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SCHEDULE

9:00 Check-In, Refreshments – Asbury Hall

9:30 Welcome – Sanctuary

Music with Beth Mitchell and Nancy Snell; Rev. Bill Bills, Host Pastor and Rev. Winston Chu, MSU Wesley

10:00 Professor Miguel A. De La Torre

“Can Peacemakers Overturn the Temple’s Tables?”

11:00 Break

11:15 Rev. Grace Imathiu

“Peace Makers or Peace Keepers?”

12:15 Lunch

1:15-2:15 Workshop #1

Choose one:

A. Professor De La Torre

B. Rev. Imathiu

C. Professor Ballard “Overcoming Income and Wealth Inequality”

D. Rev. Wylie-Kellermann “The Poor Peoples’ Campaign in Michigan”

2:30-3:30 Workshop #2

Choose a second workshop:

A. Professor De La Torre

B. Rev. Imathiu

C. Professor Ballard “Overcoming Income and Wealth Inequality”

D. Rev. Wylie-Kellermann “Baptism in the Struggle: Detroit, Flint, and the Sacrament of Water”

3:45-4:00 Closing – Sanctuary

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16th Annual
Keep Making Peace

Saturday, April 14, 2018

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

University United Methodist Church

1120 South Harrison Road

East Lansing, MI 48823

Register and choose two workshops

Early Bird Registration ends March 30
msuwesley.org/kmp2018

Coffee, juice, etc. at 9:00 and
a vegetarian lunch are included

Pay at the event

Cash or check only, please.
Check payable to “Keep Making Peace”

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*"Blessed are the Peacemakers" is a high calling.
How do peacemakers practice the Good News of Jesus Christ
in their congregations polarized by partisan politics?
How can laity and pastors get the Gospel heard, believed, and lived?*

KEYNOTERS/WORKSHOP LEADERS



Dr. Miguel A. De La Torre,

Professor of Social Ethics and Latinx Studies, Iliff School of Theology, Denver, CO.

Professor De La Torre is a Fulbright Scholar, editor

of *Faith and Resistance in the Age of Trump*, and author of many books including *Embracing Hopelessness* (2017) and *Reading the Bible from the Margins*. He is a past President of the Society of Christian Ethics and founding editor of "The Journal of Race, Ethnicity and Religion." He wrote the screenplay documentary on immigration, "Trails of Hope and Terror," which has been shown at 18 film festivals.



Rev. Grace Imathiu,
Lead Pastor, Community United Methodist Church, Naperville, IL

Pastor Grace is an ordained elder in the Methodist Church in Kenya. She is in constant

demand as an international preacher and Bible teacher. Her preaching at youth conferences has made her a favorite among youth. She was in Liberia in 2017 fostering dialogue among United Methodists. "To listen to Grace preach and teach is to hear the words of the Holy Scripture come to life," wrote Dr. Eddie Fox in Rev. Imathiu's book *Words of Fire, Spirit of Grace: 12 Sermons by One of the World's Best Preachers*.

WORKSHOP LEADERS



Dr. Charles L. Ballard,

Michigan State University, Department of Economics Professor, Director of MSU's quarterly State of the State Survey, which measures Michigan's consumer confidence and approval ratings of political leaders.

Often heard on radio and TV, he is the author of numerous papers on tax rates, subsidies, welfare costs, health care, and distribution of income. He is the Board Chair of the Michigan League for Public Policy (www.mlpp.org).



Rev. Bill Wylie-Kellermann, *writer and nonviolent community activist, a United Methodist pastor.*

Bill directed the Masters of Divinity Program of the Seminary Consortium of Urban Pastoral Education and pastored St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Detroit's Corktown community for 11 years. He is a leader working to prevent water shutoffs and make water affordable. He had two books published in 2017: *Where the Water Goes Around: Beloved Detroit* and *Principalities in Particular: A Practical Theology of the Powers That Be*.

REGISTRATION & COST

Register at msuwesley.org/kmp2018

Be sure to choose two workshops to attend!

\$30 per person or \$75 per carload of 3 or more persons by **March 30 (Early Bird Discount)**

\$35 per person or \$90 per carload of 3 or more persons by **April 6**

Students are free

Coffee, Juice, etc. @ 9:00 and a vegetarian lunch are included

Pay at the event...

Only cash or check payable to "Keep Making Peace," please

Books authored by our presenters will be for sale.

SPONSORS

Keep Making Peace is sponsored by the Shalom Center for Justice and Peace, the United Methodist Women of the West Michigan and Detroit conferences, the Michigan State University Wesley Foundation, West Michigan's Board of Church and Society, and Detroit's Board of Justice, Advocacy and Equity.

"WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?"

The Justice Network met once in 2017 with Bishop David Bard and Rev. Jeff Nelson on "Preaching and Teaching on Peace and Justice." Paul Perez and Ellen Brubaker will organize 2018. More information on April 14.