

January 8, 2021

Facing 2020 into the New Year

The last few days of chaos in our nation's capital, have emphasized that many divides exist in our nation. All of us—political leaders, religious leaders and our citizens—need to actively work to bridge these divides and seek mutual understanding, respect and acceptance among all people. The United States must strive to be a shining example of justice and compassion.

This is a time in need of contemplation and prayer for healing. We must examine our own consciences as well as the conscience of this nation. It is time to look at educational systems that produce people who are intolerant of others who do not look like them, think like them, or share their system of beliefs, and then to make sure to teach our children that we are all Americans.

May we place our nation's welfare above service to self and may liberty reign and be accessible to all people.

The Lux Center offers a Jewish prayer for healing as well as the Prayer of St. Francis for this time.

Jewish Prayer for Healing

Give ear, Adonai (Lord), to my prayer, heed my plea for mercy. In time of trouble, I call to You, for You will answer me.

When pain and fatigue are my companions, let there be room in my heart for strength. When days and nights are filled with darkness, let the light of courage find its place. Help me to endure the suffering and dissolve the fear. Renew within me the calm spirit of peace. Amen.

Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,

to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.

UPCOMING LUX CENTER PROGRAMS



2021 WINTER Jewish Studies Seminar for Christians

The Jewish People and the Church WEBINAR SERIES

What Do Jews Believe about God?

WED., JAN. 27 | 7:00-8:15 p.m. CST
Rabbi Scott Shafrin

How Should We Approach Jerusalem?
A Jewish-Christian Dialogue

WED., FEB. 3 | 7:00-8:15 p.m. CST
Philip Cunningham, Ph.D. and Ruth Langer, Ph.D.

Christianity and the Holocaust:
Action and Reaction in Challenging Times

WED., FEB. 10 | 7:00-8:15 p.m. CST
Rebecca Carter-Chand, Ph.D.

Space is limited—Sign up today!
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Dr. Ruth Langer is Professor of Jewish Studies in the Theology Department at Boston College in Boston, MA., interim director of its Center for Christian-Jewish Learning, and past chair of the Council of Centers on Jewish-Christian Relations.

Dr. Rebecca Carter-Chand is the Acting Director, Programs on Ethics, Religion, and the Holocaust at United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C.

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Lux Center Governing Board Member, Author, Scholar

Jon M. Sweeney

In conversation about his new book

“Nicholas Black Elk: Medicine Man, Catechist, Saint”

Thursday, January 14 at 7 p.m.

A Zoom event of Boswell Book Company

[Click right here to register for this virtual event, broadcast via Zoom](#)

Coming Soon. . . In Preparation for Lent

A Conversation about the Book:
“Jesus Wasn’t Killed by the Jews”

With Book Contributors:

Mary C. Boys, SNJM

Robert Ellsberg

Greg Garrett

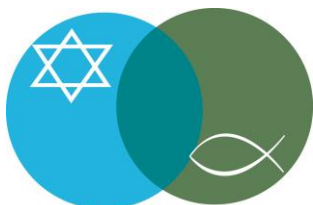
And

Jon M. Sweeney, Editor of the Book and Moderator

Tuesday, February 16, 2021

6:30 p.m. via zoom

Watch for registration information at
www.shsst.edu/luxcenter-eventsandnews/



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together we can banish some of the darkness of the world."* Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks