Our symposium this year, “The Church in the Public Square,” addresses the duty of the Church as the spiritual entity most responsible for our society’s moral integrity. Other significant entities populating the public square include business interests which seek to sustain and advance the economy, political interests endeavoring to direct society’s management, and legal institutions which strive to maintain law and order.

Christian believers must, on one hand, be remiss in our duty to season society with biblical moral principles, and, on the other, we be found guilty of economic, political, or legal manipulation, or vulnerable to any of these, in our zeal to achieve that seasoning.

Our speakers today share a consciousness that the church is heaven’s embassy on earth, a place where the highest ideals of fairness and justice, biblically defined, should be lived out and spoken for in all our relations, whether economic or political, with all peoples of God’s world. Today’s presentations are a product of thoughtful experience in legal study, ethical and theological research, and decades of personal interaction with society’s leaders, and many of the world’s political decision makers. It is our prayer that this conference will yield much profit for all concerned as in papers and dialogue, scholarship and fellowship, we are guided by the wisdom whose foundation is the fear of the Lord.

Goals of the Adventist Theological Society

- To affirm the centrality of the cross
- To reaffirm the surety of the Word
- To confirm the Spirit of Prophecy
- To research revealed truth
- To investigate unsettled questions
- To evaluate new approaches to truth
- To create new methods of witness
- To fellowship with committed fellow believers
- To consider principles of interpretation
- To pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit

Free Shuttle will be available from Washington Hilton Hotel to Spencerville SDA Church.

Bus Schedule:
8:45 am from the Washington Hilton, arriving at church by 9:30 am.
6:00 pm from Spencerville to hotel after evening panel discussion.
8:30 pm from Spencerville after ATS Business meeting.

The entire conference will be recorded and available as podcasts on our website, www.atsjats.org, or through American Cassette Ministries.
## Adventist Theological Society 2006 Bible Symposium

**Sabbath, November 18**

**8:30 a.m.**
**First Service Worship**
Carl P. Cosaert, Walla Walla
*Take the Chance*

**9:50 a.m.**
**Sabbath School**

**11:15 a.m.**
**Second Service Worship**
Larry L. Lichtenwalter, President
ATS
*Sabbath Mode In A Hurting World*

**12:45 p.m.**
**Fellowship Dinner**

**2:30 p.m.**
Gerald A. Klingbeil, AIIAS, Philippines
*The Prophetic Voice of Amos as a Paradigm for Christians in the Public Square*

**3:00 p.m.**
Edwin Cook, Dawson Institute for Church-State Studies, Baylor University
*The Parameters of Social Justice and Natural Law Theory*

**3:30 p.m.**

**3:45 p.m.**
Miroslav Kři, Andrews University
*Biblical Models of Church and Society Relations*

**4:15 p.m.**
John Graz, Internation Religious Liberty Association
*The Church in the Public Square: Public Activity and Public Image*

**4:45 p.m.**
Break

**5:00 p.m.**
Nicholas P. Miller, Andrews University
*The Priesthood of Believers and the Separation of Church and State: 18th Century American Protestant Thought and Religious Disestablishment*

**5:30 p.m.**
Bert B. Beach, International Religious Liberty Association
*Should the Christian Mission Focus on Salvation or Society?*

**6:00 p.m.**
Panel & Vespers

**6:30 p.m.**
Light Supper

**7:30 p.m.**
ATS Constituency Meeting

Thus says the LORD: Observe what is right, do what is just; for my salvation is about to come, my justice, about to be revealed.

**Isaiah 56:1 NAB**

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*Seek good and not evil, that you may live; so the LORD God of hosts will be with you, as you have spoken. Hate evil, love good; establish justice in the gate. It may be that the LORD God of hosts will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.***

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Amos 5:14,15 NKJV

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*Directions from the Washington Hilton to the Spencerville SDA Church, 16525 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20905*

Start out going North on Connecticut Ave NW toward Columbia Rd NW.

*Turn Slight Right onto Columbia Rd NW.*

*Turn Slight Right onto Harvard St NW.*

*Turn Left onto 14th St NW.*

*Turn Right onto Park Rd NW.*

*Turn Left onto Sherman Ave NW.*

Sherman Ave NW becomes New Hampshire Ave NW.

Pass through 1 roundabout.

*Turn Left onto N Capitol St NW/N Capitol St NE.*

*Turn Slight Right onto New Hampshire Ave NE (Crossing into Maryland).*

End at 1625 New Hampshire Ave.

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*ATS membership consists of Bible scholars, theologians, pastors, church administrators, and interested lay people. Maybe you, too, would like to join that group. Look for us online at: www.atsjats.org*