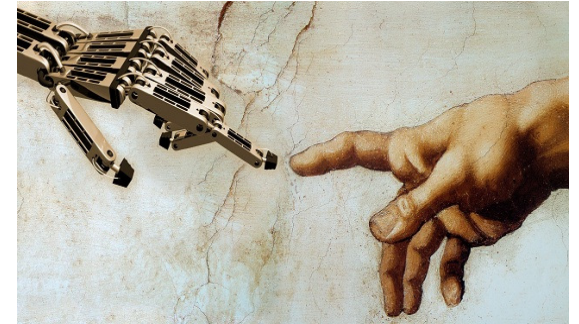


2022 Virilina District Ministers and Spouses Retreat



Science Fiction and Theology

February 25-26, 2022
WE Skelton 4-H Center

Leader: Steven J. Schweitzer,
Academic Dean and
Professor, Bethany
Theological Seminary

Directions to 4-H Center

From Rt. 220 South: take Rocky Mount exit for Rt. 40 East / Old Franklin Turnpike. Go 3.6 miles and turn left onto 655 / Webster Road. Stay right to stay on 655. Go just over 3 miles and turn left at stop sign onto 834 / Brooks Mill Road. Continue on 834 for 3.9 miles. Turn right at stop sign onto 670 / Burnt Chimney Road. Continue directions below.

From Rt. 220 North: turn on 697 / Wirtz Road
Go 5 miles to the stop sign. At stop sign, turn left onto Rt. 122 N (Booker T. Washington Highway). Go 1 mile to Burnt Chimney Road

Turn right onto 670 / Burnt Chimney Road. Follow Burnt Chimney Rd. for 6.7 miles to 668.

Turn right onto 668 / Lovely Valley Road. Follow for 0.7 miles to the stop sign. Turn right onto 944 / Crafts Ford Road. Follow for 1.6 miles to a sharp curve. Turn left onto 669 / Hermitage Road.

Follow Hermitage Rd. to the W.E. Skelton 4-H Center.

Reid Jones, Jr. Lodge will be second building on the right.

775 Hermitage Rd, Wirtz, VA 24184



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Please mail this completed form and check made payable to

Virilina District by **October 8, 2021** to:

Virilina District Resource Center
3402 Plantation Road NE
Roanoke, VA, 24012

"Ah Lord God! It is you who made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched arm! Nothing is too hard for you."

Jeremiah 32:17

Science Fiction and Theology:

Exploring strange new worlds together...

FRIDAY

5:30 Registration and Gathering

6:30 Snack Supper

7:00 Evening Worship

7:15-9:15 **SESSION 1:**

SciFi Intro and Star Wars

SATURDAY

8:30 Breakfast

9:30 **SESSION 2:**

Star Trek

11:30 Free Time

12:00 Lunch

1:30 **SESSION 3:**

Doctor Who (and some Wrap-up discussion)

3:30 session ends

3:45 Closing Reflection and Sending Forth

4:00 Departure

.6 CEU available

All ministers and spouses of ministers are invited to attend!

The Commission on Ministry will provide scholarship for up to 50% for those in need.

WHAT TO BRING

- Overnight items (linens and towels are provided)
- Snack item to share
- Bible and note-taking materials (optional)

COST

\$150.00 for couple or double occupancy

\$100.00 for single occupancy

\$40.00 for commuter (meals, no lodging)

Topic:

Science Fiction is extremely popular in our wider culture. The genre is filled with theological themes: who is God, what does it mean to be human, what is the nature of evil, is war or violence necessary, to name only a few. We will explore examples from widely popular SciFi series—Star Wars, Star Trek, and Doctor Who—that allow connections between theology and culture.

About

Steve Schweitzer regularly teaches on Chronicles-Ezra-Nehemiah and Science Fiction and Theology at Bethany. He has offered Insight Sessions at Annual Conference and workshops within districts and congregations. He and his family attend Cedar Grove CoB in the Southern Ohio/Kentucky district.

2022 Ministers and Spouses Retreat • Registration Form

Name(s): _____

Congregation: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

_____ Single (\$100.00) _____ Couple (\$150.00) _____ Commuter (\$40.00/person – no lodging)

Food allergies/restrictions: _____