent Endowment Committee, First United Methodist Church, Homosassa; Dr. Troy Holloway, Director of Generosity, Trinity United Methodist Church, Gainesville; and Dr. James Harnish, senior pastor, Hyde Park United Methodist Church, Tampa.

Wallis is the author of 10 books on faith and politics, including two *New York Times* bestsellers: *The Great Awakening: Reviving Faith & Politics in a Post-Religious Right America* and *God's Politics: Why the Right Gets It Wrong and the Left Doesn't Get it*. He is a frequent commentator on national news shows and has taught at Harvard's Divinity School and Kennedy School of Government on "Faith, Politics and Society."

Wallis lives in Washington, D. C. with his wife Joy Carroll, one of the first women ordained in the Church of England, and their two young sons, Luke and Jack.

The Stewardship Summit is an annual continuing education program for clergy and laity presented by the Foundation. A registration fee of \$50 covers all sessions, materials, continental breakfast and lunch. Hours are 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.



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