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Jim Wallis is a bestselling author, public theologian, speaker, preacher, and international commentator on religion and public life, faith and politics. His latest book is *The Great Awakening: Reviving Faith & Politics in a Post-Religious Right America* (HarperOne, 2008). His previous book, *God's Politics: Why the Right Gets It Wrong and the Left Doesn't Get It* (Harper Collins, 2005), was on the *New York Times* bestseller list for 4 months. He is President and Chief Executive Officer of Sojourners; where he is editor-in-chief of *Sojourners* magazine, whose combined print and electronic media have a readership of more than

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Jim Wallis was raised in a Midwest evangelical family. As a teenager, his questioning of the racial segregation in his church and community led him to the black churches and neighborhoods of inner-city Detroit. He spent his student years involved in the civil rights and antiwar movements at Michigan State University. While at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Illinois, Jim and several other students started a small magazine and community with a Christian commitment to social justice which has now grown into a national faith-based organization. In 1979, *Time* magazine named Wallis one of the "50 Faces for America's Future."

Jim lives in inner-city Washington, D.C. with his wife, Joy Carroll, one of the first women ordained in the Church of England and author of *Beneath the Cassock: The Real-life Vicar of Dibley*; and their sons, Luke (9) and Jack (4). He is a Little League baseball coach.

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