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Dear Colleagues,

The 2009 annual meeting of the Society of Christian Ethics will be held in the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Chicago, Illinois, from January 8<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Our Program Committee has also done a great job, creating an exciting program addressing some of the most pressing moral issues in America. In this busy election season our theme focusing on the morality of publicly elected officials and the functioning of government is well situated in a city famous for generating historic political and moral discussions.

In light of the theme for the meeting it is fitting that the first plenary of the meeting will be delivered by a national religious leader well-known for his controversial views on the moral meaning of America. Rev. Dr. Jeremiah Wright, the former religious and moral leader of Presidential candidate Senator Barak Obama will be sharing with us his ethical analysis of America's political morality.

The second plenary presents another national leader deeply committed to improving the ethical functioning of government. Bob Edgar, formerly the president of the National Council of Churches and the current president of Common Cause (a not-for profit organization) dedicated to promoting ethical practices in elected officials will be presenting his analysis of the most pressing moral problems in government and ways that we can promote more ethical governance.

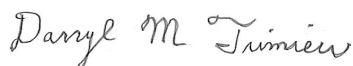
We will also have a recognition and celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Society of Christian Ethics. This celebration will be a part of my presidential reception. New and exciting steps to preserve our archives and history will be presented to our members.

Just last week I returned from the annual meeting of our sister society, the Society for the Study of Christian Ethics in Great Britain. Many members of our society were there as presenters and I believe that our presentations made a significant contribution to the rich, illuminating and discerning program. The hospitality extended to me as your President was extraordinary, and I look forward to the opportunity to extend reciprocal hospitality to the SSCE President, Susan Parsons, in January.

Further enriching our program we are also blessed with the work of the Religious Institute on Sexuality Morality, Justice, and Healing. That organization along with Union Theological Seminary, has conducted a survey of 36 seminaries and their sexuality-related course offerings as part of their theological preparation of religious professionals for ministry. This institute will release a summary of their findings and recommendations and will be available to discuss the same with interested members.

May your lives and work be blessed this Fall, and may we all meet safely in Chicago in January!

Sincerely,



Darryl M. Trimiew