2012 SUNSTONE KIRTLAND – PRELIMINARY SESSION LISTING

This is a preliminary session list. Topics, speakers, and times may change. A more complete program with abstracts and bios will be posted on www.sunstonemagazine.com shortly. A final program with room assignments will be provided at the conference registration desk. Registration will open one hour before sessions begin.

OPENING PLENARY SESSION
Saturday 10 March
10:00—11:00 am

THE KIRTLAND TEMPLE AND COMMUNITY OF CHRIST: A HISTORICAL OVERVIEW

Historian John Hamer will provide a 50-minute presentation on the history of Kirtland, Ohio and the building of the Kirtland Temple.

11:15 AM—12:15 PM

Gentiles, Temples, and Respect for Sacred Space: Problematics for the Non-Mormon Scholar of Mormonism
DONALD WESTBROOK

LUNCH BREAK & ENTERTAINMENT
12:15 – 2:15 pm

At 12:15 pm, pick up your pre-ordered box lunch and enjoy the lunchtime entertainment.

At 12:30 pm, Hugo Olaiz and John-Charles Duffy will perform songs from the Book of Mormon Musical

A Sunstone Group Tour of the Kirtland Temple starts at 1:00 pm (A $3 preservation fee is payable to your guide)

We'll also be playing a selection of Mormon-focused Daily Show & Colbert Report clips during the lunch break.

2:15—3:45 PM

The 75th Anniversary of the Hill Cumorah Pageant, including presentation and displays
GERALD & GAIL ARGESINGER

PANEL: Women’s Ordination: A Community of Christ Perspective
BARBARA WALDEN, JULIE HENSEN WERNER, and other panelists to be announced.

4:00—5:00 PM

Monogamy Underground: The Burial of Plural Marriage in the Graves of Joseph and Emma Smith
LEE WILES

The Book of Mormon as an Ancient Ascension Text
GERALD SMITH

5:15—6:15 PM

De-Cantankerizing Descriptions of Joseph Smith
RUSS OSMOND

PANEL: On the Journey Together: A Look at Midwest Pilgrimage
GÂNIE DEHART, KERRY NORMAN, and other panelists to be announced.

CLOSING PLENARY SESSION
6:30—7:45 PM

PANEL: Does the Historicity of the First Vision Matter?
Moderator: JOHN-CHARLES DUFFY
Panelists: LACHLAN MACKAY, STEVE TAYSOM, and DAN VOGEL

POST-SYMPOSIUM DINNER GROUP

For anyone interested in continuing Symposium-related conversations a bit longer, we will be setting up a dinner group at a local restaurant (to be announced). All are welcome to join us for mind and body nourishment.

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE
Sunday 11 March
9:00—11:00 am

In the Kirtland Temple

The Sunday devotional service will include:

- Hard Journeys to Sacred Places: A Look at Mormon Spiritual Pilgrimage
  MICHAEL VINSON

- Readings from the Kirtland Temple dedicatory prayer and other scriptures

- Special musical numbers and congregational singing

- Time to reflect, edify, and share with other worshippers, Quaker meeting style.

Following the devotional service, the Temple is open for tours between 1:00-4:00 pm. We will make arrangements for another Sunstone Group Tour of the Temple Sunday afternoon for anyone who didn't take a tour on Saturday. There is a $3 preservation fee per person for the Temple tour (not included in Sunstone registration).

We’re also making arrangements to offer at least one specialty behind the scenes tour Sunday afternoon. Specialty tours are limited to 5 persons per tour and require an additional $25 fee per person (not included in Sunstone registration). If you are interested in taking a specialty tour, please let us know so we can make the necessary arrangements.

Pre-register and plan your trip here: https://www.sunstonemagazine.com/symposium-registration/

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