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ANNUAL JAMES D. STRAUSS LECTURES

with **C. CHRISTOPHER HOOK, MD**

October 7, 8, 2008

“BIOTECHNOLOGY AND THE CHURCH”

Sponsored by The Issachar Institute

SCHEDULE:

Tuesday, October 7

9:30 a.m.: “Biotechnology and the Church: An Overview of the Issues and Challenges Ahead” (Earl C Hargrove Chapel Auditorium)

10:30 a.m.: Book-signing and Refreshments with Dr. Hook at *Mr. Books Campus Bookstore*

Noon: Brownbag “Q & A” with Dr. Hook in the Warehouse Student Center (moderated by Dr. Paul McAlister, Rochester, MN)

7:00 p.m.: “A Christological Approach to Bioethics” (Restoration Hall, R49)

Wednesday, October 8

9:30 a.m.: “Suffering and God’s Sovereignty: A Physician’s Perspective” (Earl C Hargrove Chapel Auditorium)

**Special Session for Church Leaders with Dr. Michael Sleasman, Center for Bioethics and Human Dignity (CBHD), Trinity International University*

11:00 a.m.: “*Bioengagement* and the Church: A Survey of Resources and Strategies Available to the People of God” (Earl C Hargrove Chapel Auditorium)

C. Christopher Hook, MD, is currently a consultant in Hematology and Internal Medicine in the Special Coagulation Clinic and Laboratory at the world-famous, Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. He is also an assistant professor of medicine in the Mayo Clinic College

of Medicine, and actively involved in ethics education in the Mayo Medical School. He was the founder of the Mayo Clinic Ethics Council (now serving as emeritus consultant), and has been a leader in that institution's development of personnel and publications dealing with bioethics and professional ethical conduct. Chris Hook's expertise in biotechnology and ethics has attracted worldwide attention, involving presentations to such organizations as hospitals and medical schools, faith-based, bioethics-related organizations and conferences, and the US government (he is an ad hoc adviser on nanotechnology ethics). He is also an adjunct faculty member at both Trinity International University, and Covenant Theological Seminary. Dr. Hook is an accomplished writer, contributing numerous articles to bioethics-related books and journals (including the prestigious, *Encyclopedia of Bioethics, 3rd Edition* [Macmillan, 2003]), as well as co-editing such titles as *Cutting Edge Bioethics* (Eerdmans, 2002), and *Bioethics in the New Millennium* (Eerdmans, 2002). He is also the project director of the recently published book of multidisciplinary essays, *Biotechnology and the Human Good* (Georgetown University Press, 2007), authoring two of the book's seven chapters, himself.

Chris Hook is a native of Carlinville, IL, and a graduate of Greenville College. He received his MD from the University of Illinois College of Medicine, and his subsequent training in internal medicine, hematology, and medical oncology from the Mayo Graduate School of Medicine. Most importantly, he is a serious disciple of Jesus Christ, a devoted husband and father, and an active churchman.

We welcome Dr. C. Christopher Hook to the Lincoln campus.

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