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RELIGION & ETHICS NEWSWEEKLY LAUNCHES WEB PAGE FOCUSING ON RELIGION AND 2008 PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN

Washington, D.C. — The acclaimed PBS newsmagazine show *RELIGION & ETHICS NEWSWEEKLY*, produced by Thirteen/WNET New York, has launched a special page on its award-winning Web site that will focus on religion and the campaign for president. “One Nation,” available at <http://www.pbs.org/wnet/religionandethics/blog.html>, will feature extended video clips of interviews and events tied to the 2008 election, commentary by officials, strategists and scholars who specialize in religion and politics, and a regular video blog compiled and reported by program managing editor and correspondent Kim Lawton.

Already posted on the One Nation Web page is an exclusive interview with GOP presidential candidate Mike Huckabee who spoke to Lawton about how his faith affects his politics and his frustration that Christian conservatives have not rallied around his candidacy. “I think that some of them frankly are more intoxicated with power than principle,” said Huckabee, who was a Southern Baptist pastor for more than 10 years before becoming governor of Arkansas. Future postings will focus on other candidates’ faith-based campaign outreach efforts, Catholic voters as a key swing bloc, and video and interviews from local religious activists.

For more than a decade, *RELIGION & ETHICS NEWSWEEKLY* has been providing distinctive, cutting-edge news coverage and analysis on PBS, receiving more than 110 industry awards for broadcast excellence. In 2007, the program’s Web site was honored with a Webby Award presented by the International Academy of Digital Arts and Sciences. Funding for the series is provided by Lilly Endowment Inc. with additional support from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, Mutual of America Life Insurance Company and individual supporters. Web site editor for *RELIGION & ETHICS NEWSWEEKLY* is Missy Daniel; executive editor and host is Bob Abernethy; executive producer is Arnold Labaton; and Thirteen/WNET executive-in-charge is Stephen Segaller.



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