



Balaam's Ass*

or Heavens Are Declaring But Are We Listening:

***a workshop on science, Christianity, and the
worship, education and mission of 21st
century congregations***

presented by the

Presbyterian Association on Science,
Technology and the Christian Faith
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in collaboration with the

North Presbyterian Church
(northchurchwilliamsville.org/)

Date: Saturday, November 10, 2012

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (lunch provided)

Place: North Presbyterian Church
300 N. Forest Road, Williamsville, NY 14221
(716) 632-1330

Leader: Rev. James B. Miller, PhD
General Missioner, PASTCF

Sessions: “How We Got Here from There?”
“What We Know about the Universe God Is Creating”
“Living the Faith in a Participatory, Evolving Creation”

Registration: \$10 for PASTCF Members
\$20 for General Registrants (will receive a complimentary one year PASTCF membership)
\$10 for Students (will receive a complimentary one year PASTCF membership)

**RSVP to North Presbyterian Church (716-632-1330 or n.church@verizon.net) no later than
Monday, November 6th.**

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a workshop on the life and work of congregations in the 21st century

Workshop Description: using lecture, discussion and participatory exercises the workshop will evoke the cultural and natural context in which the church is called today to faithfulness and will explore the significance of that context for congregational worship, education and mission.

Session 1 (9:30 – 11:30 am): “How We Got Here from There” – Why is it that popular culture so often describes the relationship between science and religion as one of conflict? Why do so many people try to overcome this image by keeping science and religion in separate domains? This session will offer an account of the historical path that has led to these views and describe how a contemporary understanding of nature is pointing to a new emergent historical opportunity for integral Christian thought and action.

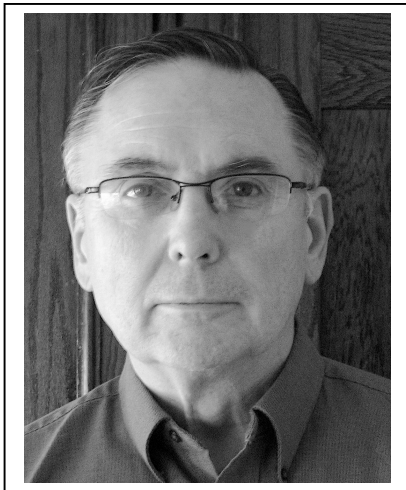
Session 2 (12:30 – 2:00 pm): “What We Know about the Universe God Is Creating” – Over the past 400 years, our understanding of the character of the universe God is creating has changed profoundly due to scientific inquiry. This session will discuss six basic features of the cosmos and why they must necessarily shape the life of the local church if it is to be faithful.

Session 3 (2:30 – 4:30 pm): “Living the Faith in a Participatory, Evolving Creation” – We now know more about the world. So what? This session will explore specific implications for the worship, education and mission of the local church that grow from theological reflection on a contemporary understanding of nature.

Workshop Leader:

Rev. James B. Miller, PhD

General Missioner: Presbyterian Association on Science, Technology and the Christian Faith (PASTCF)



Jim Miller is an honorably retired minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA) with an MDiv from Union Presbyterian Seminary and a Ph.D. from Marquette University. He served as an ecumenical campus minister at Michigan Technological University, the University of Pittsburgh, and Carnegie Mellon University. Immediately following seminary, Jim worked for five years in the School of Engineering at North Carolina State University. From 1996-2006 he was the Senior Program Associate for the Program of Dialogue on Science, Ethics, and Religion of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). He is the co-chair of the Broader Social Impact Committee of the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History's human origins program. He is the editor or co-editor of five books, most recently *The Evolution Dialogues* (2006). Jim has served as an elected officer or volunteer staff for PASTCF since its establishment in 1992.