Tenth Annual Symposium on Law, Religion, and Ethics

Dispute Resolution & the Religious Traditions

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Hamline University School of Law is pleased to announce its Tenth Annual Symposium on Law, Religion and Ethics to be held on Thursday and Friday, September 25-26, 1997 in the new Hamline University Conference Center located adjacent to the Hamline Law School in St. Paul, Minnesota. This year's symposium, "Dispute Resolution & the Religious Traditions," will feature presentations and opportunities for conversation on how various faiths and religious traditions might serve as a resource for understanding, organizing, and undertaking peacemaking and peaceful resolution of conflict through mediation and other forms of dispute resolution. Disputes between individuals and groups, including religious and cultural disputes, will be considered. Conversation will focus on both the theology of the various religious traditions as well as the actual practice of dispute resolution today within and outside of these traditions. Among the questions to be discussed: How is peacemaking and dispute resolution understood within the different faiths and religious traditions? What do Jews, Christians, Muslims, Buddhists, Hindus, and Native Americans, among others, share in their approach to dispute resolution? How do they differ? Can we develop an ecumenical theology of peacemaking? What can the religious traditions learn from the "discipline of mediation" as practiced by lawyers and others? How might people who stand within these religious traditions use their religious faith to mediate disputes between people of similar faith? Would it be a good idea for different religions to set up their own dispute resolution systems and religious courts in the United States as alternative forums for dispute resolution? Would the American practice of law be transformed if dispute resolution systems drew on a variety of religious traditions in shaping the actual practice of mediation?

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