

Turner Lectures Committee
Report to NWRCC Board Meeting
October 3, 2008

Current Members:

Wahhab Baldwin (2012)

Jill Delaney (2010)

Nancy Gowler Johnson (2014)

Steve Coleman (2011)

Doug Dornhecker (2014)

Note: term ends after January of year listed

Speakers and Fees

2008 – Diana Butler Bass, author of *Christianity for the Rest of Us*, will be speaking on October 6-8, 2008, about her most recent research. Expenses include: travel - \$630 for roundtrip airfare; lodging - \$500 (estimate for three nights, plus tax and fees); speaking fee - \$5,500; incidental expenses - \$200. The estimated total speaker expenses will be \$6,830.

2009 – Ted Falcon, Don Mackenzie, and Jamal Rahman, the “Three Interfaith Amigos, as aptly named in a profile published in the August 26, 2008, issue of the *Christian Century*, will speak on their experiences in intentional interfaith ministry in Seattle. Speaker expenses are estimated to be approximately the same in 2009 as in 2008. Although travel expenses will be less, lodging for three speakers will be more. The speaking fee is yet to be determined.

2010 & 2011 – Preliminary contacts have been made with potential presenters. We anticipate having final agreements completed by early 2009.

Finances

Due to increases in expenses, 2008 registration fees were increased by \$5 for each registrant category. By so doing, the committee anticipates a balanced budget for the 2008 and 2009 Lectures. The charge for the catered meal on Tuesday of the Lectures remained the same - \$12. The registration fee for clergy new to the Region continued to be waived for the first Turner Lectures they attend. Child care is being made available during all three lectures and the Tuesday afternoon workshops in 2008. The projected budget for 2009 is \$8,100.

Publicity

The brochure for the 2008 Lectures was produced by Katherine Diamond and Wahhab Baldwin and distributed with the assistance of Amber Saladino. The event was publicized in a number of publications, and brochures were sent to many ecumenical partners. We continue to explore new ways of publicizing the Lectures.

The next Turner Lectures Committee Meeting will be held at 11:00 AM on Monday, October 6, 2008, at Englewood Christian Church in Yakima.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Coleman, chair