



## News Release

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### ***Chautauqua-in-Chagrin Continues on July 28 with "What Makes Us Moral?"***

The 2009 Chautauqua-in-Chagrin series will continue on Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, with an evening of lectures and performances titled "What Makes Us Moral?" Based upon the theme of the week at the Chautauqua Institution of western New York, the evening will feature lectures by The Right Rev. V. Gene Robinson, Episcopal Bishop of New Hampshire, and Rev. Dr. Joan Brown Campbell, director of religion at the Chautauqua Institution and former general secretary of the National Council on Churches, both of whom are speaking at Chautauqua that week, along with two free concerts by regional musicians. Events will be held in venues in downtown Chagrin Falls; complimentary shuttle buses will be provided from venue to venue

"What Makes Us Moral?" examines differing perspectives on the theory that morality and empathy are deep within human genes. The complete schedule is as follows:

**3:00 p.m. – Chagrin Falls Library, 100 East Orange Street (FREE)**

Young Readers Program in the Chautauqua Tradition

*"The Magic of Going Green,"* featuring Professor Zap and his wonderful world of magical gadgets in an interactive session about how young readers can protect the world and help keep it green. (For additional information, call the Chagrin Falls Library at 440-247-3556.)

**6:00 p.m. – United Methodist Church, 20 South Franklin Street**

Lecture: *What Makes Us Moral? An Abrahamic Perspective*

Rev. Dr. Joan Brown Campbell – former general secretary, National Council on Churches; director of religion, Chautauqua Institution

The Reverend Dr. Joan Brown Campbell is an ordained minister with standing in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the American Baptist Church. She has participated in many historic events of the latter part of the last century, including work with Pope John Paul II, Carl B. Stokes, Martin Luther King, Nelson Mandela, Fidel Castro, Rev. Jesse Jackson and President Bill Clinton. Today, she continues her commitment to peace as chair of the Global Peace Initiative of Women.

**6:00 p.m. – Federated Church, 76 Bell Street (FREE)**

Musical Performance – Chamber Music from Kent/Blossom Music

Students from the prestigious Kent/Blossom chamber music program perform the WEBER Clarinet Quintet in B-flat Major, Op. 34, and DVOŘÁK’s Viola Quintet in E-flat Major, Op. 97.

**7:00 p.m. – Riverside Park (FREE)**

Music in the Park: Hot Jazz 7

**8:00 p.m. – Federated Church, 76 Bell Street**

Lecture: *What Makes Us Moral? A Christian Perspective*

The Right Rev. V. Gene Robinson – bishop of New Hampshire

V. Gene Robinson was elected Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of New Hampshire on June 7, 2003, having served as Canon to the Ordinary (Assistant to the Bishop) for nearly 18 years. He has been active particularly in the area of full civil rights for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people. Working at the state, national and international levels, he has spoken and lobbied for equal protection under the law and full civil marriage rights, and has received numerous national awards. Bishop Robinson was invited by Barack Obama to give the invocation at the opening inaugural ceremonies at the Lincoln Memorial on January 18, 2009.

Complimentary shuttle bus transportation will be provided from venue to venue beginning at 5:30pm. Maps with parking, restaurant, and shopping suggestions will be mailed with tickets.

*Chautauqua-in-Chagrin* will continue on two Tuesday evenings in August, each of which will include a free concert at Federated Church at 6:00pm, a lecture at United Methodist Church at 6:00pm, a free performance in the park for the community-at-large beginning at 7:00pm, and a second lecture at Federated Church at 8:00pm. The dates and themes for those evenings are as follows:

**Tuesday, August 11: *Imagine a World at Peace through Compassion***

Two noted religious leaders explore the role of religion in attaining a world of peace. Featured speakers are Karen Armstrong, author, *Charter for Compassion* and winner of the TED prize; and Rev. Dr. James Alexander Forbes, Jr., president, Healing of the Nations Foundation and host, “The Time Is Now” on Air America Radio

**Tuesday, August 18: *Cuba and Its People, Our Neighbors***

A Cuban national and a U.S. policy-maker present their views on a long-troubled relationship now poised for change. Speakers are Ofelia Ortega-Suárez, a member of the Cuban Parliament and professor at Matanzas Seminary, Cuba; and Julia Sweig, senior fellow and director, Latin America Studies, Council on Foreign Relations

Tickets for all evenings are now on sale. “Gate Passes,” which include entry to all of an evening’s events, are \$25 for preferred seating with hospitality center and \$15 for general seating. Individual tickets for the 8:00pm lectures only are \$10 per lecture.

