

An Interfaith Forum on the **Ethics of Torture & Human Rights**



Date & Time

Wednesday, July 23, 2008
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Location

Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1624 NE Hancock Street, Portland

Cost \$15 includes lunch

Registration

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Ethics of Torture & Human Rights

This conference considers diverse religious and secular perspectives on torture and human rights. What is torture? ■ Why do most religions find the use of torture to be morally repugnant? ■ Are there special situations that justify the use of torture?

The conference also seeks to place the issue of torture within the context of international human rights theory and law. Can universal human rights be grounded in multiple faith traditions? ■ What institutions exist to enforce human rights? ■ What actions can we take to end the use of torture and to support international human rights treaties?

Keynote Speaker

■ **George Hunsinger, PhD**, is founder of the National Religious Campaign Against Torture and Hazel Thompson McCord professor of Systematic Theology at Princeton Theological Seminary. He earned his Ph.D. from Yale University and is an ordained Presbyterian minister. Dr. Hunsinger is author of *Torture Is a Moral Issue: Christians, Jews, Muslims and People of Conscience Speak*.

Other Confirmed Speakers Include

- **Richard Amesbury**, associate professor of Ethics, associate professor of Religion, Claremont Graduate University
- **Jeff Bachman**, chair of the Board of Amnesty International USA and attorney with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
- **Mike "Abudharr" Branch**, advisory board member of the Muslim Educational Trust
- **Alison Brysk**, Ph.D., professor of Political Science at UC Irvine, author, editor and activist for international human rights
- **Travis Hall**, associate attorney, Bateman Seidel, and served as an Army captain in the Judge Advocate General (JAG) in Germany and Iraq
- **Rabbi Maurice Harris**, Temple Beth Israel in Eugene and member of Rabbis for Human Rights
- **Dr. J. David Kenzie**, director, Oregon Torture Treatment Center
- **Steven T. Wax**, chief defender, Federal Public Defender's Office, District of Oregon