

The Gala Celebration A Day of Honor and Gratitude

Please join friends, colleagues, students, alumni, Temple University, and the City of Philadelphia in honoring

Professor Leonard Swidler

THE MAN AND HIS WORK

Sunday, April 26, 2009

4:00 p.m. Reception

4:45 p.m. Gala Program

Alter Hall, Fox School of Business
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Len requests that all gifts be directed to the JES/Dialogue Institute, a 501(c)(3) organization.



The 80th Birthday

Professor Swidler turned 80 in January, 2009. His life-long career is known for pioneering work in feminism and human rights as well as ecumenism and interreligious dialogue. His interest in business and social ethics transcends disciplines. He has published more than 180 articles and 70 books, several of which will be on display. The Dialogue Institute was organized to carry forward his work.



The 45th Anniversary

The *Journal of Ecumenical Studies* began in 1964, co-founded by Leonard Swidler and his beloved wife, Arlene. The first of its kind, this peer-reviewed academic journal provides a global forum for scholars and religious leaders to further ecumenical and interreligious dialogue with high-caliber intellectual inquiry.



The Leonard and Arlene Swidler Chair in Interreligious Dialogue

This combined legacy is now assured at the Department of Religion at Temple University through the generosity of Harry Halloran, CEO of the Pennsylvania-based American Refining Group. A former Catholic seminarian, Halloran is an advocate for religious tolerance and an innovator in the areas of sustainable energy and business ethics. This is the first endowed Chair in the College of Liberal Arts.

Global and inclusive, the *Journal of Ecumenical Studies* and the Dialogue Institute provide resources; train religious, civic, and academic leaders in the skills of critical thinking and respectful dialogue; and create networks of support for those doing interreligious scholarship, dialogue, and social action.



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