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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Illinois Wesleyan's University Chapel Hour and Special Events and Services will present the vice president of education and dean of the International Justice Mission Institute, Rev. Larry Martin on Wednesday, September 14, at 11 a.m. in Evelyn Chapel (1301 N. Park St., Bloomington).

The service is free and open to the public.

The International Justice Mission (IJM), an international human rights agency, aids victims of violence, sexual exploitation, slavery and oppression. The mission manages professional investigations of each abuse case based on abuse referrals from relief and development organizations. Martin, who is an ordained Baptist minister, serves as the International Justice Mission's chief speaker in churches and at universities, traveling throughout America as well as abroad.

Lindsey Irwin of Belleville, Ill, a senior Hispanic studies and educational studies double major at Illinois Wesleyan University, spent the summer of 2005 advocating for international human rights as an intern at the Washington, D.C., headquarters of the IJM.

As an IJM intern, Irwin researched cases of human rights violations such as sexual slavery, bonded labor, unprosecuted rape, wrongful imprisonment and illegal land seizure in Africa, Asia and Latin America. Her findings provided material for IJM educational initiatives, such as the 50-page advocacy guide to ending illegal land seizure in Honduras that Irwin compiled with the other eight interns working at IJM headquarters.

For additional information, contact the Illinois Wesleyan Chaplain's office at (309) 556-3005.

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