

New Fire 2010

Witnesses of These Things: Ecumenical Engagement in a New Era

Luke 24:5b, 48: "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen [...] you are witnesses of these things."

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Who are we?

New Fire is a network of ecumenical organizations and Christian communions that seek to revitalize the Church by engaging and developing the next generation of Christian leaders. Through New Fire, partner organizations work together to increase their impact and outreach to young adults by (1) building relationships; (2) raising awareness; and (3) increasing the capacity of each partner organization.

New Fire 2010 Statement of Purpose

The New Fire gathering is a Christian ecumenical forum for current and future young adult leaders of different communions/denominations and ecumenical initiatives, which establishes a common space for:

- relationship building
- ecumenical education and formation
- leadership training
- sharing of resources and practices
- strategic planning

New Fire participants are called by Christ into relationships of reconciling prayer and mutual accountability, understanding that our unity in Christ is not the end goal, but rather the beginning of engagement in the world. New Fire participants are asked to be willing to enter into critical self and group examination regarding our various biases (cultural, theological, religious, racial, class, etc.), and to open themselves to the different expressions of our common faith through open dialogue and worship together. The New Fire gathering empowers young adults by giving them the tools to stretch the capacity and boundaries of the ecumenical movement in North America. New Fire participants are especially committed to empowering cooperative networks of local, grassroots young adult ecumenical initiatives that can connect to the larger facilitating bodies of the National Council of Churches, Church World Service, World Council of Churches, and the World Student Christian Federation. We believe this work is vital to the growth of the ecumenical movement now, and for its sustainability in the future.

Brief Summary of New Fire 2010

This third gathering of New Fire will seek to build on the last two gatherings. Having successfully defined who we are and what we want to do, this gathering will focus on the "how" – how do we implement our vision?

Linking into the Ecumenical Centennial Gathering immediately following New Fire, the gathering will explore the various study papers being considered, as well as our place in the history of the ecumenical movement as we seek to continue implementing our vision of young adult ecumenical engagement and leadership.

General Registration Form

(Please type or clearly print the following information)

Title (Dr., Rev., Mr., Ms., Mrs., etc.): _____

Full Name: _____

Name as you would like it to appear on a nametag:

Communion/Denomination: _____

Organization/Sponsor (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Please identify any special accessibility and/or dietary needs:

Please let us know if you will be attending as a:

- Young adult representative of a communion/ecumenical organization
- Steward
- General Assembly young adult delegate
- New Fire participant
- Other (please specify): _____

Please identify all parts of the meeting you plan to attend:

Building the New Fire:

- New Fire Weekend (Sunday and Monday)
- New Fire Tuesday (until 4 p.m.)

Please note time of arrival: _____

NCC/CWS General Assembly:

- Tuesday and Wednesday
- Thursday (including New Fire-hosted lunch)

Local and Regional Ecumenism Consultation

- Thursday afternoon and Friday

Please note time of departure: _____

Please visit <http://www.nccusa.org/witnesses2010/> for more information and to register for the NCC/CWS General Assembly if staying beyond Tuesday!

Hotel Arrangements

Please note that hotel arrangements will be made for *all participants*, and that all participants will be assigned a roommate.
Hotel room rates are \$89 (plus taxes) per room, per night for the New Fire Gathering, at the LaQuinta, and \$129 per night for the Ecumenical Centennial Gathering, at the New Orleans Marriott at the Convention Center.
Participants will pay balance upon check-out from the hotel.
To reserve your own single room, please visit:
<http://www.nccusa.org/witnesses2010/ga2010registrationandhotel.htm>.

For roommate coordination purposes, please mark your gender here: _____

If you would like to stay with a particular roommate, please indicate his or her name here: _____

For information about the location of the hotel in New Orleans and travel information, visit: <http://www.nccusa.org/witnesses2010/ga2010registrationandhotel.htm>.

Please assist the New Fire 2010 planning team by answering the following questions:

Please describe (briefly) your experience working with Christians of different communions and denominations on a local, national, and/or international level:

What do you understand to be the challenges, as well as the benefits, of working and worshipping together as Christians of many traditions for a more just, peaceful, loving world? _____

How would you change and/or inspire ecumenical relations in your community?

What resources would you need to accomplish these goals? _____

Payment

The New Fire 2010: Witnesses of These Things registration fee will be \$50. This will cover all meals and logistics costs Saturday morning through Monday afternoon.

Circle one payment method, please:

Check or Money Order

Credit Card:

VISA

MasterCard

Other _____

Credit Card #:

Expiration Date:

Signature:

Print name:

All registrations must include payment in order to be processed (all fee payments are to be made payable to the National Council of Churches).

For financial assistance for New Fire, you are encouraged to speak with your denomination/communion's ecumenical office. To explore other funding possibilities, please contact Jordan or Garland—they will be happy to assist you!

Three ways for young adults to register!

1. **Mail:** Complete and mail the registration form with payment to NCC/USA, Attn: New Fire, 475 Riverside Dr., Suite 800, New York, NY 10115-0050
2. **Fax:** Send the registration form with your credit information to 212-870-3112, attn: New Fire.
3. **E-mail:** Fill out the registration form with your credit card information and e-mail to Jordan Blevins (newfireyoungadults@gmail.com).

(To assist our office with planning, please register early.)

Questions? Contact:

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Peace & unity!