



Keeping the Faith in a Culture of Consumerism

Retreat with John Bell

March 8-10 , 2010

This program with John Bell will incorporate lectures, workshops and group discussion to take seriously three realities: God, Money and the Western World. We will look at how scripture deals with money, why it is often the last issue Christians talk about, and how we enable the next generation to move from the consumerist mentality which has enabled the West to bring the rest of the world close to the point of extinction.

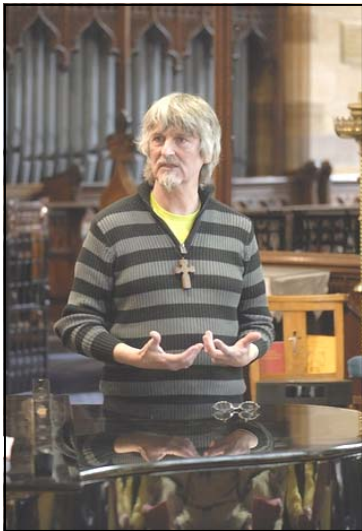


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John Bell was born in, resides in, and belongs to Scotland. He is a liturgical composer who writes co-operatively with colleagues in Glasgow; he has a deep interest in music from non-European cultures and a passion for song of the Assembly. Though his primary vocation is as a preacher and teacher, he spends over half his time working in the areas of music and liturgy, both at conferences and in small parishes, and his work takes him frequently into Eastern Europe, Asia, Africa, and Australia. With his colleagues, he has produced over 15 collections of songs and octavos, and a wide range of liturgical materials, particularly for use by lay people, and he oversaw the production of a substantial hymnal for the Church of Scotland which, in North America, goes by the title *Hymns of Glory, Songs of Praise* (Canterbury Press). John manages to survive without the benefit of a wife, car, cell phone, camera, or ipod.

Starts: Mon. 12:30 with lunch **Ends:** Wed. 12:30 with lunch

Cost: \$365 (\$395 after Feb. 8) ~ includes tuition, meals & accommodation

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