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CLERGY, SCIENCE LEADERS JOIN PUBLIC TO CELEBRATE EVOLUTION WEEKEND 2014

Fulton, Maryland, USA

"Daddy, is that story true or were you just preaching?" This is the title of a book by Pastor James W. Moore and the theme of the 7th annual celebration of [Evolution Weekend](#), an event sponsored globally by [The Clergy Letter Project](#). This theme explores how religious truth and scientific truth are different but complementary ways of understanding creation.

The 2nd annual MD-DC area celebration of Evolution Weekend will be held 6:00-8:45 pm on Sunday, February 9, 2014 at the [Baltimore-Washington Conference Mission Center](#) of the United Methodist Church (11711 E Market PL, Fulton, MD.) Admission is free and open to the general public. The event may also be viewed online by connecting to a live-webcast link posted at www.WesleyNexus.org. Participants will enjoy an evening of scholarship, reflection, and lively discussion led by an on-site panel of distinguished authors and thought leaders: [Dr. Stephen Freeland](#), astrobiologist; [Dr. Richard Restak](#), physician and neurologist; and [Dr. Ilija Delio](#), theologian. The session will be moderated by [Dr. M. Catherine \(Cate\) Bennett](#), neurobiologist and member of Board of Directors of the Institute for Science and Judaism.

In addition to thought-provoking presentations with audience engagement, a drawing will be held for 6 lucky people (and a guest for each) to take part in a specially-arranged *"First Light Tour"* on a date in March to be announced. This private tour of [NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center](#) will be personally led by [Dr. John C. Mather](#), 2006 physics Nobel Laureate. Dr. Mather's research, all but confirming the Big Bang Theory of the expansion of the physical universe, helped inspire [the James Webb Space Telescope \(JWST\)](#). The Webb Telescope will image the very first bright objects that formed after the Big Bang, and reveal new insights about our cosmic history, how planets were formed, how life became possible on Earth, and whether earthlike planets and life may be common in the universe.

As humanity prepares to come into possession of these and other barely conceivable new vistas of knowledge, the complementarity of religious and scientific truths about creation would seem nowhere more poignant than in mankind's earnest contemplation of the relationship between the inspiring grandeur of our universe, life, and the human spirit. Come and join the conversation and share your ideas.

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For more information including presenter biographies, drawings, event schedule, list of sponsors, and links to related resources please visit www.EvolutionWeekendMD.org, email EvolutionWeekendMD@gmail.com, or contact Local Organizing Committee Chair, Gary Sherman, at 301-651-9639 or garybsherman@verizon.net.