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Faith and Arms in a Democratic Society:
A Working Conference on Religion in the Military
November 13-14, 2009

Friday, November 13, Yale Divinity School, 409 Prospect St., New Haven

5:00—6:00 p.m. Registration Common Room

6:00—6:30 p.m. Welcome Common Room

Kristen Leslie and Eugene Fidell
Emilie Townes, Academic Dean, YDS
Sharon Kugler, University Chaplain

7:15 p.m. Speaker Marquand Chapel

Introduction – Prof. Leslie
Anne C. Loveland, Ph.D.
Department of History (Retired)
Louisiana State University
– “Military Chaplains in Cultural Transition, 1946 to the Present”

8:00 p.m. Dessert and Informal Conversation Common Room

Saturday, November 14, Yale Law School, 127 Wall St., New Haven

8:30—9:00 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast Room 120

9:00 a.m. Welcome

Prof. Fidell
Dean Post

9:15—10:45 a.m. Panel I Room 120

“The State and the Church: Constitutional Issues”
Constitutional framing
Ecclesiastical endorsement issues

Religious activity in non-Western operational settings
Personnel issues: accession/promotion/training
Contemporary issues: “dipping the colors,”
prayer breakfasts, etc.

11:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

Room 120

Panel II

“Pastors to Some, Chaplains to All: Pastoral Implications for Chaplains”

Ministry in a pluralistic environment

Accommodation (food, apparel, Sabbath observance)

Outreach, proselytization, and evangelism

The Minister-Penitent Privilege: doctrine and practice

Special challenges at the Service Academies

12:45—2:00 p.m.

Lunch Address

Faculty Lounge

Introduction – Prof. Fidell

Jeff Sharlet “When Democracy Is Not Enough”

Visiting Research Scholar

Center for Religion and Media

New York University

2:15—3:45 p.m.

Panel III

Room 120

“The Path Ahead for Chaplaincy: Issues for the Future”

Dispute resolution and reconciliation within the Chaplains Corps

Relations with civilian clergy

Institution building: a “Camp David” for Chaplains?

3:45 p.m.

Closing Remarks

4:00 p.m.

Reception

Faculty Lounge

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