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Saint Paul University hosts the Symposium “A Generative Conference on Spirituality, Emergent Creativity and Reconciliation”

OTTAWA, May 22, 2012 – At a time when conflict and social division are omnipresent in the world, Saint Paul University is pleased to host the symposium A Generative Conference on Spirituality, Emergent Creativity and Reconciliation. This conference will bring together scientists, activists, theologians, peacemakers, religious scholars, Indigenous people, and military personnel to examine how deep divisions within the human family can be understood and addressed.

From May 23 to 26, media as well as the general public are cordially invited to participate in workshops, discussion groups and lectures. Professor Vern Neufeld Redekop, a well-known specialist in the field of conflict resolution and renowned speaker will open the conference on Wednesday May 23, at 8:30 a.m. at the University.

Organized by Professor Redekop, the conference will offer both lectures by the speakers and interactive sessions with the audience. Each day, the conference will offer sessions around a given problematique related to the theme of the conference and will also give the audience a chance to be part of the discussion. At the end of each afternoon, participants will be able to self-organize into dialogue circles to pick up on any ideas introduced during the day.

Featured speakers include his Excellency Ali Khashan, Minister of Justice, Palestinian Authority, Stuart Kauffman, systems biologist, one of the originators of the Internet, and author of *Reinventing the Sacred*, Ursula King, from London, England, global expert on spirituality and author of *The Search for Spirituality*, Merle Lefkoff, global mediator and facilitator and Michaela Walsh, originator of micro-financing for women, just to name a few.

The full program for the symposium is available on the University website at www.ustpaul.ca

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