

# Does Theology Have a Role In Shaping a New Economy?

St. James Episcopal Church, Keene, invites members and friends of your faith community to join us for the 40<sup>th</sup> annual National Theological Conference, sponsored by the Trinity Institute. The title of this year's sessions is *Building an Ethical Economy: Theology and the Marketplace*. This extraordinary program will be available as a live webcast at St. James, 44 West Street on Thursday, January 28 and Friday, January 29. The detailed schedule is printed on the back of this page. There is no charge, but we hope you will RSVP so that we can prepare refreshments and coffee.

In the words of the Institute planners, "Whatever happens in the world economy in the coming months, one thing is certain: advocating for an ethical economy – one that works toward the biblical ideal of sufficiency for all and is resistant to exploitation – will be a priority, especially for clergy and lay leaders.

"Building an Ethical Economy will bring together leading theologians and economists to talk about the relationship between economics and Christian belief and action. Speakers will address topics including:

- Theology & Economics: Two Different Worlds?
- Is Capitalism a Belief System?
- What Is Wealth?
- What Do We Owe the Future? "

The speakers described below will talk about one of these questions in detail, followed by responses from the other speakers, and audience questions. Interactive reflection groups throughout the conference will provide attendees with an opportunity to discuss what's been said and share their own thoughts and experiences.

Rowan Williams, 104<sup>th</sup> Archbishop of Canterbury, is an accomplished scholar, teacher, and writer. His conversations with experts in politics, economics, the environment, and world health in 2004 were published as *The Worlds We Live in: Dialogues with Rowan Williams on Global Economics and Politics*.

The other speakers are Sir Partha Dasgupta, author of *Economics: A Very Short Introduction and Human Well-Being and the Natural Environment*, and Professor of Economics at the University of Cambridge, and Kathryn Tanner, author of *Economy of Grace*, and Professor of Theology at the University of Chicago Divinity School.

Please email [office@stjameskeene.org](mailto:office@stjameskeene.org) or call Patricia Smith at 603-352-1019 if you wish to attend. Please do not hesitate to extend this invitation to others who may be interested in this crucial topic in today's changing world.

Schedule for *Building an Ethical Economy: Theology and the Marketplace*

St. James Episcopal Church, 44 West Street, Keene, NH

**Thursday, January 28, 2009**

8:30 am Registration and Coffee  
9:00 am Opening Remarks  
"Theology & Economics: Two Different Worlds?"  
Lead Presentation: Rowan Williams  
Panel Discussion and Q&A  
10:45 am Break  
11:00 am Theological Reflection Group  
12:15 pm Lunch  
2:00 pm "Is Capitalism a Belief System?"  
Lead Presentation: Kathryn Tanner Panel Discussion and Q&A  
3:30 pm Break  
3:45 pm Theological Reflection Group  
5:00 pm Adjourn

**Friday, January 29, 2009**

8:30 am Registration and Coffee  
9:00 am "What Is Wealth?"  
Lead Presentation: Partha Dasgupta  
Panel Discussion and Q&A  
10:30 am Break  
10:45 am Theological Reflection Group  
12:00 pm Lunch  
1:00 pm "What Do We Owe the Future?"  
Opening presentations by all panelists  
Panel Discussion and Q&A  
2:30 pm Break  
2:45 pm Theological Reflection Group  
4:00 pm Break  
4:15 pm Closing: Rowan Williams  
Q&A  
5:15 pm Adjourn

For more information on the St. James webcast program site, please contact Eleanor Vander Haegen at 585-3031, or the Rev. Norman MacLeod at 352-1019, or email him at [nmacleod03@gmail.com](mailto:nmacleod03@gmail.com).

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