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A Very Warm Welcome to Assisi 2012



Assisi 2012 is a 'gathering'. We have gathered together participants from around the globe (at least 54 different countries) and from many different churches and faith communities to explore the theme of dialogue from the perspectives of the past, present and future. The overall aim of our gathering is to discern new ways, means and methods of advancing the dialogical cause with renewed energy for a new century. It is intended

to be not so much a conference, convention, nor an event as such but rather the beginning of a process – indeed a series of ongoing processes. Our gathering will seek to identify, share and shape, as well as to put into practice, productive pathways for dialogue for these times. We cannot overlook that the world has changed in dramatic ways. Cultural, intellectual and social trends and developments impact ecumenical and ecclesial life as much as they do any other area of human existence. We need to discern the numerous implications of the obvious fact that the world in the twenty-first century is a very different world from what it was in previous times. Therefore in clearing pathways for dialogue we need to be mindful of this. Such pathways need to be developed in innovative ways accordingly. So our gathering is aimed at encouraging ecumenical, interfaith and faith-world 'thinking outside the box'. We have brought together such a richly diverse array of voices in order to help make this happen.

We will seek to hear and discern what issues people believe are of greatest importance in relation to the quest for more fruitful dialogue and harmony today and which issues they believe remain the greatest stumbling blocks to genuine progress being made in the dialogical cause. Naturally the challenge of ecumenical dialogue today spreads far beyond the intra-Christian and interfaith contexts and so the still wider dialogue amongst faith communities and the wider 'world' will naturally also feature prominently throughout our gathering.

We do not only wish to encourage innovation, but also to learn from the best of the past. Therefore, at this gathering, we will seek to revisit, learn from, renew and adapt some of the methodologies employed to great effect in dialogical conversations in the past. We will also seek to learn from more

recent successful dialogical ventures and from different ways of approaching dialogue from both within and without the formal ecumenical and interfaith movements. Where particular pathways for dialogue have proved innovative and successful, despite the challenges faced in ensuring genuine conversation takes place, we will seek to learn from these stories. We wish to learn from and encourage dialogue from below and from the margins as much as from the institutions and communities pursuing and promoting dialogue in more formal ways. In all, we hope to discuss, to enhance and to promote the 'science of bridge-building' for our contemporary communities and for their shared tomorrows.

The location of Assisi has been chosen because of its long and instinctive association with openness, charity, dialogue, peace, harmony and communion – with the particular charisms of the orders founded by Francis and Clare alike having helped inspire countless ventures in promoting dialogue and openness amongst peoples. It is fitting that our event takes place in the 'Year of Clare', marking the 800th anniversary of the foundation of Santa Chiara's Order.

St Francis received a vision to 'rebuild the church'. In one famous passage from his life he stripped himself bare and renounced his former life and set about 'thinking outside the box' both in societal and ecclesial terms in a fashion that has had an enormous impact across the globe. He was soon joined in his work by Clare whose vision and followers have equally impacted our globe in the centuries since. We hope the virtues of openness, charity, dialogue, harmony, peace, community and shared endeavour will inspire our gathering throughout. Assisi was also, of course, the place where the World Day of Prayer for Peace, called by Pope John Paul II, took place in 1986. That event was, itself, a monumental and groundbreaking example of 'thinking outside the box' in the service of dialogue and global harmony.

We wish Assisi 2012 to be something truly transformative of the perspectives and approaches to dialogue that every participant holds and practices. Our aim is to help reignite the ecumenical flame in a positive fashion that will allow the cause to gather renewed momentum for these times and long into the future.

It is a gathering where we will listen, share and learn together. It is a gathering where all participants will mutually inspire one another. We wish people to return to their own contexts – geographical, ecclesial, religious, and societal - renewed and re-energized in their commitment to dialogue. We hope that local, national and regional processes to further dialogue will develop out of the conversations begun here in this very special part of Umbria, just as we hope that what people experience here will impact existing ventures in dialogue.

We thank all of our hosts and especially Archbishop Sorrentino, as well as all at Domus Pacis for their warm and generous hospitality. I wish also to extend a personal note of the deepest gratitude to each and every member of the Organizing Committee for their enormous efforts to make this possible, to all those who helped with support, to all our wonderful volunteer helpers throughout and to each and every participant for all you are bringing to and will take away from this very special city. You are most very welcome and

your own contribution to this gathering is deeply appreciated. Each and every one of you will help us collectively to appreciate that in focusing our energies on 'where we dwell in common' lies the surest and most fruitful starting point for clearing and mapping the Pathways for Dialogue in the 21st Century.

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Gathering Program Day 1:

Time:	'Thinking Outside the Ecumenical Box': The Quest for Dialogue in the Twenty-First Century		
10.00am-16.00pm	Arrivals and Check-in Collect Registration Packs		
	Optional Historical and Cultural Activities and Tours for those arriving in advance		
	Personal Opportunity to Take Public Bus (or walk) to Church of San Damiano – Scene of St Francis' Call and Vision to 'Rebuild' the Church		
16.30pm Venue: Basilica di Santa Maria degli An-geli	Plenary Opening of Assisi 2012 Welcome and Opening Prayers: Archbishop Domenico Sorrentino, Bishop of Assisi Friar Fabrizio Migliasso, Custodian of Basilica di Santa Maria degli Angeli		
16.45-17.15pm	Soul Food: Ecumenical Prayers and Reflections		
17.30pm Venue: Auditorium, Domus Pacis	Opening Plenary Session: Assisi 2012: The Power of Hope - Introducing our Gathering Chair: Gerard Mannion (Ireland/US) 1. Thinking Outside the Ecumenical Box: Pathways and Resources for Dialogue that Lie Behind and Before Us 2. Introduction of Organizing Committee Members – each will express One Hope for Our Gathering Gioacchino Campese (Italy)-Mark Chapman (England)-Miriam Haar (Germany)-Justine Gonzales (Mexico/US)-Vladimir Latinovic (Serbia)-Sandra Mazzolini (Italy)-Mary McClintock Fulkerson (US)-Giovanni Pernigotto (Italy)-Peter Phan (Vietnam/US)		
18.00-18.30pm	Introducing our Place of Gathering – Welcome and Expressions of Hope from Our 'Hosts' in Assisi and across Italy		
Auditorium	Sandra Mazzolini (Italy), Pontifical University Urbaniana, Rome	Friar Pasqualino Massone (Italy), Director of Domus Pacis	Roberto Repole (Italy), Chair of the Association of Italian Theologians (ATI)
18.30-19.30pm Auditorium	Opening Plenary Lecture Chair: Gerard Mannion (Ireland/US) Paul Arthur (N. Ireland), University of Ulster: Thinking Beyond Conflict and Confrontation: Lessons from the Quest for Peace		
19.45pm	Assisi 2012 Opening Dinner and Reception Grace - Archbishop Domenico Sorrentino, Bishop of Assisi After Dinner - Salut� - Toast Proposed by Peter Phan (Vietnam/US) - Response: Dennis Doyle (US)		
22.00-22.15pm Auditorium	Soul Food: Ecumenical Compline		
After dinner & from 22.15pm	Conversation and Bar		

Day 2:

Time:	What Remains Divisive?										
7.00-8.00am	Breakfast										
8.00-8.45am Refettorietto, Santa Maria Degli Angeli	Soul Food Plenary <i>Francis, Clare and the Ecumenical "Spirit of Assisi": Reflection from Gilberto Cavazos-González (US)</i> <i>Followed by Prayers and Reflections from Different Traditions</i>										
9.00am Auditorium	Gathering Plenary Session Chair: Mary McClintock Fulkerson (US)										
	Precarious Life, Laments, and the Promise of Prophetic Ecumenical and Inter-faith Communities: Brad Hinze (US)					The Postcolonial Divide: the Questions we Must Face Before Entering into Dialogue: Mary Getui (Kenya)					Where and When Gender Divides: Eleni Kasselouri Hatzivassiliadi (Greece)
	Respondent: Deivit A. Montealegre (Argentina)										
10.45am	Coffee										
11.15am-12.45pm	ABC Parallel Plenary Sessions:										
A. Intra/Inter-Church Issues Chair: Sandra Mazzolini (Italy) Auditorium			B. Inter-faith Issues Chair: Mark Chapman (England) Sapienza Piano Terra				C. Faith and World Chair: Gioacchino Campese (Italy) Sala Porziuncola				
The Burdens of History: Must Tribalism Always Prevail? John De Gruchy (South Africa)	Hierarchy or Network of Truths?: Hermeneutical Principles and Challenges of Dialogue about Doctrinal Issues : Adrian Suter (Switzerland)	Overcoming Ecclesial Exclusion: Lessons from Minority Traditions and Political Philosophy: Debora Spini (Italy)	Does a Doctrinal teaching Office have an Ecumenical Future? Richard R. Gaillardetz (US)	Hostility and Generosity: Christian Interpretations of the Scriptures in Relation to Other Religions: Leo D. Lefebure (US)	Cross-Currents in African Theology - Lessons for an Inter-cultural Hermeneutic: Stan Chu Ilo (Nigeria/Canada)	Constructing a Theology of Face for Inter-faith Dialogue: From Politics of Sameness to Politics of Alterity: Namsoun Kang (Korea/US)	Contending Sexualities - Faith Communities and the Ethics of Inclusivity: Andrew Marin (US)	Caste, Class and Race - Barriers Within and Without Faith Communities: Stephanie Mitchem (US)	The Age of Migration: Reconceiving the Pilgrim Faith Communities: Joshua Ralston (US/Palestine)	Migration and Inclusivity: Susanna J. Snyder (England/US)	Fragments in search of Unity?: a challenge to our Churches, a challenge to the world: Rocco D'Ambrosio (Italy)
12.45pm	Lunch										
14.15-15.45pm	Concurrent Thematic Panels and Paper Sessions 1-13 (see pages 12-14)										
(14.50)	Coffee Available at Mid-point										
16.00	Depart for Basilica di San Francesco										
17.15-18.15	Guided Group Tours of Lower then Upper Basilicas										
18.30-20.00 Main Worship Area, Lower Basilica	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Welcome from Fra Piemontese OFM, Custodian of the Basilica 2. San Francesco and the Path to Dialogue - Methods and Practices from The Franciscan Tradition: Friar Silvesto Bejan OFM (Romania) - Delegato generale for the Ecumenism and Interreligious Dialogue International Franciscan Center for Dialogue With simultaneous translation by Friar Brian Terry, SA (US/Italy) Society of the Atonement, Assisi 3. Soul Food Plenary: Followed by Ecumenical Vespers and Procession to Tomb of San Francesco 										
20.00	Free evening in Upper Assisi										
22.30/23.00/23.30	Buses Return to Domus Paclis at these times only (public buses available at other times although no later than 23.30)										

Day 3:

Time:		Where We Dwell in Common									
7.00-7.50am		Breakfast									
7.30; 7.45; 8.00		Departures begin for Upper Assisi and Basilica di Santa Chiara									
8.30-9.30am		<p align="center">Soul Food Plenary Celebration of the Year of Clare in the Basilica di Santa Chiara 1. Opening Prayer: Archbishop Sorrentino (Assisi, Italy) 2. 'Together with Those Who Hold the Incomparable Treasure' - Clare on Relational Spirituality: Jean Molesky Poz (US) 3. Followed by Ecumenical Meditations and Chant</p>									
9.30		Visit to and Reflection at Tomb of St Clare followed by short Tour of Basilica di Santa Chiara									
9.45am		<p align="center">Make our way to Respective Venues for Next Session (Taking Coffee en route in local cafes) Venue A: allow 15-25 mins walk; Venue B: 10-15 mins; Venue C: 10-15 mins walk</p>									
10.30-12.00pm		ABC Parallel Plenary Sessions:									
A. Intra/Inter-Church Issues Chair: Vladimir Latinovic (Serbia/Germany) <i>Sala Romanica, Sacro Convento di San Francesco</i>				B. Inter-faith Issues Chair: Giovanni Pernigotto (Italy) <i>Chiesa Santa Maria Maggiore</i> The original Cathedral of Assisi and place of St Francis' baptism – beside Episcopal Curia; Built on the site of a Roman Temple) Opening with a Welcome from Fra Enzo, its Pastor				C. Faith and World Chair: Tina Beattie (Zambia/England) <i>Garden of the Convent of the Franciscan Sisters of the Atonement</i>			
Dia-Logos. Reflections on different forms of Inter-Christian Dialogue and their possibilities: Dagmar Heller (Germany)	Together in Mission. Re-energizing the Ecumenical Cause through Mission: Viggo Mortensen (Denmark)	Orthodox Models of Unity & their Achievements: Radu Bordeianu (Romania)	Elements and Endowments that Give Life to the Church Itself: Catherine Clifford (Canada)	Living in a Pluralist Reality - the Indian Experience: Roberto Catalano (Italy/India)	The Genuine Gains in 20th Century Jewish-Christian Dialogue: Aaron Gross (US)	A Common Word Among Us: Islamic Outreach to Christians: Bahar Davary (Iran/US)	Dialogue with-out God: Re-flections on Christian-Buddhist Dialogue: Mario Aguilar (Chile/Scotland)	Holy Physics: The Prismatic Cosmos through Contemplative Practice and Natural Science: Aaron Hollander (US)	Outside Creation, No Salvation: Losing Life and Finding Grace on Earth: Geraldine Smyth (Ireland)	Bonaventure's Cosmic Christology: A Common Resource for Eco-Conversion: Dawn Nothwehr, OSF (US)	Called into Common Dwelling: Understanding Creation from an African-Orthodox Perspectives: John Ngige Njoroge (Kenya/Greece)
12.00pm		Free Time to take Lunch in Upper Assisi									
14.30-16.00pm Cathedral of San Rufino, Upper Assisi		<p align="center">Gathering Plenary Session Chair: Edwin Arrison (South Africa)</p>									
Speakers:		<i>Discerning the Oikoumene Today:</i> Peter Phan (Vietnam/US)				<i>Seeing Beyond the Religious and Social Divide:</i> Agnes Brazal (Philippines)				<i>Unreal Worlds Meeting? Vision and Pragmatism in Ecumenical Dialogue:</i> Paul Avis (England)	
		Respondent: Ivana Noble (Czech Republic)									
16.00-16.15		Soul Food: Closure of Plenary with Reflection and Chant									
16.40/-17.10/17.40		Buses Return to Domus Paclis at these times (public buses available at other times or allow 35-60 mins to walk down)									
18.15pm		Dinner									

19.45-21.15pm

The Art of Bridgebuilding: Food for Ecumenical Thought Sessions

Historical, Methodological and Procedural Perspectives

<p>Perceiving the Church Sapienza Piano Terra</p> <p>Chair: Richard Gaillardetz (US) <i>Communion Ecclesiology: Ideology or Pathway to Dialogue? – Dennis Doyle (US)</i> <i>Have the Ecumenical Dialogues been a Complete Failure? A Hermeneutical Plea concerning Ecumenical Method: Peter De Mey (Belgium)</i></p>	<p>Dialogue Through (Inter-) Action: Lived Ecumenism Sora Acqua 2 Piano</p> <p>Chair: Eleni Kasselouri Hatzivas-siliadi (Greece) <i>Methods and Practices of Dialogue in Religious Orders: Gemma Simmonds (England)</i> <i>An Experiment in Ecumenism through Lived Practice – The Story of the Chevtagne Community: Fr Thaddée Barnas (Belgium)</i> <i>The Story of Societas Oecumenica and Some Interludes on the Future of Ecumenism in Europe: Andrew Pierce (Ireland)</i></p>	<p>Methods and Processes of Inter-Church Dialogue Capella San Francesco 3 Piano</p> <p>Chair: Peter Admirand (US/Ireland) <i>The Methodology of ARCIC III: Towards the End of Ecumenical Dialogue Paul D. Murray (England)</i> <i>Unity in Diversity: Old Catholic Approaches to Ecclesiology and Dialogue Andreas Krebs (Switzerland)</i> <i>Reconciled Diversity: A First-Hand Account of the ELCA-UMC Full Communion Success Story Jacqueline Bussie (US)</i></p>	<p>Building Bridges & Fostering Dialogue Through Education S. Bonaventura Piano Terra</p> <p>Chair: Maureen O'Brien (US) <i>The Erasmus Program: Bridge-building Through Education: Sofia Corradl (Italy)</i> <i>Emerging Adults, Religious Pluralism, and University Education: Douglas and Rhonda Jacobsen (US)</i></p>	<p>Groundbreaking Moments in Inter-faith Dialogue: Catholic and Ortho-dox Perspectives Sora Luna 3 Piano</p> <p>Chair: Patricia Madigan, OP (Australia) <i>Reading Other Religious Texts – Guidance from Vatican II's Dei Verbum: Michael Barnes (England)</i> <i>The Challenge of Other Religions - Roman Catholic and Orthodox Responses in Recent Times Kyrillos Katerelos, Bishop of Atydos (Greece/Turkey)</i> <i>Extra Ecclesiam Nulla Salus? What Has the Church Learned on Inter-faith Dialogue Since Vatican II? Sandra Mazzolini (Italy)</i> <i>Thomas Merton's Franciscan Model of Interreligious Dialogue Daniel P. Horan (US)</i></p>	<p>A Dialogue Beyond the Ecumenical Movement: Capella Santa Chiara 2 Piano</p> <p>Chair: Randy J. C. Odchigue (Philippines) Thomas Hughson (US) Martyn Percy (England)</p>
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Global and Context-Specific Perspectives

<p>World Christianity – Exploring New Gifts and Challenges for a Truly Global Faith Perfetta Letizia Piano Terra</p> <p>Chair: Namsoon Kang, (Korea/US) <i>Globalization, Migration and World Christianity Elaine Padilla (US)</i> <i>Local Church in Global World: National Ecclesiology in an Age of Pluralism Vladimir Latnovic (Serbia/Germany)</i> <i>World Christianity and Ways of Doing Theology Peter Phan (Vietnam/US)</i></p>	<p>The Moment of Grace and Opportunity: The Global Kairos Movement for Peace in the Holy Land: Sala Porziuncola</p> <p>Chair: Denys Horgan (US) Edwin Arrison (South Africa) Mark Braverman (Israel/US) John De Gruchy (South Africa)</p>	<p>Ecumenical and Interfaith Dialogue in Africa – Looking Back, Looking Forward Capella 2 Piano</p> <p>Chair: Mary Getui (Kenya) <i>Convergence of Faith: Wounded Christianity and the Heart of the World Yvon Christian Elenga (Côte d'Ivoire)</i> <i>Ecclesiological Presuppositions in African Theology: A Study of Origen and Mbiti Hans Engdahl (South Africa)</i> <i>The Challenges of Inter-faith relations in Ghana: A case study of its implications for Peace-building in Northern Ghana Nora Kofognotea Nonterah (Ghana/Belgium)</i></p>	<p>Ecumenical and Interfaith Dialogue in India – Looking Back, Looking Forward Mitezza 2 Piano</p> <p>Chair: Cyril Kuttiyanikkal (India/Netherlands) <i>The Process which led to the Church of South India Joseph Muthura] (India)</i> <i>Ecumenism as Unity for Struggle: A re-look at the ecumenical cause in India Viju Wilson (India)</i> <i>Being as Dialogue: Exploring Inter-faith Relations in India Sebastian Madathummuriyil (India/US)</i></p>	<p>Como puentes de barcas: U.S. Latinos/as Reconfiguring Ecumenical Dialogue Speranza 3 Piano</p> <p>Chair: Gilberto Cavazos-González (US) José R. Irizarry (Puerto Rico/US) Carmen Nanko-Fernández (US) Jean-Pierre Ruiz (Puerto Rico/US)</p>	<p>Race and Ethnicity in Ecumenical Dialogue: On Not Forgetting Sala TV Piano terra</p> <p>Chair: Eduardo Domingo (Philippines) <i>When The Word Becomes a Double-Edged Sword: Misappropriations of Scripture and the Colonization of Black Bodies and Minds: Stacey Floyd Thomas (US)</i> <i>Becoming Children of Light and Darkness: the Black Body as Theo-Historical Problem: Juan M. Floyd-Thomas (US)</i> <i>The Quest for Church Unity: a New Socio-Cultural Agenda Eddy Van der Borgh (Belgium/Netherlands)</i></p>
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19.45-21.15pm

Conversation, Music and Bar22.00-22.15pm
Auditorium**Soul Food: Ecumenical Evening Prayer**

'Where We Dwell in Common'



Day 4:

Time:		Re-energising the Ecumenical Cause									
07.00-7.50am		Breakfast									
08.00-08.45am Refettorietto		Soul Food Plenary 1. Pathways for Reconciliation : Raymond Helmick SJ (US) 2. Followed by Meditation and Chant									
09.00am		Concurrent Panels and Papers Sessions 14-25 (see pages 15-17)									
10.45am		Coffee									
11.15am-12.45pm		The Art of Bridgebuilding: ABC Parallel Plenary Sessions									
A. Intra/Inter-Church Issues Chair: Miriam Haar (Germany/Ireland) <i>Sapienza Piano Terra</i>				B. Inter-faith Issues Chair: Bahar Davary (Iran/US) <i>Auditorium</i>				C. Faith and World Chair: Stephanie Mitchem (US) <i>Sala Porziuncola</i>			
Christian World Community and the Cold War - A Global Ecumenical Project: Norman Hjelm (US)	The Leuenberg Process: How Diversity can be a Path Towards Unity: Stephanie Dietrich (Germany/Norway)	The Future of Conciliar Ecumenism: Michael Kinnamon (US)	Is a Common Vision of the Church Possible? : William Henn OFM Cap. (US/Italy)	Ethics in a Multifaith Society: Christians and Muslims in Dialogue: Patricia Madigan OP (Australia)	Building Peace and Reconciliation Amongst the People of Sri Lanka : Bishop Duleep de Chickera (Sri Lanka)	Emptiness and Otherness: Negative Theology and the Language of Com-compassion: Susie Paulik Babka (US)	Inventing a New Time and Space for our Common Dwelling: Fr KM George (India)	Practical Ecumenism and Human Survival in the 21st Century: Re-sisting Global-ization as a Divisive Force: Mary Doak (US)	Conflict Transformation, Ecumenical Imagination and Christian Hope: David Tombs (England/ N. Ireland)	Making Difficult Dialogue Possible -The Circle of Concerned African Women Theologians: Fulata Mbanu-Moyo (Malawi)	From the Possibility to the Necessity of Dialogue: Brian Terry (US/Italy)
12.45pm		Lunch									
14.15-16.00pm		Gathering Plenary Session Chair: Fulata Mbanu-Moyo (Malawi)									
Speakers:	<i>Difficult Dialogue and Wisdoms About Difference - Doing as a Way of Knowing:</i> Mary McClintock Fulkerson (US)			<i>Communicative Theology: a New Way of Engagement:</i> Jochen Hilberath (Germany)				<i>Receiving Ecumenical "Thinking Outside the Box" - From Yesterday to Tomorrow:</i> William Rusch (US)			
16.00		Coffee									
16.30-17.25		Taking Assisi 2012 Forward: Clearing and Mapping the Pathways for Dialogue in the 21st Century Chair: Gerard Mannion <i>Thinking Outside the Ecumenical Box: The Method and Future of Ecclesiological Investigations</i> 2. Reports from Committee Observers and Discussion 3. After Assisi: 2012 As a Process at the Beginning of a Series of Processes – Reflections and Overview of Future Plans									
17.30-17.50		Closing Plenary Lecture – Toward the Dialogue of the Future Chair: Peter De Mey (Belgium) <i>Where We Dwell in Common:</i> <i>Ecclesial Spirituality as a Basis for Living with Other Religions:</i> Rev. Professor Roger D. Haight SJ (US)									
18.00-18.15pm		Soul Food: <i>A Blessing on Our Way ...</i> Sr Alessandra Sciaboletta (Italy)									
18.30-18.55pm		Aperitivi									
19.00pm		Assisi 2012 Closing Gathering Banquet Grace: Aaron Gross (US) After Dinner Speeches: Andrew Pierce (Ireland) and Gemma Simmonds (England)									
21.15pm		Celebration of Community: Conversation, Music and Bar									

**Assisi 2012:
Concurrent Paper Presentations**

Wednesday 14.15-15.45

A. Intra/Inter-Church Issues

1. **Chair: Jelle Creemers (Belgium)** - Sora Acqua 2 Piano

The relevance of the insertion of the Filioque clause into the Creed for Orthodox-Catholic dialogue today

Nikolaos-Nikodemos Anagnostopoulos (Greece/England)

The impossibility of Being an Orthodox Convert?

Desmond Nicholas Bamford (England)

Orthodox Attempts to Re-Think Tradition and Their Significance for the Orthodox –Roman Catholic Dialogue on “Primacy”

Ștefăniță Barbu (Romania)

2. **Chair: Dennis Doyle** (US) - S. Bonaventura Piano Terra

The Holiness of the Church: Mark of Division or Unity?

Brian Flanagan (US)

The Necessity of an Ecclesiology in Which the Church is Understood as Sacrament with Christ as Primary Sacrament: Ways to Convergence in Ecumenical Dialogue

Rev. C. Pierson Shaw, Jr. (US/Canada)

“Anticipated Communion”: Revitalizing Our Ecumenical Ecclesiological Imagination

Scott MacDougall (US)

3. **Chair: Mary Doak** (US) - Sapienza Piano Terra

Common Ecumenical and Inter-faith Challenges Highlighted by the Pew Study on Religion in America

George Worgul (US)

Appreciative Ecclesiology: Ecumenism Beyond Cafeteria and Evangelical Catholicism

Randy J. C. Odchigue (Philippines)

“Who’s In and Who’s Out? Ecclesiological Lessons from American (U.S.) Experiences of Christian Pluralism”

David O’Brien (US)

4. **Chair: Catherine Clifford** (Canada) - Mitezza 2 Piano

The Doctrine of *Elementa Ecclesiae* Viewed from the Outside - A Critical Study of Its Post-Conciliar Reception

Sandra Arenas (Chile/Belgium)

Another Hidden Encyclical: Pius IX’s unpublished thoughts on the Church

Michael Walsh (England)

The Significance of the Concept of Aggiornamento for the Future of the Ecumenical Movement in the Twenty-first Century

Edward Mushi (Tanzania/Belgium)

5. **Chair: Annarita Caponera** (Italy) - Capella San Francesco 3 Piano

Virgo ecclesia facta: l’ecclesiogenesi secondo il principio euristico dell’incarnazione

Daniela Del Gaudio (Italy)

What shape for a church in dialogue? or Quale forma per una chiesa in dialogo?

Simona Segoloni (Italy)

La ricezione del decreto “Unitatis Redintegratio” nelle “Chiese Orientali” (cfr. nn. 14-18) e nelle “Chiese e Comunità ecclesiali separate in Occidente” cfr. (nn.19-23)

Cettina Militello (Italy)

6. **Chair: Pascal Bazzell** (Switzerland/Philippines) - Sora Luna 3 Piano

One Church. Many Faces: On the need for and limits of Intra-Church ‘Ecumenism’ within Catholicism

Michal Jahns (Poland/England)

A Critical Assessment of Intra-Ecclesial Conflicts in the Church in Nigeria

Ignatius Aniekanabasi Edet (Nigeria)

Receptive Ecumenism and the Local Church: Practical Application, a case study

Marcus Pound (England)

7. **Chair: Martyn Percy** (England) Speranza 3 Piano

The Reality of an Ecumenical Shared Church

Christine Lappine

Kevin Kelly

Parish Ministry isn’t really Work: Using Hannah Arendt’s Categories of Labour, Work and Action to Explore what Clergy do.

Emma Percy (England)

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B. Inter-Faith Issues:

8. Chair: Joshua Ralston (US/Palestine) Pefetta Letizia Piano Terra

Interfaith Dialogue in a Polarized World

Richard Penaskovic (US)

Addressing the Hard Questions in order to Move Forward

Marie Nuar (US/Italy)

Beyond the Niceties of Dialogue: The Hope and Perils of Recent Jewish Critiques of Christianity

Peter Admirand (US/Ireland)

9. Chair: Michael Barnes S.J., (England) Capella 2 Piano

A Compromised Imagination: Underlying Problems of Religious Consciousness in the West

Malik J. Muhammed (US)

Prayers Without Number: Interfaith Relations and the Plurality of Worship Traditions

Mark Godin (Canada/Scotland)

The Everything of Experience: Considering Religious Experience as a Category for Interreligious Dialogue.

John Friday (US/Belgium)

10. Chair: Brad Hinze (US) Sala Porziuncola

Cultural-Linguistic Resources for Ecumenical and Inter-religious Dialogue

Craig A. Phillips (US)

From Ornamental Multiculturalism toward a Theology of Beauty

Kevin Park (US)

Ecumenism in the Public Sphere: Derrida's Hospitality vis-a -vis Habermas' and Ratzinger's Rationality

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11. Chair: Susie Paulk Babka (US) Capella San Francesco 3 Piano

Dwelling in the Eternal: Toward a Secular Mysticism

Christopher D. Shaw (England)

Toward Apophatic Inclusivism: an Examination of Karl Rahner's Theology of Religions in a Pluralist Mode

Peter Herman (US)

Khrist Bhakta Movement: a way of dialogue of life?

Cyril Kuttiyanikkal (India/Netherlands)

St Francis, Abulafia and Ibn'Arabi: The Diversely and Paradoxically Ecumenical Search for Oneness

Ori Z Soltes (US)



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C. Faith and World:

12. Chair: Ann Marie Mealey (Ireland) Auditorium

Unity in Action: The Catholic Worker Movement as a Model for the 21st Century
Denys Horgan (US)

Not by Fate Alone. Some Ecumenical Reflections on Catholic Social Teaching
Pieter De Witte (Belgium)

Thirty years of HIV and AIDS: Exposing the Vulnerability and Woundedness of the Christian Church
Julie Clague (England/Scotland)

The Poor as *Locus Ecumenicus*
Christine E. McCarthy (US)

13. Chair: Paul Arthur (N. Ireland) Sala TV Piano terra

Mediating the Moment Rather than the Problem - the Unifying Effect of the Moment in Building a Golden Bridge Between Religions and Faiths – the 'Third State'
Greg Rooney (Australia)
Margaret Ross (Australia)
Barbara Wilson (England)



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Friday: 9.00-10.45 am

A. Intra/Inter-Church Issues

14. Chair: Jean-Pierre Ruiz (Puerto Rico/US) Capella San Francesco 3 Piano

Conscience, Interdependence and Embodied Difference: What Paul's Ecclesial Principles Can Offer the Contemporary Church

Kathryn L. Reinhard (US)

Church as Mother: An Ecumenical Metaphor for the Church Today?

Christina Lledo Gomez (Phillipines/Australia)

The Franciscan Disputes: Lessons for a Divided Christianity Today

Vladimir Latinovic (Serbia/Germany)

The Social Impact of Ecclesiology: H. Richard Niebuhr as Case Study

Michael Montgomery (US)

15. Chair: Eddy Van De Borcht (Belgium/Netherlands) Sora Acqua 2 Piano

Constructing a Common Reconciling Narrative of the Sixteenth Century

Theo Dieter (Germany)

Larry Miller (US)

Pieter De Witte (Belgium)

16. Chair: Radu Bordeianu, (Romania/US) Sala TV Piano Terra

Going Forward to the Roots: The Problem of Pre-Eschatological Absolute Reference Points and their Critique in Orthodox Ecclesiology in the 20th Century (Russian)

Diaspora

Ivana Noble (Czech Republic)

Kateřina Bauer (Czech Republic)

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Parush Parushev (Bulgaria)

17. Chair: Peter De Mey (Belgium) Perfetta Letizia Piano Terra

A Forgotten Voice in Contemporary Ecumenical Dialogue? Towards a Baptist Perspective on Church Unity

Joshua Searle (Germany/Ireland)

How Hard Questions can Soften Relations: Dialogical Method in Pentecostal Ecumenical Involvement

Jelle Creemers (Belgium)

The Episcopacy in the Pentecostal Tradition

Eli Valentin (US)

Joking Apart: The Serious Purposes of Humour in Crafting Denominational Identity:

Martyn Percy (England)

18. Chair: Simona Segoloni (Italy) Sora Luna 3 Piano

Giuseppe Dossetti tra impegno civile e rinnovamento ecclesiale

Giovanni Pernigotto (Italy)

Problemi ambientali e mobilità umana: soluzioni condivise per problemi globali

Carlotta Venturi (Italy)

Paolo e Israele: un "nodo" del dialogo ebraico-cristiano (Paul and Israel; a "knot" in Jewish-Christian dialogue)

Annarita Caponera (Italy)

19. Chair: Edward Mushi (Tanzania/Belgium) Mitezza 2 Piano

The Bishop in the Mind of Pope John XXIII: Pastoral Leader, Christian Co-worker and Evangeliser

Paul Gadie (England/Ireland)

Called to Ministry, but not to Priesthood

Andrew James (A.J.) Boyd (US/Italy)

Rethinking Catholic Mission in a Secular Age

Brianne Jacobs (US)

Developing Cultural Intelligence and Interpretive Capacity in Leaders: A Pathway Towards Christian Unity

Craig Steven Hendrickson (Canada/US)

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B. Inter-Faith Issues

20. Chair: Brian Flanagan (US) Sapienza Piano Terra

Defusing Religious Violence Through Interfaith Service: Miroslav Volf's "Right Remembering" as a Model

Jason M. Renken (US)

Maria Pontifex: The Virgin Mary as a Bridge-builder in Christian-Muslim Dialogue

Lyn Holness (South Africa)

The Significance of Abraham Heschel's "Depth Theology" for Interreligious Understanding

Joseph Palmisano (US/Ireland)

Trinitarian Methodology of Interfaith Dialogue: The Model put Forth by Lesslie Newbigin

Nicolas Mumejian

21. Chair: Rhonda Jacobsen (US) Speranza 3 Piano

Ecumenical and Cultural Intersections in Theological Education: Student Formation at a School in Transition

Maureen O'Brien (US)

Diane Shoaf (US)

Creating the 'space' for Inter-Religious Dialogue: Transforming the Classroom for the Future

Eduardo Domingo (Philippines)

22. Chair: George Worgul (US) Sala Porziuncola

Ecumenism and a New Image of "Us" and the "Other(s)"

Fatemeh Kamail-Chirani (Iran/Germany)

Etre L'autre Chez L'autre

Minlib Dallh, OP (Burkina Faso/US)

Islamic and Christian Conceptions of Civil Society: Civility and the Human Good

Richard Park (US/England)

Reflections on the Hermeneutics of the Other and the Reification of Christian-Muslim Relations

Davide Tacchini (Italy)

23. Chair: Mark Godin (Canada/Scotland) S. Bonaventura Piano Terra

An Inter-faith Homeless Ecclesial Community's Reflections on the Syrophoenician Woman

Pascal Bazzell (Switzerland/Philippines)

Emerging Faith Leadership Training in Asia

Norani Abu Bakar (US)

Finding the Rhythm of 'Loosen-Empty-Push' in Liturgy in Pursuit of Christian Unity

Hyuk Seonwoo (US)

The Faith of Brazilian Migrants in Japan: Welcoming New Christian Members to Society and its Potential Impact on the Japanese Church

Kanan Kitani (Japan)



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C. Faith and World

24. Chair: Eva Guldanova (Slovakia) Capella 2 Piano

Just Dialogue: Embodying a Feminist Ethic of Dialogue

Anne M. Hillman (US)

Karri L. Whipple (US)

Clare and Francis of Assisi: the historical sociocultural context of their extraordinary relationship and revolutionary life choices

Donna Marshall (US)

Friendship and Dialogue

Liz Carmichael (England)

25. Chair: Julie Clague (England/Scotland) Capella San Francesco 3 Piano

"We don't come with the bread already made": holding the theological conversation for social justice in CAFOD.

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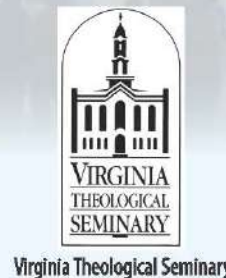
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