

Adam Hamilton's Confronting the Controversies

Rev. Adam Hamilton is the founding pastor of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas. He grew up in the Kansas City area, attending Shawnee Mission schools. He earned a B.A. degree in Pastoral Ministry from Oral Roberts University and a Master of Divinity Degree from Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University.

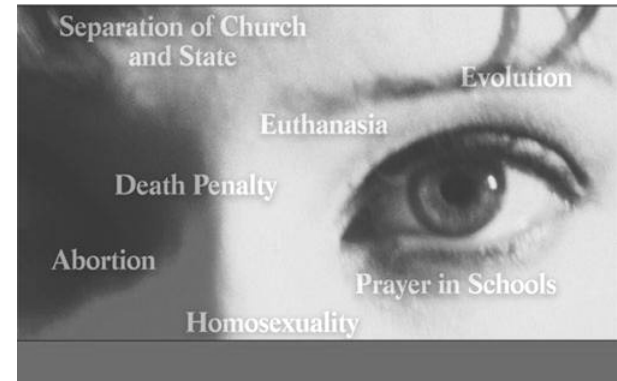
He was named Distinguished Evangelist of the United Methodist Church by the Foundation for Evangelism, and he was named one of the "Ten People to Watch in America's Spiritual Landscape" by Religion and Ethics Newsweekly.

The United Methodist Church of the Resurrection has grown from four people in 1990 to over 12,000 adult members with an average weekly worship attendance of over 7,500 in 2006. The church was listed as the most influential mainline church in America in a 2005 survey of American pastors.

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**JANUARY 14
THROUGH
FEBRUARY 18, 2007**

**FIRST UNITED
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DOWNERS GROVE**

January 14

Sermon: "Salt of the Earth"
Message by: Rev. Debbie Fisher
Scripture: Matthew 5:13-16
Topic: The Separation of Church & State

Discussion at 12:30
Chapel Hall
Facilitator:
Rev. Howard Benson

January 21

Sermon: "Dying Well"
Message by: Rev. Jonathan Dean
Scripture: 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:9
Topic: Euthanasia



Discussion at 12:30
Chapel Hall
Facilitator:
Dr. Howard Mueller

*The Dr. C. Frederick Toenniges
Professor of Religious Studies
Chairperson of Religious Studies,
North Central College*

January 28

Sermon: "The Blind Spot"
Message by: Rev. Debbie Fisher
Scripture: Luke 6:37-42
Topic: Homosexuality



Discussion at 12:30
Chapel Hall
Facilitator:
Dr. Martin Forward

*Executive Director of Wakerlin Center for
Faith and Action, Aurora University*

February 4

Sermon: "Prayer in the Classroom"
Message by: Rev. Debbie Fisher
Scripture: Matthew 6:5-6
Topic: Prayer in Public Schools

Discussion at 12:30
Chapel Hall
Facilitator: Dr. Steven Daniels

*Senior Research Fellow at the American
Bar Foundation and an Adjunct Professor
of Political Science at
Northwestern University*

February 11

Sermon: "An Eye for an Eye"
Message by: Rev. Jonathan Dean
Scripture: 1 Timothy 1:12-17
Topic: Death Penalty



Discussion at 12:30
Chapel Hall
Facilitator:
Dr. Osvaldo Vena

*Professor of New Testament at Garrett
Evangelical Theological Seminary*

Sunday Series Schedule

Attend a worship service at
8:15, 9:30 or 11:00 AM

Enjoy lunch with others in Chapel Hall at
12:00. Lunch will be provided by the
Adult Education Work Area for all who
Sign Up (see registration form or call the
church office 630-968-7120).

After lunch, from 12:30 until 1:30,
dialogue with others about these
important issues.

February 18

Sermon: "Fearfully and
Wonderfully Made"
Message by: Rev. Debbie Fisher
Scripture: Psalm 139:13-16
Topic: Abortion

Discussion at 12:30
Chapel Hall
Facilitator:
Rev. Peg Schultz

Registration for Lunch

Name: _____

Phone number: _____

E-mail: _____

<u>Date</u>	<u>How Many?</u>
January 14	_____
January 21	_____
January 28	_____
February 4	_____
February 11	_____
February 18	_____