

DIVINE STORY – HUMAN CONTEXT

This is a three-day conference on theology and disability; a creative communal space in which to explore how the story of God in Christianity becomes the guiding narrative to an understanding of our humanness. Listening to different voices, expressed through more than words, we discern the interweaving of aspects of the divine story and the commonality of our human context. In the articulation of our collective theological voice, we open ourselves to new understandings and in its energy, we move towards practices that more authentically reflect an experience of the divine story in our lives.

ABOUT ESSTD:

In 2005 an international group of academics from different areas met at the invitation of Prof. John Swinton at the University in Aberdeen to discuss the theme 'Theology, Disability and the New Genetics'. There the vision of a platform for the bringing together of theology, church life and practical experience in this field took shape. In 2007 a conference organised by Prof. Hans Reinders from Amsterdam and held in an institution for people with disabilities in Scorlewald, Netherlands, continued the work and broadening the basis invited a whole range of experts from Europe and overseas. There the 'European Society for the Study of Theology and Disability' was born and plans were made for the next meeting in 2009 in Switzerland.

ESSTD President: Prof. Hans Reinders, Uni. Amsterdam NL
Vice-president: Prof. John Swinton, Uni. Aberdeen GB
Treasurer: Prof. Hermann Meininger, Uni. Amsterdam NL

Conference Team: Aileen Barclay, GB; Assol Bernhard, NL; Ian Dickson, GB; Martina Holder-Franz, CH; Simea Schwab, CH.

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PROGRAMME

with Jean Vanier, Hans Ulrich, Ralph Kunz, Amy Laura Hall, Hans Reinders, Simea Schwab John Swinton & others

WEDNESDAY 1ST JULY

18.00 Welcome meal
19.30 Reflections
20.00 Keynote speaker & Questions
21.30 Conference Information
Open end and drinks

THURSDAY 2ND JULY

7.00 Breakfast
8.30 Reflections
9.00 Presentations in two parallel groups
9.00-10.00
10.15-11.15
11.30-12.30
12.30 Lunch
14.00 'Tapestry'
15.30 Break
16.00 'Swiss Situation'
Prof. Ralf Kunz, Zürich & Pfr. Walter Lüssi,
Director of Studies in Boldern
17.00 Keynote speaker & Questions
18.45 Meal

Voluntary boat trip on Lake Zürich
Open end and drinks

FRIDAY 3RD JULY

7.00 Breakfast
8.30 Reflections & Psalm presentations
9.30 Keynote speaker & Questions
10.45 select paper
11.30 select paper
12.30 Lunch
14.00 'Tapestry' or Visit to Martin-Stiftung
15.30 Break
16.00 Business Meeting ESSTD
18.30 Drinks and BBQ, open end

SATURDAY 4TH JULY

8.00 Breakfast
9.15 Reflection
10.00 Presentation of Tapestry
10.30 Coffee
10.45 Final Keynote & Discussion
Packed lunch for all



Inaugural conference in Scorlewald, Netherlands 2007

ESSTD CONFERENCE 1st - 4th JULY 2009

Conference location: Boldern near Zürich

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Participants:

The conference will bring together academics, ministers, church officials, therapists, teachers and interested lay people. Our vision is to share this time with people who themselves have a disability and listen to them.

We want also to invite participants to bring their partners and their children to the conference. During some parts of the programme we will organise special things for children.

Language:

The main language will be English. Keynote speakers will be translated into German or into English.

Lodging

Boldern is a guesthouse. Most of the rooms we have booked are double rooms. We have only reserved a small number of single rooms. If you would like to have a single room, please book early. If you are willing to be in more simple accommodation, there are also a number of rooms with 3 or 4 beds in the chalet next to the main house.

Conference costs:

The conference costs per person to be paid in cash on arrival including accommodation and meals are:

Single room: 400 Euro
Double room: 300 Euro
Bed in chalet: 200 Euro
Children of the participants (in chalet): 100 Euro
Dayguests for the whole conference: 200 Euro

Booking is possible until the 31st March 2009.

Contact person for further information and booking:

Aileen Barclay: ai.barclay@abdn.ac.uk

Contact person in Switzerland:

Martina Holder-Franz: martina.holder@ag.ref.ch

ESSTD membership:

ESSTD is looking to build up a network of members.

If you are interested in membership please also

contact Aileen Barclay: ai.barclay@abdn.ac.uk

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