

Sky Lake ESI  
501 William Law Road  
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*The Ninth Annual  
Ecumenical  
Scripture  
Institute  
at  
Sky Lake Retreat Center*



*“The Messiah”*

*Sunday, November 12 at 3:00pm  
through  
Tuesday, November 14 at 3:00pm*

## About the Theme

The essential point of conflict between Judaism and Christianity is the confession that Jesus of Nazareth is the Messiah. There is also disagreement on the role of the Messiah. Judaism has always maintained that messianic redemption takes place publicly on the stage of history, while Christianity over time has often come to locate the activity of the Messiah in the private world of each individual. Beyond these differences, confusion is often generated on all sides of the Christian over reading of prophetic texts and by the belief of some that the Messiah was promised to Adam in the garden (Gen 3:15). There is therefore the need to address the questions: what is the Messiah, and how is the Messiah to be identified.

The idea of Messiah developed only in the first century BCE, but its roots go back to the idea of an eternal dynasty for the House of David. The lectures will trace the dynastic idea from its origins in the 10<sup>th</sup> century BCE (2 Sam 7) down through the prophets to the actual emergence of the hope for a Messiah, in diverse forms, in the Psalms of Solomon, the Dead Sea Scrolls, 1 Enoch, 2 Baruch, and 4 Ezra.

The related idea of the kingdom of God on earth will be examined and with it the political dimensions of Jesus’ ministry and execution. Jesus’ attitude to the title Messiah will be discussed as well as the basis for the conferral of the title on Jesus by his followers after the resurrection and the enormous changes they made in the Jewish concept of the Messiah in order to fit the risen Jesus.

Emphasis will be made throughout on the need for accurate concepts of messianic theology for the sake of Jewish-Christian relations, and for the sake of truthful evangelization and quality religious education.

## About Addison Wright, Keynote Speaker

Addison G. Wright, S.S., MA, SSL, STD

Father Wright was ordained a priest of the Society of St. Sulpice in 1957. He did graduate studies in Semitic languages and Scripture at the Catholic University of America and the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome. From 1963-81 he was a professor of Sacred Scripture at St. Mary’s Seminary and University, Baltimore, Md. and rector of St. John’s Provincial Seminary, Plymouth, Mich. (1968-71). From 1981-97 he taught Scripture at Fordham University, Bronx, N.Y., and Marywood University, Scranton, Pa. Now retired, he continues to teach Scripture part-time in the Graduate School of Religion and Religious Education at Fordham. Author of the book **The Literary Genre Midrash** and several articles on Biblical subjects, he is also a contributor to **New Jerome Biblical Commentary** and the **New Catholic Encyclopedia** and is a member of the team of biblical scholars engaged in revising the translation and notes of the Old Testament of the New American Bible. For 28 years Father Wright has been fellow and co-presenter at the Diocesan Annual Ecumenical Scripture Workshop, in Charleston, West Virginia. He is a lecturer in many programs of continuing education for clergy and laity throughout the country.



## About Sky Lake

Sky Lake is a Christian camping and retreat center owned and operated by the Wyoming Conference of the United Methodist Church. Sky Lake is comprised of 940-acres atop Tuscarora Mountain located east of Windsor, New York.

We have been welcoming guests of many faiths and walks of life to our facilities since 1947. Throughout the 59 years of ministry at Sky Lake, our primary task has been to provide an intentional time and place apart from every day life; provide an experiential model of learning in which the whole person encounters the Word and world of God; develop a community of faith, which challenges, nurtures, and celebrates new understandings of God and God's action in our lives; and to return persons to everyday life able to begin or continue the journey toward discipleship, empowered with new understandings of the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

## About ESI

Nine years ago, Sky Lake began holding the Ecumenical Scripture Institute, commonly referred to as "ESI". Since 1998, growth, in both numbers and diversity, has been bound only by the desire to keep the "classroom" size relatively small. The denominational backgrounds of past participants range from United Methodists to Roman Catholics, Presbyterians to Quakers.

"ESI" is open to all persons who possess an interest in furthering their understanding of Scripture. An atmosphere of frank and open dialogue is encouraged as participants study, worship, and reflect together.

## CEUs & Lay Speaking

1.2 Continuing Education Credits are available to participants completing ESI. Likewise, Certified United Methodist Lay Speakers may use completion of ESI as an Advanced Lay Speaking Course. If you would like to use ESI for one of these purposes, please make sure to indicate on your registration form.

## Accommodations

Lodging preferences are on a first come, first serve basis.

**Riley Lodge** was built in 1964 and has a series of two-three-, four-, and five-person rooms in two wings. The three-, and five-person rooms have private bathrooms, while the two- and four-person rooms share a common bathroom. Linen service is available in Riley Lodge for an additional \$4.00 per night

**Underwood Lodge** is a modern, motel-style facility and has the ability to sleep guests in seven rooms. Each bedroom is furnished with either two or three twin size beds, a futon, reading table and chairs, and a private bathroom. Fresh linens are provided to guests staying in Underwood at no extra charge.

**Commuters** are welcome to attend and need not worry about accommodations at Sky Lake.

## Fees

The following fees include two nights accommodations (not included in commuter's fee), six meals, and a program fee. We are pleased to offer an "Early Bird" rate again this year. To qualify for this rate we must receive your registration and payment in full **before** 4:00pm on Monday, October 16, 2006.

Accommodation	To 10/16	10/17 & After
Riley Lodge	\$121.50	\$135.00
Riley - Optional Linen Service	\$8.00	\$8.00
Underwood - Single	\$229.50	\$255.00
Underwood - Double	\$148.50	\$165.00
Commuter	\$68.00	\$80.00

"More if you can, less if you can't"



## Directions to Sky Lake

### FROM ROUTE 17/INTERSTATE 86 EAST:

Take Exit 80 (Damascus).  
Turn left at stop sign at end of ramp.  
Go under Route 17 to another stop sign (0.2 miles).  
Turn right.  
Proceed up the hill 2 miles to Sky Lake sign and gates.  
Turn left onto camp road and follow signs to East Shore.

### FROM ROUTE 17/INTERSTATE 86 WEST:

Take Exit 81 (E. Bosket Road).  
Take a right at the yield sign at end of ramp.  
Turn left at the stop sign at end of road.  
Proceed ~0.6 miles to Sky Lake sign and gates.  
Turn right onto camp road and follow signs.

## Contact Us

Our office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30am - 4:00pm. Should you want more information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at:

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or visit us on the web:  
<http://www.skylakecenter.org>

## Registration Form: Sky Lake Ecumenical Scripture Institute IX (November 12-14, 2006)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone:(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Evening Phone:(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Preference (indicate your first and second choices)  
**\_\_ Riley Lodge** \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_Single \_\_Double \_\_Triple \_\_Quad \_\_No preference  
 \_\_Linen Service \_\_\_\_\_  
**\_\_ Underwood Lodge** \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_Single \_\_Double \_\_Triple \_\_No preference  
**\_\_ Commuter** \_\_\_\_\_

**My attendance will qualify as (optional):**  
 \_\_1.2 CEUs \_\_Advanced Lay Speaking

Roommate Preference(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (make checks payable to **Sky Lake**)

Please indicate any special dietary needs on rear of form.