

## CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY AND UNDOING VIOLENCE



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for Peace That Work!” Wed., Oct. 7, 14, 21, and 28. This four-part series runs from 7:00-8:30 p.m. and will be led by the Rev. Dr. Ronald E. Peters, Henry L. Hillman Professor of Urban Ministry and director of the Seminary’s Metro-Urban Institute.

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In addition to the course being offered at Pittsburgh Seminary, it will also be broadcast live to Vance Memorial Presbyterian Church, Wheeling, W.Va. and First Presbyterian Church, Bakerstown, Pa.

For more information or to register for the Pittsburgh sessions contact the Office of Continuing Education at 412-924-1345, [ConEd@pts.edu](mailto:ConEd@pts.edu), or **online**. Those wishing to attend at Vance Memorial PC (304-232-0980) or First PC (724-443-1555) should contact the churches directly. Registration is \$60 in Pittsburgh or \$45 at the other locations.

Peters has been a member of the Seminary faculty since 1991 and teaches courses in the areas of church and ministry, education, Bible, and ethics. He brings 18 years of pastoral ministry experience in the urban context to the Seminary classroom. His writings include *Urban Ministry: An Introduction* (Abingdon, 2007); *Africentric Approaches to Christian Ministry: Strengthening Urban Congregations in African-American Communities*, Editor (University Press of America, 2006), and “Is This New Wine? Resistance Among Black Presbyterians,” a chapter in *Resistance and Theological Ethics* (Rowman and Littlefield, 2004). Additionally, Peters has been a consultant for the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church on a number of urban social policy, justice and racial/ethnic concerns. Current research interests include faith-based community ministry, men’s ministry issues, reconciliation as public policy, at-risk youth, family ministry, and African spirituality.

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