

# Horizons of Faith

HORIZONS OF FAITH PRESENTS

## EMPIRE, ECONOMICS, AND CHRIST: DOES CHRISTIANITY STILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

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# JOERG RIEGER

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### ABOUT DR. RIEGER

Joerg Rieger Ph.D is Wendland-Cook Professor of Constructive Theology at Perkins School of Theology, SMU. For more than two decades he has worked to bring together theology and the struggles for justice and liberation that mark our age. His work addresses the relation of theology to public life, using tools from cultural studies, critical theory, and religious studies, and reflecting on the misuse of power in politics and economics.

Internationally recognized for his prolific and visionary writing, a selection of his books includes *Traveling* (2011), *Grace under Pressure* (2011), *Globalization and Theology* (2010), *No Rising Tide: Theology, Economics, and the Future* (2009), *Beyond the Spirit of Empire: Theology and Politics in a New Key* (2009, with Néstor Miguez and Jung Mo Sung), *Christ and Empire: From Paul to Postcolonial Times* (2007, German and Portuguese transl.); *God and the Excluded: Visions and Blindspots in Contemporary Theology* (2001); and *Remember the Poor: The Challenge to Theology in the Twenty-First Century* (1998, Portuguese transl.).

Rieger has lectured throughout the U.S., as well as internationally, including presentations in South Africa, Zimbabwe, Senegal, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, England, Russia, Brazil, Argentina, and Mexico. He is on the steering committee of the Dallas Area Christian Progressive Alliance, on the steering committee of Jobs with Justice in North Texas, and he is co-founder of the Workers' Rights Board in the Dallas area.

For more information on his work, see [joergrieger.com](http://joergrieger.com).

### BOOKS:

*No Rising Tide*

**Traveling (Compass:  
Christian Explorations of  
Daily Living)**

**Grace under Pressure**

**Globalization and  
Theology (Horizons in  
Theology)**

**NO RISING TIDE**  
Theology, Economics, and the Future  
Joerg Rieger



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## SCHEDULE

### Friday, March 23, 2012

- 6:30 p.m. **Registration**  
Resource center opens for purchase of books and other materials.
- 7:30 p.m. **Welcome**  
Introduction by Rev. Jane Florence  
“**Christ and Empire: The Radical Christian Heritage**” — **Joerg Rieger, Ph.D**
- 8:45 p.m. **Reception and book signing**

### Saturday, March 24, 2012

- 8:00 a.m. **Registration**  
Resource center opens for purchase of books, CDs and other materials.
- 9:00 a.m. **Gathering and Welcome**  
Introduction by: The Rev. Dr. Dan Flanagan, Supt., Missouri River Valley District, UMC  
“**Economics as Religion: What does Jesus Have to Do with Wall Street?**” — **Joerg Rieger, Ph.D**

- 10:30 a.m. **Break**
- 11:00 a.m. “**Empire as Economics: The Difference Christianity Makes**” — **Joerg Rieger, Ph.D**
- 12:00 Noon **Lunch (with break out sessions)**
- 1:30 p.m. **Gathering, with music by River City Mixed Chorus**
- 1:45 p.m. “**Empire, Economics, and Resistance: Reshaping Desire From the Bottom Up**” — **Joerg Rieger, Ph.D**
- 3:15 p.m. **Questions & Responses**
- 3:55 p.m. **Closing Book Signing**
- 4:30 p.m. **Resource center closes**

### Sunday, March 25, 2012

- 8:30 a.m. **Worship Service with Communion: The Rev. Dr. Joerg Rieger preaching: “Jesus is Lord / So What?”**
- 9:35 a.m. **Education Hour with Dr. Rieger**
- 10:50 a.m. **Worship Service with Communion: The Rev. Dr. Joerg Rieger preaching: “Jesus is Lord / So What?”**

## REGISTRATIONS

Full weekend registration, includes lunch on Saturday: \$45 if postmarked on or before March 9, 2012; \$65 if postmarked after March 9. Friday evening lecture and reception only: \$20.00. All are welcome to attend Sunday events without cost.

Confirmation will be sent upon receipt of registration. If registrants are unable to attend, their registration is transferable but any refund requests must be sent in writing.

## PATRON LEVEL SUPPORT

An invitation is extended to anyone who would be interested in supporting the Horizons of Faith events above the basic levels. Support of patrons provides for the continuation of thought-provoking quality programs offered in Omaha for interested people from throughout the Heartland. Patron sponsorship also provides scholarship assistance.

With financial support of \$150 or more, an individual is fully registered for all the events and, additionally, can attend a patron party planned for Saturday evening, March 24, at an Omaha restaurant. Dinner will be followed by brief remarks by Dr. Rieger. Make checks payable to Horizons of Faith/FUMC. (At this patron level, additional contributions are tax deductible for amounts over costs of \$75 per person.)

With support of patrons the Horizons of Faith programs will continue with the quality of presentations that have been provided in 2001, 2004 and 2011 with John Shelby Spong, 2003 with Marcus Borg, 2005 with John Dominic Crossan, 2006 with Karen King, 2007 with Walter Brueggemann, 2008 with Rita Nakashima Brock, 2009 with John Dominic Crossan & Marcus Borg, and 2010 with Emilie Townes and Tex Sample.

## MORE INFO.

For additional information on Horizons of Faith, call First UMC at (402) 556-6262, M-F 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. CST or send email to Mary Spurgeon at marspur2@aol.com.

**Registration forms can also be downloaded at [horizonsoffaith.com](http://horizonsoffaith.com).**

## SATURDAY LUNCH

Complimentary lunch on Saturday is provided for all paid attendees. During the lunch break (Noon to 1:30 p.m.) various activities will be available such as: Taize worship, centering prayer, body prayer, mandala drawing, drumming, and round table discussions. Sign-up sheets for these events will be available in the narthex on Friday evening and Saturday morning during the registration time. You are encouraged to sign up early. Spaces will be limited.



## LODGING

*Please note: arranging for housing at the conference is your responsibility, not part of registration.*

A block of rooms has been reserved at Omaha Hampton Inn, 9720 West Dodge Road, near Westroads Mall through March 9, 2012. Please call the Hampton Inn at (402) 391-5300 or (800) 426-7866 and mention the Horizons of Faith conference for a special rate. Home stays with FUMC members are available, and deadline for arrangements is March 9. For more information, call Emogene Whitten at (402) 426-3809.

Childcare at FUMC is available only with reservations made on or before March 20; cost is \$5 per family on Friday evening and \$5 per family on Saturday. (Parents should provide a lunch for their children on Saturday.)

There will be no cost on Sunday morning. For more childcare information, call Barrett Scroggs at (402) 556-6262 x1008.

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