A Grace Disguised:
When Life’s Challenges Meet God’s Purposes

Where is God in the midst of our sicknesses, our loneliness, our losses? Where is He during our world’s disasters and wars? Is God all-loving? Is He all-powerful?

This summer the Ockenga Institute has dedicated its Summer Conference to asking the hard questions of life. Join Joni Eareckson Tada, David Deuel, Kathy McReynolds and others as they tackle finding God’s purposes in life’s challenges.

Through main sessions and interactive workshops, we will explore together the answers to these questions and learn to find God’s grace in the midst of life’s storms.

The Marshall Hudson Summer Conference
Marshall A. Hudson founded the World Wide Baraca Philathea Bible Union in 1896. This parachurch organization was designed to develop greater knowledge and practical application of Scripture in young men and women. This conference is dedicated in Hudson’s honor to the continual development of strong Christian leaders.
Joni Eareckson Tada, the founder and Chief Executive Officer of Joni and Friends International Disability Center, is an international advocate for people with disabilities. A diving accident in 1967 left Joni, then 17, a quadriplegic in a wheelchair, unable to use her hands. After two years of rehabilitation, she emerged with new skills, including painting with a brush between her teeth, and a fresh determination to help others in similar situations. Joni and Friends International Disability Center was founded in 1979 as she and her friends responded to the many questions and needs of people from families affected by disability who had read Joni’s books or had seen the movie of her life. She has been interviewed or featured on TV shows such as “Lary King Live” and “ABC World News Tonight,” in print outlets such as Christianity Today, the Chicago Tribune and the Los Angeles Times. Joni and her husband, Ken Tada, have been married since 1982.

David Deuel M.A., Ph.D. (Cornell University and the University of Liverpool) is the Director of International Academic Studies for Joni and Friends as well as the Academic Director of The Master’s Academy International, a consortium of ministry training schools worldwide. Dr. Deuel served as Regional Director for Joni and Friends in the San Fernando Valley, CA and in board positions for The North Los Angeles Regional Center, All Children’s Hospital (Los Angeles), Direct Link for the Disabled and a Governor’s Advisory Committee for Disability (Sacramento). He is the Chairman for the Old Testament and Ancient Near Eastern Consultation of the Evangelical Theological Society. Dr. Deuel focuses his ministry interests on assisting others in starting and developing ministries, primarily on the foreign field, and ministers with and to persons with disabilities through the Joni and Friends Christian Institute on Disability.

Kathy McReynolds M.A., Ph.D. (Boola University and Talbot School of Theology) is Director of Academic Studies for the Joni and Friends Christian Institute on Disability and is Adjunct Professor in the Biblical Studies and Apologetics Departments at Biola University. Dr. McReynolds has written several articles and commentaries and is the author of the indented book The Pilgrim Pauline, Women as Christ’s Disciples, and Enhancing Our Way to Happiness! Dr. McReynolds’ contributions to the Joni and Friends Christian Institute on Disability by developing position papers on the many ethical issues in bothets that seeks to promote and influence for the benefit of the disabled, and contributes to curriculum development for the variety of courses in disability studies that the Institute is creating for higher education. She will be teaching the Beyond Suffering course in conjunction with the Summer Conference 2012.

**Conference Schedule**

**Friday, June 15, 2012**

- 1:00 - 2:30 pm: Conference Registration Opens
- 2:30 - 3:00 pm: Worship
- 3:00 - 4:00 pm: Plenary Session 1
- 4:00 - 4:30 pm: Workshop 1
- 5:30 - 7:00 pm: Worship
- 7:00 - 7:30 pm: Dinner Break (Advance Purchase Required)
- 7:30 - 8:30 pm: Plenary Session 3
- 8:30 - 8:45 pm: Closing Worship

**Saturday, June 16, 2012**

- 8:30 - 9:00 am: Worship
- 9:00 - 10:00 am: Plenary Session 4
- 10:00 - 10:30 am: Break
- 10:30 - 11:30 am: Workshop 1
- 11:30 - 1:30 pm: Lunch Break (Advance Purchase Required)
- 1:00 - 2:00 pm: Workshop 2
- 2:00 - 2:30 pm: Break
- 2:30 - 3:30 pm: Plenary Session 5
- 3:35 - 4:30 pm: Q&A Panel
- 4:30 - 4:45 pm: Closing Worship
- 5:00 - 5:30 pm: “Ways to Get Involved”

**Conference Information**

**Beyond Suffering Summer Course**

A for-credit and non-credit course is being offered in conjunction with the Summer Conference. Dr. Kathy McReynolds will be teaching the Beyond Suffering course from the Joni and Friends Christian Institute on Disability for three days prior to the conference. Non-credit course registration includes Summer Conference registration, the Beyond Suffering Study Guide and conference meals.

**Cost**

- The cost per individual is $65 until May 4, $75 until May 25 and $85 after May 25. Spouses may attend for $65 and students for $40. A group rate is available for groups of four or more people. The group rate is $65 per person through June 8. All registrations (paper or online) must be submitted together to qualify for the group rate. Groups may register online at my.gordonconwell.edu/summerconference2012. Conference registration cost does not include meals. To eat meals on campus during the conference, meals must be purchased in advance.

**Conferences and Cancellations**

- Your cancelled check or credit card statement indicates receipt of your registration. Cancellations must be received by June 1, 2012 to receive a full refund, less a $10 processing fee. Cancellations made by June 8, 2012 will be refunded 50%, less a $10 processing fee. Cancellations after June 8, 2012 will not be refunded.

**Lodging Information**

- A block of rooms has been reserved at the Courtyard Marriott in Danvers and SpringHill Suites in Peabody. Reservations must be made on or before May 30th. After those dates, the group rate will be offered on a space- and rate-available basis. Participants must arrange their own accommodations. Request the “Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary Room Block.”

- The conference will take place in the Academic Center and Chapel, Take Rte. 128 North (toward Gloucester) to Exit 17 (Gravevine Road). Turn left off of the exit ramp and continue past Gordon College. Take your first right onto Rte. 22 (Robby Road). Turn left at the first stop sign (Essax Street). The entrance to Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary will be 200 yards ahead on the right. Follow the “Conference” signs. Transportation to and from the Seminary is not provided.