

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER: ED BACON

A Noise Within is honored to announce that Ed Bacon, Rector at All Saints Church in Pasadena, will lead a post-show discussion:

Friday, November 20th

Ed will speak after the performance of *Crime and Punishment*. Ed will discuss the story of Lazarus, and the ways in which its tale of rebirth intersects with the central figure in the play. When considered through the lens of the story of Lazarus, the play has spiritual implications worth a closer look - as metaphorical resurrection through atonement for past crimes forms the centerpiece of Raskolnikov's journey.

Join us for this event by purchasing a ticket to see the show!

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ABOUT ED BACON

Ed Bacon is the rector of All Saints Church - a 4,000 member multi-ethnic urban Episcopal parish, which strives to balance deep spirituality and bold social action. All Saints has a reputation for energetic worship, a radically inclusive spirit, and a progressive peace and justice agenda.

The church's high profile stems from organizing for violence prevention, education reform, economic justice, health care access, and an investigation of its tax-exempt status by the Internal Revenue Service beginning in June, 2005. Several separately incorporated agencies were created in the All Saints community: Union Station (overnight homeless shelter); the AIDS Service Center (for men, women & children with HIV/AIDS); Grace Center (intervention and treatment of family violence); Young & Healthy (matching doctors' volunteer hours with needs of uninsured children); CORAL (an after-school education enrichment program); and Foster Care Project. Under Ed's leadership All Saints has created New Vision Partners (a non-profit resource center to create innovative, collaborative partnerships for 21st century social action and urban ministry with interfaith colleagues), Transformational Journeys (physical journeys of faith which transform participants through challenging encounters with other local and global communities), and the Abrahamic Interfaith Peacemaking Initiative.

Ed Bacon's energies focus on leadership in anxious times; global peacemaking; interfaith relations; integrating family, faith and work systems; healthy spirituality; economic justice; the abolition of the death penalty; eradicating varied expressions of bigotry, including genocide, and articulating the Christian faith in non-bigoted ways. He is a founder of Beyond Inclusion and Claiming the Blessing (gay & straight Episcopalians organized on the parish and national levels to realize justice for gays and lesbians) and a co-founder of ICUJP (Interfaith Communities United for Justice and Peace). He serves on Human Rights Watch California Committee South and on other national and community boards.

Ed has been honored several times for his peace and interfaith work, including the Peace & Compassion Award given to him in 2005 by the Islamic Center of Southern California. In 2006 he received the Religious Freedom Award from the ACLU of Southern California, the Islamic Shura Council's Peace Award, and the Acts of Courage Award from Rainbow/PUSH Coalition. In September 2007 he was honored by the Pasadena NAACP with their Faith Award for building community through unity, and by the ACLU Pasadena-Foothill Chapter with their Standing Up For Civil Liberties Award. In September 2008 he was a guest on Oprah Winfrey's Soul Series on Oprah & Friends Radio discussing 21st century spirituality, and in January 2009 he was a guest panelist in the Spirituality 101 segment of The Oprah Show's "Living Your Best Life" series. These appearances led to Ms. Winfrey inviting him to be a guest host twice each month on Oprah's Soul Series, which airs every Monday on Sirius XM Radio.

In 1999 his alma mater, the Candler School of Theology at Emory University, named him their Whiteside Distinguished Preacher. His undergraduate school, Mercer University, conferred on him an honorary Doctor of Humanities degree in May, 1999; and in May, 2005, Church Divinity School of the Pacific conferred on him an honorary Doctor of Ministry degree. In Dec. 2005, he was named an Honorary Canon of the Cathedral of St. Paul by the Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles.

Prior to coming to All Saints, Bacon served as Dean of the Cathedral of Saint Andrew in Jackson, Mississippi; Rector of St Mark's in Dalton, Georgia; and Dean of Students and Campus Ministry at Mercer University in Macon, Georgia. He is married to Hope Hendricks-Bacon and they have two adult children and two grandchildren.