LAS VEGAS CATHOLIC WORKER PRESENTS:

Wes Howard-Brook and Sue Ferguson Johnson

Speaking at:
Christ the King Catholic Community Hall
4925 S. Torrey Pines
Las Vegas, NV 89118
(cross street: Tropicana)

Friday, October 7, 2011,
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., free:
“Coming Out of Empire, Within and Without.”

Saturday, October 8, 2011,
3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., free:
“Loving Our Enemies, Destroying Our Enemies: Which Joshua?”

Reviews of Wes Howard-Brook’s book:
“Come Out, My People!”
God’s Call out of Empire in the Bible and Beyond.
(Awarded First Place in Scripture by the Catholic Press Association.)

“Come Out, My People is undoubtedly one of the most important theological studies to be released in 2010. In recent memory, there have been other works that examine parts of scripture in light of the concept of empire (e.g., Brian Walsh and Sylvia Keesmaat’s Colossians Remixed; Richard Horsley’s Jesus and Empire and Paul and Empire), but none with which I am familiar has tackled the whole of the scriptural narrative with the depth and the clarity with which Howard-Brook has exhibited here.

—Englewood Review of Books
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The Play: Haunted by God-
The Life of Dorothy Day
performed by Lisa Wagner of the Stillpoint Theatre Collective
Saturday, October 8, 2011
11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., free
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“It’s not easy to capture the spirit of a woman nominated for sainthood, but Wagner does it with charm, wit and tremendous faith in the power of her words. Day is fascinating because she was so human and so holy at the same time, and Wagner and her co-writers ... are wise enough to show both sides. They skillfully balance Day’s charms, passions, mistakes and misgivings making the point that people who are not perfect in a dogmatically religious sense are still capable of performing great acts of faith and love.” -Maura Troester, Chicago Reader
“A remarkable offering for those who care about the interface of power and faith with all the threats and seductions that go with it . . . . As I read, I felt overwhelmed, both by the mass of data and by the cunning of interpretation. I could not put it down, and expect to continue to be instructed by it.” —Walter Brueggemann

“Howard-Brook undertakes what few dare anymore: an introductory primer for the whole Bible . . . This book invites disciples to ‘connect the dots,’ in order to recover our ancient, anti-imperial identity, and to embrace a radical faith and practice that are personal and political.” —Ched Myers

“Howard-Brook illuminates how ancient empires exercised control and manipulation of people not simply by political and military means, but also through the religion of empire. Throughout he makes clear that the core message of the God of creation is to call people out of empire, to refuse to cooperate with the forces of destruction and domination today.” —Richard Horsley

“Will become a classic for communities that seek first to receive the gracious gift of God’s alternative future to Empire.” —Jarrod McKenna

“If we who sojourn in America are to be a community that can both name and resist the lure of Empire, we need a story more powerful that the story called America. Wes Howard-Brook knows that the Bible tells such a story. May its story be ours as we’re set free from our imperial imaginations to dream with our Creator of a new world here and now.” —Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove

Howard-Brook demonstrates how, throughout the Hebrew scriptures, these two religions battled for the hearts and minds of the people in claiming radically divergent views of who YHWH is and what it looks like to be YHWH’s people. In the New Testament, Jesus proclaimed and embodied one of these views—the “religion of creation”—and denounced the “religion of empire.” Though he was killed by the upholders of empire, his resurrection was the definitive vindication of the religion of creation. As a consequence, those who follow his path can accept no violence or domination toward people or creation in his name.

While many recent scholars have studied the imperial context of the New Testament, this is the first book to trace this theme throughout the entire Bible. As such, it sets a challenge for the future of biblical studies, while also defining a new framework for radical discipleship in our time.

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Wes Howard-Brook teaches at Seattle University and collaborates in the ministry, Abide in Me, with his wife, Sue Ferguson Johnson. He is author of Unveiling Empire and The Church Before Christianity and co-editor of The New Testament: Introducing the Way of Discipleship (with Sharon Ringe).

POPES & CATHOLIC BISHOPS POSITIONS ON RECENT WARS

In 1991, Pope John Paul II opposed the Gulf War and publicly appealed to U.S. President George H.W. Bush not to wage it. In 2003, he once again opposed a war—President George H.W. Bush not to wage it. In 2003, he once again opposed a war. At the Vatican on January 13, 2003, President George W. Bush to refrain from going to Iraq and appealed to U.S. President George W. Bush to refrain from going to Iraq and appealed to U.S. President George W. Bush not to wage it. In 2003, he once again opposed a war.

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