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Springfield, Illinois – *Quiddity* international literary journal and public radio program is hosting a reading and book signing for Springfield physician and author Rev. Wesley McNeese, M.D., celebrating the release of his latest book, “Can We Do That?” (Tate Publishing, February 2010). **The event will take place from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 4, 2010, in the Brinkerhoff Home on the Benedictine campus.** The event is free and open to the public.

“Can We Do That?” addresses questions about sex and sexuality from a Christian perspective. The book uses a biblical lens to examine issues from spousal rape to sexual thought. A Q&A session will be included in the reading.

McNeese is no stranger to confronting questions about sex and sexuality from both a clinical and spiritual perspective. McNeese became a paramedic with the United State Air Force after serving in Vietnam. He is presently employed at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine and serves as President of the Ministerial Alliance of Springfield.

Born and raised in East St. Louis, McNeese’s accomplishments are acknowledged in Eugene Redmond’s widely anthologized poem, “We’re Tight, Soul-Tight—Like Lincolniters.” McNeese lives in Springfield with his wife, LaVern.

Springfield and the Sangamon Valley enjoy a lush literary tradition. *Quiddity* seeks to build and expand upon that tradition – not only seeking work from a wide and diverse pool of writers and scholars around the globe – but also by serving the community in which *Quiddity* is housed.

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