Social Reconciliation Conference

September 28 & 29, 2017 Harper Center 3028



A national conference with scholars from 9 institutions reflecting on historical and contemporary examples of peacebuilding, social repair, and political forgiveness in the Catholic tradition.

Thursday, September 28

Session 1, 9:00-10:30 AM

Theme: Limiting Violence & Peaceful Coexistence

"New Testament Foundations for Social Reconciliation." Thomas Stegman, SJ, Boston College

"Reconciling with Material Existence: The Early Christian Struggle to Make Peace with God's World." John O'Keefe, Creighton University

"Early Monastic Practices of Strategic Speech and Selective Silence to Limit Violence." Zachary Smith, Creighton University

10:30-11:00 AM: Break

Session 2, 11:00-12:30 PM

Theme: Limiting Violence & Peaceful Coexistence

"Encountering Islam: Medieval Christian Perspectives from the Cordoban Martrys to Juan of Segovia." Laurie Johnston, Emmanuel College

"Ushering in the Eschaton: The Medieval Peace of God Movement."

Jay Carney, Creighton University

"Healing the Breaches: The Church's Praxis of Solidarity through Social Networks in Southern Peru in the Context of Political Violence, 1980-1992." Steven Judd, MM, Maryknoll Fathers

Session 3, 2:00-3:30 PM

Theme: Truthtelling & the Pursuit of Justice

"Caritas, Correction, and Communion: Cyprian on Church Unity and Reconciliation." Scott Moringiello, DePaul University

"Lessons from the Catholic Tradition on Restitution." Julia Fleming, Creighton University

"First Be Reconciled: The Ethics of Mass Incarceration." William O'Neill, SJ, Santa Clara University

Keynote Address

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"Reconciliation, the Catholic Tradition & Political Polarization in the United States."

Robert Schreiter, CPPS, Catholic Theological Union

4:00 PM: Cocktail reception 4:30-5:30 PM: Address

Friday, September 29

Session 4, 9:00-10:30 AM

Theme: Forgiveness, Healing & Sacrament

"Conversion, the Way to Social Transformation: Insights from Bernardino and Catherine of Siena." Kristin Haas, University of Notre Dame

"The Practice of Reconciliation in the Jesuit Reductions of Latin America." Eileen Burke-Sullivan, Creighton University

"The Sacrament of Anointing during Northern Ireland's Troubles."

John Kiess, Loyola University Maryland

10:30-11:00 AM: Break

Session 5, 11:00-12:30 PM

Theme: Forgiveness, Healing & Sacrament

"Lutheran and Catholic Hopes for Eucharistic Sharing: Opportunities and Obstacles." H. Ashley Hall, Creighton University

"The Surprise of Forgiveness in Modern Catholic Teaching & Practice."

Daniel Philpott, University of Notre Dame

"Memoria Passionis as Social Reconciliation in Eastern Africa." Emmanuel Katongole, University of Notre Dame

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