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Perkins School of Theology's Ministers Week Focuses on Faith and Money

Dallas, Texas – Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University will conduct its annual *Ministers Week* February 5-7, 2007, bringing in speakers and workshop leaders to address issues of faith and money. Pre-registration for the program, which will be conducted on SMU's Dallas campus, ends January 31st.

The program, comprising lectures and workshops, will focus on issues of theology, stewardship, discipleship and leadership found at the intersection of faith and money in contemporary culture. Among the speakers are Perkins' **Joerg Rieger**, professor of Systematic Theology, and **Jaime Clark-Soles**, assistant professor of New Testament; **Bishop Robert Schnase** of The United Methodist Church's Missouri Area; **Ruben Saenz, Jr**. of El Buen Pastor United Methodist Church of Edinburg, Texas; **Richard Heitzenrater** of Duke University; **J. Clif Christopher** of Horizons Stewardship Company; **Brian Bauknight** of Christ United Methodist Church of Bethel Park, Pennsylvania; and **Laura Fregin** of the emergent CityChurch of Dallas. Registration information is available on the Perkins website at

<u>http://smu.edu/theology</u>. The cost for the complete program is \$190. Discounts are available for retired pastors and members of various reunion-year classes.

During the event on Tuesday, February 6, the school will award its Distinguished Alumnus Award to the Rev. William A. Holmes, minister *emeritus* of Washington D.C.'s Metropolitan Memorial United Methodist Church.

The school is also planning its 2008 program, which will focus on *Albert Outler and the Wesleyan Spirit*, on the occasion of the centennial of the birth of the theologian Albert Cook Outler, January 28-30, 2008. A Call for Papers, due March 16, 2007, is available at perkins.smu.edu.

For more information call 1-888-THEOLOGY (843-6564), extension 4, or email the school at perkins@smu.edu.

Perkins School of Theology is one of five University-related official schools of theology of The United Methodist Church. The school was founded in 1911 by the Methodist Episcopal Church South, now The United Methodist Church. Degree programs include the Master of Church Ministries, Master of Divinity, Master of Sacred Music, Master of Theological Studies, and Doctor of Ministry degree, as well as the Ph.D. in cooperation with SMU's Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences.

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