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## *Dr. Warren Kay Draws Parallels Between Theology and Running*

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. – The Dimensions program at Gardner-Webb University welcomes Dr. Warren Kay, a professor from Merrimack College who specializes in historical and systematic theology as well as the interaction of science and religion. The program will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 9 at 9:25 a.m. in Paul Porter Arena, located in the Lutz-Yelton Convocation Center.

Kay received the John Templeton Science and Religion Course Program Award in 1997 for a course he taught during sabbatical in Prague, Czech Republic. His research spans from New Testament Greek to the life and work of Mendel, the father of genetics, both of which topics can be found either in his lectures or published works. Kay has also served as assistant coach for Merrimack's cross-country and track teams and has taught a course on "The Spirituality of Running." His book, "Running – The Sacred Art: Preparing to Practice," covers the same material and was published in 2007.

"We're honored to have an experienced coach and professor of theology on our campus to discuss the relationship between the Christian life and running," said Tracy Jessup, vice president for Christian Life and Service and senior minister at Gardner-Webb. "I'm proud of the way in which Gardner-Webb University encourages our community of faith and learning to practice a healthy lifestyle."

Gardner-Webb University's Dimensions programs are free and open to the public. The goal of Dimensions is to enhance the spiritual, intellectual, and cultural life of the University and also to promote a sense of community. Dimensions programs are held on Tuesdays at 9:25 a.m. in the Lutz-Yelton Convocation Center (LYCC). More information is available at 704-406-4277.

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