

Plenary Speaker Bios

Norman Wirzba:

Norman Wirzba is a professor of Theology and Ecology at the Duke Divinity School. He has published a number of books and articles including the *The Paradise of God: Renewing Religion in an Ecological Age* and *Living the Sabbath: Discovering the Rhythms of Rest and Delight*. His most recent books are *Food and Faith: A Theology of Eating* and (with Fred Bahnson) *Making Peace with the Land: God's Call to Reconcile with Creation*.

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Ched Myers is an activist theologian, biblical scholar, popular educator, author, organizer and advocate who has for 35 years been challenging and supporting Christians to engage in peace and justice work and radical discipleship. He has published numerous articles and books including *Binding the Strong Man: A Political Reading of Mark's Story of Jesus* and *Who Will Roll Away The Stone? Discipleship Queries For First World Christians*.

Philip Bess

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