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New Sunday Forum Series Focuses on the Intersection of Faith and Contemporary Life

Newsweek Editor **Jon Meacham** and
Washington Post Reporter **Sally Quinn** are First Guests

WASHINGTON, D.C.— To commemorate its centennial year, the Washington National Cathedral is launching a weekly Sunday discussion on faith and contemporary life hosted by Dean Sam Lloyd and featuring prominent guests from across the spectrum of theology, politics, science, justice issues, and the arts.

The Sunday Forum: Critical Issues in the Light of Faith begins on October 7 when *Newsweek* Editor Jon Meacham and *Washington Post* reporter Sally Quinn address the topic, *Religious America: What do We Believe?*

“Listening and learning from others is critical to the Cathedral’s work,” said Cathedral Dean Sam Lloyd about the series. “Our guests are drawn from all walks of life, representing many viewpoints. Questions will be drawn from the audience at the Cathedral and from online viewers.”

Forums begin at 10 am in the Cathedral’s nave and precede the 11:15 am service. They are free and open to the public. Live and on-demand webcasts will be available at www.nationalcathedral.com.

The fall lineup of *Sunday Forum* topics and guests is listed below.

Sunday, October 7, 2007

Religious America: What Do We Believe?
with *Newsweek* Editor **Jon Meacham**
and *Washington Post* reporter **Sally Quinn**

Jon Meacham is editor of *Newsweek* magazine, co-editor of the *Washington Post's* online religion forum, "On Faith," and author of the bestselling book *American Gospel: God, the Founding Fathers, and the Making of a Nation*.

Sally Quinn is a long-time writer for the *Washington Post*, co-editor of the *Post's* online religion forum, "On Faith," and the author of several books of fiction and non-fiction.

Sunday, October 14, 2007

Ties That Bind: A Folk-Rocker and a Theologian Make Heavenly Music

with Indigo Girl **Emily Saliers**
and theologian **Don Saliers**

Don Saliers is William R. Cannon Distinguished Professor of Theology and Worship at Emory University and co-author, with his daughter Emily, of *A Song to Sing, A Life to Live: Reflections on Music as a Spiritual Practice*.

Emily Saliers is a singer-songwriter, musician, and member of the popular folk-rock duo the Indigo Girls.

Sunday, October 21, 2007

Can Faith and Science be Reconciled?

with human genome scientist **Francis Collins**

Francis Collins is director of the National Human Genome Research Institute and author of the bestseller *The Language of God: A Scientist Presents Evidence for Belief*.

Sunday, October 28, 2007

Faith Amid Diversity—How Multiculturalism Is Shaping America

with National Public Radio host **Michel Martin**

Michel Martin is the host of NPR's "Tell Me More," a new program exploring America's rich cultural diversity. A journalist for over 25 years, Michel has worked in both print and television including ABC News, where she worked as a correspondent for "Nightline."

All Saints Sunday, November 4, 2007

What Makes a Saint?

with author **Robert Ellsberg**

Robert Ellsberg is publisher and editor-in-chief of Orbis Books and author of *All Saints: Daily Reflections on Saints, Prophets, and Witnesses for Our Time* and *The Saints' Guide to Happiness*, among other books.

Sunday, November 11, 2007

Can We Forgive Our Enemies?

the witness of **Archbishop Desmond Tutu**

Desmond Mpilo Tutu is a cleric, activist, and author who rose to worldwide fame during the 1980s as an opponent of apartheid. Tutu was elected and ordained the first black South African Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town, South Africa and was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1984.

Sunday, November 18, 2007

Faith and Environmentalism: A Natural Partnership
with **Richard Cizik**

Richard Cizik is vice president for Governmental Affairs for the National Association of Evangelicals and leader of the “Creation Care” environmental movement.

Sunday, November 25, 2007

A Divided America: Can Religion Bring Us Together?
with **James Forbes**

James Forbes, Jr. is senior minister emeritus of The Riverside Church in New York City and president of the Healing of the Nations Foundation.

Sunday, December 2, 2007

Faith in the White House: Billy Graham's Legacy
with *Time* magazine assistant managing editor **Michael Duffy**

Michael Duffy is assistant managing editor of *Time* magazine and a veteran journalist covering presidential politics. He is co-author of a new book about the Rev. Billy Graham's decades-long relationship with the White House entitled *The Preacher and the Presidents*.

Sunday, December 9, 2007

Leadership for a Changing World
with **William Willimon**

William H. Willimon is bishop of the United Methodist Church North Alabama Conference, former dean of the Chapel and professor of divinity at Duke University, editor-at-large for *The Christian Century*, and author of nearly 60 books on Christian ministry.

Sunday, December 16, 2007

A World at Stake: Can Churches Be Peacemakers?
with **Samuel Kobia**

Samuel Kobia is the general secretary of the World Council of Churches, a minister in the Methodist Church of Kenya, and author of *Called to the One Hope: A New Ecumenical Epoch*.
