



# Backgrounder



**The Rev. Dr. Samuel T. Lloyd III**  
Dean, Washington National Cathedral

Watch Dean Lloyd during a six-minute excerpt from PBS' *America's Houses of Worship*, [http://media.cathedral.org/houses\\_dsl.wmv](http://media.cathedral.org/houses_dsl.wmv)

Dean Lloyd speaks at the following timecode-- :43, 2:38, 4:26 and 5:02

Please consider speaking with Dean Lloyd on issues of faith and its intersection with contemporary life.

Under Dean Lloyd's leadership, Washington National Cathedral, although an Episcopal cathedral, is living its role as a spiritual home for the nation and a convening place for dialogue on issues affecting the country. People of all denominations and religions are welcome at the Cathedral, as well as people who do not subscribe to any religion.

His pulpit reaches a national audience—it's the place where our country celebrates major events (inaugural prayer services) but also mourns (presidential state funerals, interfaith service of remembrance and hope for victims of 9/11). And, with his guidance, the Cathedral hosts prominent guests from across the spectrum of theology, politics, science, justice issues and the arts. This is a sampling of guest speakers:

- **former Iranian President Mohammed Khatami**
- **economist Jeffrey Sachs**
- **physician-geneticist Dr. Francis Collins, Director of the Human Genome Research Institute**
- **Lama Surya Das**
- **White House deputy director of the Office of Public Liaison Tim Goeglein**
- **Pulitzer-prize winning biologist E.O. Wilson**
- **comparative religion expert Huston Smith**

- **Folk-rock legend Bruce Cockburn**
- **former Republican Senator and Episcopal priest John Danforth**
- **various authors including Isabel Allende, Jan Karon, Sue Monk Kidd and Sister Helen Prejean**

Dean Lloyd previously served as rector of historic Trinity Church, Copley Square in Boston, Massachusetts. He holds a Masters of Divinity degree from Virginia Theological Seminary and a Ph.D. in English Literature from the University of Virginia. He also holds an M.A. degree in English Literature from Georgetown University and received his B.A. from the University of Mississippi.

Dean Lloyd is also considered an expert on the writings of author and scholar C.S. Lewis.