A Dialogue for a New Moral Agenda
*a bipartisan, interfaith discussion*

**When:** May 23-24, 2005  
**Where:** The Elliott School, George Washington University (1957 E St NW, Washington, DC)

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**MONDAY, MAY 23rd**

**CHECK-IN**  
10:00 a.m. - 10:25 a.m.

**OPENING STATEMENTS**  
10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.  
Amitai Etzioni, *author of "The Spirit of Community"*

**SESSION 1**  
10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.  
The Basics: moral persuasion versus moral legislation; finding a shared moral language  
**DIALOGUE STARTERS:**  
Christopher Beem, *The Johnson Foundation*  
Linda Chavez, *President of the Center for Equal Opportunity*  
Glenn Smith, *author of “Politics of Deceit”*

(Lunch Break)

**SESSION 2**  
1:45 p.m. – 3:25 p.m.  
The Family, Schools, and Community: initiating and furthering character education  
**DIALOGUE STARTERS:**  
Robert Cochran, *founder of Pepperdine's Institute on Law, Religion, and Ethics*  
Neil Gilbert, *Chernin Professor of Social Welfare, UC Berkeley*

**KEYNOTE ADDRESS**  
3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.  
Wade Horn, *Asst. Secretary for Children and Families, U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services*

**SESSION 3**  
4:15 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.  
Moral Culture and the Media  
**DIALOGUE STARTERS:**  
Rev. Brenda Bartella Peterson, *former DNC Senior Advisor for Religious Outreach*  
Amy Sullivan, *editor of The Washington Monthly*  
Andrew Tyndall, *publisher of The Tyndall Report*
MONDAY, MAY 23rd (cont.)

Private Screening of a new Paramount film release:
“Mad Hot Ballroom”

Eleven-year-old New York City public school kids journey into the world of ballroom dancing and reveal pieces of themselves and their world along the way.

LOCATION: The White-Meyer House (1624 Crescent Place, NW)
TIME: 7 p.m.

Seating is limited, and thus on a first-come first-served basis. Please arrive early if you wish to secure a spot.
A small reception will follow the film.

TUESDAY, MAY 24th

CHECK-IN
8:45 a.m. - 9:05 a.m

SESSION 4
9:10 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.
Moral Evaluation of the 24/7 Society
DIALOGUE STARTERS:
Wayne Baker, author of "America's Crisis of Values: Reality and Perception"
Simone Campbell, Network: A National Catholic Social Justice Lobby

KEYNOTE ADDRESS
10:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Jim Towey, Director of the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives

SESSION 5
11:35 a.m. – 1:05 p.m.
The Global Community: clash, coalitions, or dialogue?
DIALOGUE STARTER:
Douglas Johnston, President of the International Center for Religion and Diplomacy

(Lunch Break)

SESSION 6 – CANCELLED DUE TO SPEAKER ILLNESS
2:35 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Beyond Relativism: are there self-evident truths?
DIALOGUE STARTER:
Ron Thiemann, Harvard Divinity School