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Taproot Theatre announces Annual Church Drama Conference for Artists of Faith

New format at Taproot's theater plus performance of *The God Committee*

[Seattle, WA] Artists of faith have the opportunity to enhance their theatre skills and gain insight as an artist at the 12th Annual Church Drama Conference at Taproot Theatre in Seattle, WA. The conference begins at 8:45 a.m. and continues through 5:15 p.m. on Friday, February 9. The conference includes classes, discussions, workshops, continental breakfast and lunch. Conference participants can purchase a discounted ticket to the evening performance of *The God Committee*, including a special post-play discussion with director and Taproot Theatre founder, Scott Nolte. Performance tickets for conference participants are \$25. Registration fee for the day long conference is \$75 per person. Registration forms are available online at www.taproottheatre.org, or by contacting Sara Willy at (206) 781-9705 or saraw@taproottheatre.org.

Taproot Theatre's Church Drama Conference is a unique gathering of theatre artists of faith. Through a wide variety of class sessions including acting, directing, playwriting, producing, and technical production attendees will learn techniques, tools and tips to grow as a Christian artist. The annual conference features classes taught by theatre professionals. Past teachers include actor, director and playwright, Jeff Berryman; playwright and screenwriter, Sean Gaffney; theatre and film director, Karen Lund; actress Candace Vance, and actor Sam Vance. The conference is perfect for teachers, youth leaders, worship and drama directors, pastors and any artist of faith who is looking to refine and build their theatre craft.

Taproot Theatre's 2007 season opens with the Regional Premiere, *The God Committee*, a riveting medical drama. It's a matter of life and death at St. Patrick's hospital. Seven medical professionals decide the fate of the next organ transplant. Four patients on the table. One heart. How will they decide? Science, money and morality clash in this

riveting drama. *The God Committee* is produced in partnership with the Living Legacy Foundation. At the conclusion of every performance, theatre patrons can choose to save lives by registering as organ and tissue donors.

Registration for Taproot Theatre's Church Drama Conference is \$75 per person and includes classes, discussions, workshops, continental breakfast and lunch. Tickets for the Friday evening performance of *The God Committee* are \$25 per person. The ticket price includes a special post-play discussion with director and Taproot Theatre founder Scott Nolte. For more information or to register, contact Sara Willy at (206) 781-9705 or saraw@taproottheatre.org. Visit Taproot Theatre's website for updated class schedules and information, www.taproottheatre.org. Taproot Theatre's Church Drama Conference is held at 204 N. 85th St. in Seattle.

Taproot Theatre Company is a professional, non-profit theatre company with a multi-faceted production program. Founded in 1976, Taproot Theatre serves the Pacific Northwest with Mainstage Productions, Touring Productions and Acting Studio. Taproot exists to create theatre that explores the beauty and questions of life while bringing hope to our search for meaning. Taproot Theatre Company is a member of Theatre Communications Group (TCG), Theatre Puget Sound (TPS), and the Greenwood-Phinney Chamber of Commerce.

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