

The McMichael
Lecture Series
AT ST. PAUL'S

Saturday & Sunday
April 20–21, 2002

JOHN SHELBY
SPONG

Saturday, April 20

- 10:00 am Lecture: *Rethinking the Christ – Part I*
- 11:00 am Small Group Sessions
- 11:30 am Break
- 11:50 am Questions and discussion
- 12:30 pm Lunch – *suggested donation \$6.00*
- 1:30 pm Lecture: *Rethinking the Christ – Part II*
- 2:30 pm Questions and discussion

Sunday, April 21

- 10:00 am Adult Forum: *Here I Stand – My Struggle for a Christianity of Integrity, Love and Equality*
- 7:00 pm Lecture: *God Beyond Theism*
Following the lecture, all are invited to attend a reception for Bp. Spong and Mrs. Spong.

All presentations and the reception will be in the new St. Paul's Parish Hall, East Avenue at Dickson Street. Books and booksigning will be available.

There is no admission charge.

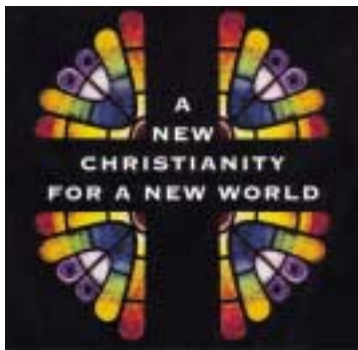
Donations to defray expenses are welcomed.



A leading voice for liberal Christianity, John Shelby Spong was the Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Newark for 24 years before his retirement in 2001. His admirers acclaim his legacy as a teaching bishop who makes contemporary theology accessible to lay people. Considered a champion of an inclusive faith, Bishop Spong's challenges to the church have made him among the most vilified of modern clergymen.

To the surprise of his critics, his latest book, *A New Christianity for a New World*, is a statement of Christian faith and love for the church. Calling himself "a joyful, passionate, convinced believer in the reality of God," he seeks not to create a new religion, but to reform the church he loves.

In his lectures at St. Paul's, Bishop Spong will explore his belief that the church must update the God-image to a gracious, creative source of life, love and being, and to understand Jesus as a model of love who empowers humanity, rather than as a divine rescuer or sacrificial lamb.



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About this series

The McMichael Lectures are an offering to the community from which St. Paul's draws its life. They are intended to explore a wide range of spiritual issues as we begin a new century and a new millennium. The series will feature accomplished speakers from varied disciplines and different religious traditions. Expect to be challenged by ideas and passionate convictions that celebrate the human journey with God.