

# Ecumenical Theology

## Religious Basic Training For Leadership In The Family Of God

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This is an offer to lead a year-long seminar at St. Thomas Episcopal Church on the subject of ecumenical theology. Details are:

- The purpose of this seminar is an assimilation of intellectual and moral content.
- Meetings are for clarification of material already digested, through recitation and disputation – the reverse of ordinary pedagogical procedure.
- Significant dedication to a large amount of work and effacement of personal interests, including “sense of self-esteem [AKA ego],” is expected.
- There will be no exploration of ideas or issues brought by participants.
- An individual evidencing non-preparation will be dismissed from the meeting and the remainder of the seminar.
- One third of participants must be between the ages of 12 and 28.
- If less than one third of participants in any meeting is between the ages of 12 and 28, that meeting and the remainder of the seminar

will be terminated.

- Meetings commence September 2001 and finish August 2002.
- Meetings will be at St. Thomas Episcopal Church from 1400 to 1800 hours on the third Sunday of each month.
- Two meetings will be devoted to the primary work of each of six figures: Gregory Bateson, Teilhard de Chardin, Paul Tillich, Baha'u'llah, Valmiki/Sathya Sai Baba and Seers of Tibet.

## **Seminar Schedule**

### **September/October 2001**

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

Primary: *The Phenomenon of Man*

Secondary: *The Divine Milieu*

Tertiary: *The Future of Man*

### **November/December 2001**

Baha'u'llah

Primary: *The Hidden Words*

Secondary: *The Seven Valleys*

Tertiary: *God, His Manifestations, and Man*

### **January/February 2002**

Gregory Bateson

Primary: *Mind and Nature*  
Secondary: *Steps to an Ecology of Mind*  
*A Sacred Unity: Further Steps to an Ecology of Mind*  
Tertiary: *Angels Fear: Towards an Epistemology of the Sacred*

### **March/April 2002**

Valmiki/Bhagavan Sri Sathya Sai Baba  
[\*Ramakatha Rasa Vahini\*](#)  
([\*The Rama Story, Stream of Sacred Sweetness, Ramayana\*](#))

### **May/June 2002**

Paulus Johannes Tillich  
Primary: *Systematic Theology Vols. 1-3*  
Secondary: *Theology of Culture*  
Tertiary: *A History of Christian Thought*, ed., Carl E. Braaten

### **July/August 2002**

Seers of Tibet  
*Bardo Thodol (The Tibetan Book of the Dead)*

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