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TEXAS COALITION TO ABOLISH THE DEATH PENALTY

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Impending Executions

Please note that dates are tentative.

January 2008

1/17 Bobby Woods #406

February 2008

2/21 Karl Chamberlain #407

Please note that the numbers are for Texas Executions since 1982 and subject to change.

It is likely that no executions will occur in Texas until the Supreme Court makes a ruling on the Kentucky case that is considering whether the current lethal injection protocol constitutes cruel and unusual punishment. A ruling is expected early next year.

2007 not ending quietly!

Texas Death Penalty Developments in 2007: The Year in Review

On December 7, TCADP released a report on the state of the death penalty in Texas in 2007, a year distinguished by numerous twists and turns on this issue on several fronts. The report will present information on executions, stays, new death sentences; judicial and legislative activity; and developments with the state's criminal justice system. December 7 marks the 25th anniversary of the resumption of executions in Texas – and the nation's first execution via lethal injection – and it comes at a time of unprecedented scrutiny both of lethal injection as a method of execution and of the death penalty itself. Even Texas, which leads the nation in the use of the death penalty, has felt the impact and implications of this period of intense review. Read the report online www.tcadp.org/contents/2007annualreport.pdf.

Music for Life in San Antonio, Corpus Christi, and Houston

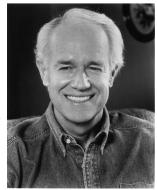
The Sara Hickman concert series is rolling through Texas cities, after kicking off in Austin in October and visiting Huntsville in November. Each concert has helped raise awareness of the death penalty, reached new audiences, and provided new contacts to help TCADP generate dialogue on the issue throughout the state. In December, Shelley King will be joining Sara in San Antonio with former prosecutor Sam Millsap, and Roger Barnes, Ph.D. as speakers. Stacey Earle will play with Sara in Corpus Christi, and Trish Murphy will join Sara in Houston. Check page 4 for tour locations and dates. Spread the word and come out for some great music with a message!

Seeking Justice in Texas...Educating For Life - Saturday, January 26, 2008

The TCADP Annual Conference to be held in Houston promises to be another great opportunity to organize, learn, and meet others from across the state who are working diligently in their communities and the Texas Legislature to end the death penalty in our state.

During the conference, participants will learn about the latest developments concerning the issue of the death penalty. There will be time to brainstorm, network and celebrate our victories. Workshops will offer participants the opportunity to develop skills to spread our message and make new ground on ending the death penalty in Texas.

This year's conference has a number of exciting elements, with Mike Farrell, the president of California's Death Penalty Focus as the keynote speaker, table talks during lunch, a special pri-



Mike Farrell Keynote Speaker

vate workshop for families of death row inmates, and door prizes. Check out all the details on **the colored insert** and send in your registration found on page 8 or register easily online at www.tcadp.org.

Contact Vicki (info@tcadp.org) to learn about advertising and tabling opportunities.

A Note from the Chair Rick Halperin, President

The seemingly unimaginable has occurred: 2007 will end with no executions having occurred in this country or state since September 25, a period of more than three months. The last time the United States experienced a month without an execution was December 2004.

The U.S. Supreme Court decided earlier this fall to take a case originating from two death row inmates in Kentucky (*Baze v. Rees*). The court will consider whether the combination of three drugs used to sedate and kill prisoners – and the way these drugs are administered – have the potential to cause pain severe enough to violate the constitutional ban on cruel and unusual punishment. Lethal injection is the primary method of execution used by the federal government, the U.S. military, and 37 of the 38 death penalty states, with the sole exception of Nebraska, which uses the electric chair.

The Supreme Court's decision to review the nature of lethal injection has effectively ended executions until the justices render their decision, which is anticipated by the end of June 2008. As a result, our nation will end 2007 having carried out 42 executions, 26 of which occurred here in Texas. No other state executed more than 3 inmates. This is the lowest national yearly total since 31 inmates were put to death in 1994.

The Supreme Court has allowed only one execution to go forward since agreeing to hear the Kentucky case: Michael Richard was executed in Texas on September 25 – the same day the court said it would hear the lethal injection challenge. Richard's execution was given the green light by Sharon Keller, the chief justice of the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, who decided that "the Court closes at 5:00" and that Richard's lawyers were not entitled to a 20-minute extension to file the paperwork that might have spared their client's life. All scheduled executions since then – both in Texas and around the country – have been stayed by state or federal courts.

On December 7, 2007, TCADP will release its first review of the state of the death penalty in Texas. That date marks the 25^{th} anniversary of the resumption of executions in Texas – and the nation's first execution via lethal injection. It seems fitting that we will observe this anniversary at a time when lethal injection – and the death penalty itself – are being subjected to unprecedented scrutiny.

TCADP's report will highlight death penalty developments over this past year – the good (the creation of the West Texas Regional Public Defender for Capital Murder Cases office and the commutation of Kenneth Foster's death sentence), the bad (the 400th execution in Texas and the 100th out of Harris County since 1982)..., and the ugly (the passage of Jessica's Law, which expands the scope of the death penalty in Texas). It also will include notable breakthroughs, such as

the *Dallas Morning News* Editorial Board's announcement in April that the paper would reverse a more than 100-year-old position of supporting the death penalty to call instead for its complete abolition in Texas. It is the second newspaper in Texas to call for abolition, following the *Austin American-Statesman*.

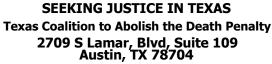
Overall, there are many encouraging trends happening both within Texas in particular and the nation in general. TCADP seeks to take ad-

vantage of this temporary halt in executions to ramp up our efforts to raise awareness, educate the public, and engage in constructive dialogue with our fellow Texans through such efforts as the "Music for Life" Concert Series with Sara Hickman, our ongoing outreach to faith communities, and our annual conference, which will take place in Houston on Saturday, January 26, 2008. (Make plans to join us now.)

With your steadfast participation and support, TCADP will remain active, visible, and uncompromising in our ultimate quest to attain a death penalty-free state, country, and world.







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Mail your name, address, and phone number with annual donation to Austin office to receive quarterly newsletters. All donations are tax-deductible. Thank you! If you are already a member and would like to receive the TCADP newsletter via email, send your name and email address to info@tcadp.org.

Update on Mental Illness and the Death Penalty Postcard Campaign

By Kristin Houlé

Many thanks to everyone who has signed and returned a postcard calling for a prohibition on the death penalty for offenders with severe mental illness and for increased funding for mental healthcare in Texas. Since launching this campaign in September, we have distributed more than 2,000 postcards and have collected signatures from hundreds of concerned citizens throughout the state (and around the world). A special shout out goes to Amnesty International Group 23 in Houston, which collected 100 signed postcards in a single afternoon (and is hard at work gathering more)!

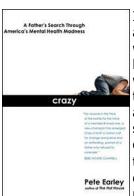
Help us reach our goal of collecting 1000 signed postcards by the end of 2007. In an exciting development, the League of Women Voters of Texas has endorsed the campaign and has encouraged its members to participate by distributing information about mental illness and the death penalty and collecting signatures on postcards.

Please help TCADP reach our goal of collecting 1,000 signed postcards by the end of the year! Gather signatures on any blank postcards you may have in your possession and mail them back to TCADP. Or, contact the office to request cards for use at tabling events, meetings, or other outreach opportunities in your community. Anyone who signs can keep the top half of the postcard and return the bottom half to us. Contact Kristin at khoule@tcadp.org or 512-441-1808 for more information or to request postcards.

Book Review:

<u>Crazy: A Father's Search Through America's</u>
Mental Health Madness.

By Pete Earley. G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2006.



In this fascinating and disturbing book, author and journalist Pete Earley begins with the story of his son's struggle with bipolar disorder and his interactions with the criminal justice system. He then traces the origins of deinstitutionalization in the United States and the shift to community-based treatment centers and illustrates the way these trends have led to the increased incarceration of offenders with mental illness.

Earley spent a year investigating the Miami-Dade County jail in Florida, where he shadowed inmates and interviewed correctional officers, prosecutors, judges, psychiatrists, family members, and others whose lives have been impacted by the increased criminalization of those with mental illness. The result is a compassionate, honest, and appalling look at one of the most important issues of our time - responding to those with mental illness. This book both raises critical questions and provides hopeful solutions and is a must read for anyone interested in the state of mental health treatment in the United States.

Go to <u>www.peteearley.com</u> for more information and to view a list of Earley's speaking engagements around the country.

Mental Illness and the Death Penalty Organizing Packets Are Still Available!

TCADP's new Organizing Packet contains everything you've ever wanted to know about the intersection of mental illness and the death penalty in Texas. In the resource guide, you will find these materials:

- Talking Points on Mental Illness and the Death Penalty
- Key Terms and Legal Statutes Related to Mental Illness
- Ideas for Action
- Discussion Guide for "Executing the Insane: The Case of Scott Panetti"
- Available Speakers on Mental Illness and the Death Penalty
- Executions of Offenders with Severe Mental Illness in Texas (a compilation of all known cases)
- Resources on Mental Illness and the Death Penalty

The organizing packet also includes:

- Mental Illness and the Death Penalty in Texas: Know the Facts
- In-Depth Case Studies on James Colburn, Monty Delk, Scott Panetti, Kelsey Patterson, and Larry Robison
- "Executing the Insane: The Case of Scott Panetti" DVD
- Mental Illness and the Death Penalty Postcards
- American Bar Association Recommendation on the Death Penalty and Persons with Mental Disabilities

You can use these resources to help reduce the stigmas associated with mental illness in this country, to launch a broader dialogue about the death penalty in Texas, and to take action in your community. Contact Kristin at khoule@tcadp.org or 512-441-1808 to request a packet, or download some of this information online at http://www.tcadp.org/news.php.



How you can help with the TCADP Strategic Plan

Strategic Plan Update: Dozens of Faith Communities Organize Activities in October!!

From El Paso to Richardson and from Odessa to Houston, dozens of faith communities throughout Texas devoted some time in October to the death penalty issue. Here are a few examples of activities that took place:

- First United Methodist Church of Austin hosted the Music for Life Tour with Sara Hickman, providing space, volunteers, and a speaker, Rev. John McMullen, senior pastor. Rev. McMullen preached against the use of the death penalty the previous Sunday to raise the dialogue in his own congregation in preparation for the coming concert.
- At Northwoods Unitarian Universalist Church in The Woodlands, Reverend Benjamin Maucere delivered a sermon entitled "Vengeance Is Mine," which examined the death penalty in light of Unitarian Universalist values. Church member Anne Geyer also provided literature on the death penalty to the congregation.
- At St. Joseph Catholic Church in Richardson, Texas, parishioners watched "The Empty Chair" and held a discussion. Parishioner Laura Wilder participated in a ministry fair, where she distributed information on the death penalty and gathered signatures on the Abolition Petition.
- St. Thomas More Parish in Austin hosted a two-day seminar on the Sanctity of Life. It featured speakers who, through faith, were able to make life-giving decisions: parents who supported a daughter through an unplanned pregnancy, a wife who cared for a husband dying of cancer, and a family who lost a son to murder and speak out against the death penalty. Other speakers encouraged participants to become involved in working for life issues and shared examples of their work in the areas of homelessness, immigration, the death penalty and child abuse.

Numerous faith communities provided their congregations with information about the death penalty and organized literature tables. More than a dozen churches hosted speakers from the Journey of Hope... From Violence to Healing; others are supporting the Music for Life Concert Series with Sara Hickman and other TCADP initiatives.

If you are interested in organizing a program on the death penalty with your faith community, please contact the TCADP office. We can provide you with speakers, films and discussion guides, and information on the death penalty from particular faith-based perspectives.



MUSIC FOR LIFE TOUR

Featuring

Sara Hickman & Friends

Raising the Dialogue on the Death Penalty in Texas
www.tcadp.org/musictour.php

KICKOFF: October 3, 7:00pm First United Methodist Church, Austin

November 7: Olson Auditorium Sam Houston State Univ., Huntsville

December 8: First Unitarian Universalist Church - San Antonio w/Shelley King

19 Co-Sponsors for this concert! Consider becoming a co-sponsor to the concert in your area too!

January 14: Burning Bush Coffeehouse, Corpus Christi w/Stacey Earle

February 6: Station Museum of Contemporary Art, **Houston** w/Trish Murphy

April 9: Club 101, El Paso w/ Mayor John Cooke

July 20: Cathedral of Hope, Dallas

August 23: Jefferson Freedom Café, Ft. Worth

September 18: **Waco** w/ Austin Lounge Lizards

March, May, June: TBA

FINALE: October 8 - Austin



12 CITIES - 12 MONTHS

LISTEN, LEARN, AND HAVE FUN!

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Seeking Justice in Texas... Educating for Life





January 26, 2008
Saturday

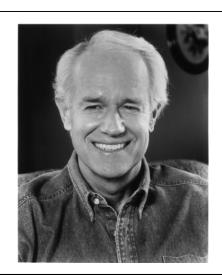
Crowne Plaza Houston West 14703 Park Row Houston, TX 77079 (IH 10 and HWY 6)

Keynote Speaker:

Mike Farrell

President of Death Penalty Focus

Star of M*A*S*H and Providence



- Lunch Table discussions on specific topics
 - Annual Courage & Appreciation Awards
- Register online at www.tcadp.org or contact our office at 512 441-1808.
 - Adult and Student registration rates available.
- Book Signing with Mike Farrell
 - Door Prizes
 - **WORKSHOPS:**



- How to Engage Faith Communities
- How to Answer the Tough Questions
- Private Session for Families of Death Row Inmates



Seeking Justice in Texas... Educating for Life

Saturday, January 26, 2008

Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty Annual Conference

Conference Program

8:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00 General Membership Meeting

10:15 Keynote Address/Book Signing

11:45 Lunch: Roundtable Discussions and Award Presentations

1:30 Plenary Session: Seeking Justice... Educating Ourselves

2:30 Workshops (Choice of one)

How to Engage Faith Communities

What do you need to know about faith communities before you launch a religious outreach program? This workshop will guide participants in working with religious leaders and all people of faith and help answer questions such as these.

How to Answer Tough Questions

Have you ever been stumped by one of those tough questions about the death penalty? This workshop will address some of the common death penalty arguments and help participants learn to respond in ways that promote constructive conversation.

• How to Reach New Audiences

Who's missing in our work against the death penalty? This workshop will guide participants in ways to expand the dialogue on the death penalty to new groups and organizations.

 Private Session for Families of Death Row Inmates

This will be a free form session for families of death row inmates driven by their needs and questions. Several resource people will be present to moderate and be available to answer questions and offer suggestions and assistance.

4:00 Group Sharing Session: Seeking Justice... Educating our Communities & Door Prizes

5:15 Adjourn and begin Educating for Life!

Conference Cost

Advance registration (payable by cash, credit card, check or money order):

Standard — \$45 Secure or options a

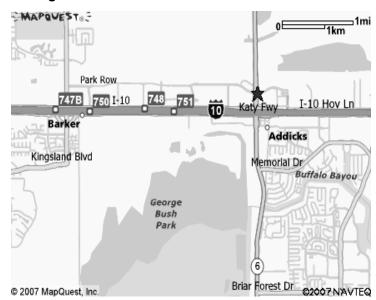
On-site registration — \$55

Secure online registration options are available at www.tcadp.org.

Note: A limited number of scholarship registrations are available. Please contact Sherry Coombes at (512) 339-9574 for more information.

Registration information is available at **www.tcadp.org** or (512) 441-1808.

Registration fee includes breakfast and luncheon.



The Crowne Plaza Hotel West is located at approximately HW 6 and IH -10, west of Houston. To get specific directions, go to the hotel website for Crowne Plaza Hotel IH-10 West and click on map and directions. You may also get directions through www.mapquest.com. Address: 14703 Park Row, Houston, TX 77079

Accommodations

Crowne Plaza Houston West 14703 Park Row Houston, TX 77079

www.cphoustonwest.com

To make reservations, call 1-888-252-9879 by January 11, 2008 and mention that you are with the TCADP Conference to receive the special rate of \$85.00 per night.

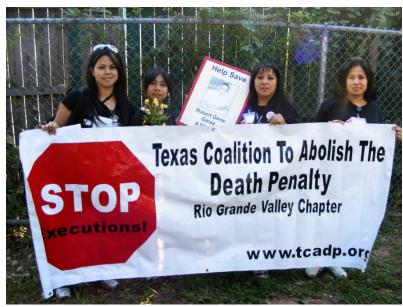
TCADP Chapter News

The **Beaumont** chapter has new leaders, Bob and Sharon Gazaway. If you would like to support their efforts to reorganize and energize TCADP in the Beaumont area, please contact Bob at beaumont@tcadp.org.

Chapters in all areas are always seeking more participation in events and programs. Contact your local chapter or regional representative to see how you can become involved. If there is not a chapter in your area, consider becoming a regional representative or take the steps to organize a chapter.

The Rio Grande
Valley Chapter
of TCADP
participating
in the
Annual March
in
Houston, TX
in October.

www.tcadp.org/ riogrande.php



Because of the vast size of Texas, Chapters and Regional Representatives are the key to helping TCADP overcome the unique challenge of organizing over such a large area. Chapters, through their work in the local areas, are the face of TCADP in communities and need to be a vibrant part of the organization to help with fundraising, education, and membership growth.

Would you like to organize a TCADP chapter in your community? (from Chapter 3 of TCADP By-laws):

- **3.01 General.** To be recognized as an official chapter member of the corporation, a group must have at least five listed members and the group must have had at least two consecutive quarterly meetings attended by at least three of those members. After being recognized as an official chapter member, the Chapters must continue to meet the requirements specified in Article 3.03 of these bylaws.
- **3.02 New Chapters.** Groups that are desirous of becoming a chapter of the Corporation must submit an application describing the group, its members and what it plans to accomplish as a chapter. New chapters must be approved by a 2/3 vote of the Board of Directors.
- **3.03 Duties and Responsibilities.** Chapters must follow the By-laws, policies and procedures established by the Board. Chapters are expected to support the goals and activities of the corporation and, as a minimum, hold quarterly meetings, and provide a quarterly report of their actions and activities.
- **3.04 Fundraising.** Chapters may conduct fundraising for chapter activities and may have a local bank account.
- **3.05 Dues.** Persons become members of the Corporation through the payment of established dues and automatically become members of the local chapter where they reside. Chapters may solicit donations from their members in order to generate operating funds.

To begin the process of organizing a chapter or becoming a regional representative, please contact **info@tcadp.org**.

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Thank You for Your Generous Support

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TCADP thanks the following members and donors who have contributed generously from **Aug 18**, **2007 – Nov 12**, **2007.** Your financial assistance is essential for TCADP to continue to GROW its advocacy and education efforts to end the death penalty in Texas. Forgive us if we have missed you and please let us know. In some instances we do not have spouses names.

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TCADP urges all members to keep their dues current. Maintaining your membership is important for a variety of reasons. We need to be able to count the number of people against the death penalty, particularly those who are willing to back it up with a financial investment. **Thank you for your generous support!**

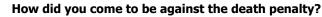
Organizing Tip...

- **Start with a solid foundation.** Build a group with strong leadership, direction, and resources.
- Be patient. Your knowledge will grow while you become more involved in organizing. Tap into local resources for more information, and read up on the issues.
- Think ahead. Grassroots organizing works best through advance planning. A carefully constructed plan can mean the difference between achieving your goals and missing them.
- Stay focused. It is tempting to work on everything at once. The most effective groups are those that prioritize goals, remain focused on achieving them, and use their resources wisely.
- Make it easy for people to get involved. Find simple and specific ways volunteers can voice their support and take action.
- Keep it fresh. Always look for new ways to become better organized.
- Stick with it. Grassroots organizing is tough but incredibly rewarding. Think of immediate organizing tasks as building blocks, and always keep the ultimate goal in mind.
- Never give up. Organizing setbacks are temporary.
 When challenges to your organizing efforts and the issue seem daunting, work to increase your base of support and develop more action plans.

Member Spotlight...

James Donovan

of San Antonio, TX



Can't remember. Have always been against it.

How did you learn about the Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty?

From my friends Roger and Karin Barnes

What are your expectations in becoming a member of TCADP for yourself?

None in particular...just wish to be in solidarity with people working on this issue.

What do you think is standing in the way of ending the death penalty in Texas?

Education. We are stiff-necked, conservative, and slow to learn.

What is the most compelling argument for you that the death penalty is wrong?

Thou shalt not kill.

What other societal issues concern you?

War, other violence, the environment, social justice, and the role of large companies in all of this.

What other organizations are you a member of?

Pax Christi, ACLU, Socially Responsible Investment Coalition, Democrats, American Institute of CPA's, Texas Society of CPAs...

What are your gifts, hobbies, and areas of expertise?

I am a CPA with a particular interest in corporate sustainability performance and reporting.





WIN A PRIZE IN TCADP MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Time is running out but it is not too late to qualify for a prize in the TCADP Membership Drive Contest, with first, second, and third place prizes offered to the individuals bringing in the greatest number of new members between September 1 and December 31, 2007. In an effort to increase TCADP's educational outreach and to amplify the collective voice against the death penalty, the Committee is offering the following prizes to the three individuals who recruit the most new members: (See end of article for contest quidelines and rules.)

GRAND PRIZE (offered to the person who recruits the greatest number of new members—minimum to qualify for prize 10 new members): TWO FREE ADMISSIONS TO THE 2008 ANNUAL TCADP CONFER-ENCE IN HOUSTON WITH ONE (double room) FREE NIGHT IN THE CROWNE PLAZA HOUSTON WEST HOTEL DURING THE CONFERENCE (limited to hotel room cost only), and signed copies of Sara Hickman's SPIRITUAL APPLIANCES, NEWBORN and MOTHERLODE CD's.

RUNNER UP PRIZE (offered to the person who recruits the second greatest number of new membersminimum to qualify for prize 6 new members): TWO FREE ADMISSIONS TO THE 2008 ANNUAL CON-FERENCE IN HOUSTON, and signed copies of Sara Hickman's SPIRITUAL APPLIANCES CD.

APPRECIATION AWARD (offered to the person who recruits the third greatest number of new members—minimum to qualify for prize 4 new members): ONE FREE ADMISSION TO THE 2008 ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN HOUSTON, and signed copies of Sara Hickman's SPIRITUAL APPLIANCES CD.

CONTEST GUIDELINES AND RULES: Category prizes will be awarded to individuals who recruit no fewer than the minimum number of new members defined above. For example, if the greatest number of new members recruited by any individual is 7, the Grand Prize will be Two Free Tickets to the Conference only, etc. No person who is presently listed in the TCADP membership database may be counted as a new member. New members **MUST** pay membership dues when joining TCADP to be counted. Although all members are encouraged to donate more, the minimum membership fee is \$30 per person or \$50 per joint membership for a regular annual membership or \$15 per student/limited income annual membership. New members **MUST** indicate on their checks, membership forms, or in some other type of written communication the first and last names of the individual who recruited them. Credit for new member recruitment will be given only to individuals who have some kind of written documentation of their recruitment.

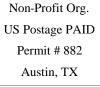
New member forms may be downloaded from the TCADP website **www.tcadp.org/contents/memberform.org** or obtained through the TCADP office at 2709 S. Lamar Blvd. #109, Austin, TX. 78704. The website also takes online donations.

Forms and fees should be mailed to Sherry Coombes, Treasurer TCADP, 1604 Garnaas Dr., Austin, TX. 78758. In case of a tie, prizes will be based on the actual dollar amounts received per recruiter. The contest ends December 31, **2007** at midnight, with no exceptions. Winners will be notified by the TCADP treasurer. If you have questions, vou may call Sherry Coombes at 512-339-9574 or Vicki McCuistion at 512-441-1808.

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\$ Enclosed is an additional contrib	oution to support TCA	DP.				
TCADP member that referred you: (for the membership drive contest)						

TEXAS COALITION TO ABOLISH THE DEATH PENALTY

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Congratulations to the TCADP Annual Courage Award Winner: The Dallas Morning News Editorial Board, and Appreciation Award Winners: Bishop Joseph Fiorenza and Genevieve Tarlton Hearon.

Awards will be presented during the TCADP 2008 Annual Conference.

REGISTER TODAY!

2008 TCADP Annual Conference Saturday, January 26, 2008 Houston, TX

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(\$55 on-site registration fee)	Fine:I/Dhana.
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