6:00 PM – 9:30 PM  AFTER PARTY

Gathering  Continue your symposium-inspired conversations at the after party hosted by Wendy and Scott Reynolds. Make your way to 15125 78th Ave NE in Kenmore, WA 98028. If you need directions, call (425) 485 2977 or email wendysmail@comcast.net.

SUNDAY 14 NOVEMBER, PORTLAND, OR  6:00-8:00 PM

Event  Our Portland event begins at 6:00 pm Sunday and we have had a change of venue! We’re now meeting at the Felt’s home, located at 2115 SW 78th Ave PORTLAND, OR 97225.

Please RSVP to Skye.Engstrom@gmail.com or to the Sunstone office if you plan to attend the Portland event: 801.355-5926 or SunstoneME@gmail.com.

We are not charging admission for the Portland event but would appreciate a $5 donation per person to help cover travel expenses for the speakers.

Speakers  DEVERY ANDERSON will discuss his forthcoming book, THE DEVELOPMENT OF LDS TEMPLE WORSHIP, 1846-2000: A DOCUMENTARY HISTORY and give us a sense of how temple worship has been understood, experienced, and shaped over time by Church members and leaders.

JOHN KESLER’S remarks are entitled, THE SACRED CYCLE OF BEING AND DOING: A FRAMEWORK IN THE RESTORED GOSPEL FOR MEDITATIVE PRAYER, INTEGRATION, AND GROWTH.

Chair  MARY ELLEN ROBERTSON

WARMEST THANKS:

We’re grateful to volunteers in Seattle and Portland who have helped put the program together, enlisted speakers and session chairs, found a great new venue in Bellevue, opened their homes, provided delicious treats, and spread the word about the symposium. The Salt Lake office is grateful for your dedicated efforts!

Our wonderful volunteer brigade includes: CHER & JON ANDERTON, JARED & SKYE ENGSTROM, ROB & TIFFANY FELT, JON HASTINGS, AIMEE HEFFERNAN, MICHELLE & TROY HICKMAN, KEVIN KELLY, JANEANNE PETERSON, TOM PIXTON, WENDY & SCOTT REYNOLDS, MICHAEL J. STEVENS, and HOLLY WELKER.

Thank you to this year’s presenters. Your participation is essential to the success of these events. Thanks for always having interesting and thoughtful things to say.

Last, thank you to our great group of attendees in the Pacific Northwest! We appreciate your support of Sunstone Northwest every year, and we look forward to seeing you in the years ahead!

PLEASE VISIT THE MERCHANDISE TABLE TO BROWSE AND PURCHASE THE LATEST BOOKS, DVDS, AND MAGAZINES!

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FINAL SCHEDULE

13 NOVEMBER 2010
8:00 am - 7:00 pm
Sessions at MuvannyG2 Architecture
1110 112th Avenue NE, Suite 500 Bellevue, WA 98004

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14 NOVEMBER 2010
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Change of venue to the FELT’S home
2115 SW 78th Ave, Portland OR 97225
Title DEMYSTIFYING JOSEPH SMITH: NEW INSIGHTS FROM HIS LEGAL TRIALS

Abstract During 2005, F. Ross Boudry took a leave of absence from his law practice to assist in teaching a course entitled, “Joseph Smith & the Law” at the BYU Law School, as an adjunct to ongoing research on the Joseph Smith Papers Project.

Presenter F. ROSS BOUNDY, senior patent trial attorney with Davis Wright Tremaine LLP.

Chair TROY HICKMAN

11:45 AM – 12:00 AM

Title GOING “OFF SCRIPT”: NON-TRADITIONAL LDS FAMILIES

Abstract A growing number of LDS families don’t fit the traditional mold. Panelists discuss how they approach their departures from tradition and navigate script variations such as divorce, single parenthood, childrearing, and LGBT issues and map out new family traditions.

Presenters LEE WHITE is the father and steward of four exceptional beings and the grandfather and sub-ward of eight unique grandchildren. He is the regional vice-president for AARP and has worked in gerontology for 36 years.

AIMEE HEFFERNAN is the daughter of panelist Lee White. She is a marriage and family therapist in Redmond, WA, specializing in couples, addiction, family illness, and sexuality. She recently had her first child.

TRACY MCKAY is an adult convert to the LDS Church, a single parent of three, and writes about her adventures at By COMMON CONSENT, MORMON MOMMY WARS, and her own personal blog, DANDELION MAMA.

DIANA NIELSEN lives with Katie, her partner of 12 years, and their daughter Bailey. Diana was active in the LDS Church for 40 years, serving a mission and in various callings. She now attends a Reconciling United Methodist church with a really good choir.

SALLIE GRIGG was raised on a farm in northern Utah and graduated from Utah State University in theater and English. She has three children, works as a paralegal, and writes short fiction and poetry.

Chair MICHELLE HICKMAN

12:15 PM – 1:45 PM LUNCH

Lunch If you ordered a box lunch in advance, you may pick it up at the registration desk at the beginning of the lunch break. Ask about availability of extra lunches at registration.

1:45 PM – 3:00 PM

Title MAKING WAVES: PAST & PRESENT APPROACHES TO MORMON FEMINISM AND ACTIVISM

Abstract Panelists discuss the experiences that propelled their feminist awakenings and the trajectories they have observed in Mormon feminism over the years, including mission experiences, participating in email discussion lists, the emergence of blogs and social media tools, and the current efforts of LDS WAVE to engage a new generation of women in Mormon feminist advocacy.

Presenters HOLLY WELKER, WENDY REYNOLDS, JANEANNE PETERSON, JANET GARRARD-WILLIS, and JENNIE ALDERKS

Moderator MARY ELLEN ROBERTSON

Title DISCUSSION: LDS CHURCH AND NEW MEDIA

Abstract The LDS Church has been the subject of much media scrutiny of late. With the attention has come some not-so-ideal PR, including backlash from California’s Prop 8 and survey results indicating many identify Mormons with polygamy (if they know anything about Mormons at all). Panelists and the audience will discuss the LDS Church’s use of new media and advertising to share the gospel, correct misconceptions, and improve the Church’s image.

Presenters STEVE EVANS is an attorney living in Seattle. He serves on the editorial board of Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought and blogs at the website By COMMON CONSENT.

HOLLY WELKER has a PhD in English literature from University of Iowa. She writes about gender and/or Mormonism in venues such as the New York Times, Religion Dispatches, the Huffington Post, and Bitch.

Moderator MICHAEL J. STEVENS

3:30 PM – 5:30 PM

Title THE DEVELOPMENT OF LDS TEMPLE WORSHIP, 1846-2000: A DOCUMENTARY HISTORY

Abstract Since 1846 when the first LDS temple with private rituals was completed in Nauvoo, much has changed regarding the ceremonies, policies, and practices. Church leaders puzzled over how to handle various situations and theological and temporal implications. Hear the story from the historical records collected in this documentary history.

Presenter DEVEREY S. ANDERSON is co-editor of Joseph Smith’s Quorum of the Anointed, 1842-1845 and The Nauvoo Endowment Companies, 1845-1846, which won MHA’s 2006 Best Documentary Book Award.

Chair MICHELLE HICKMAN

5:45 PM – 7:00 PM

Title MEDITATION FOR MORMONS

Abstract At its core, Mormonism is a mystical tradition, and meditation practices appropriately pursued can help each of us become more aware of the mystical dimensions of our faith. John will suggest practical steps in developing a meditative practice consistent with the restored gospel.

Presenter JOHN KESLER was the director of the official meditation center for the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake and is a founding teacher at the Integral Spiritual Center. John has served as bishop and in several bishoprics and is a practicing attorney.

Chair CHER ANDERTON