

Saturday, 28.3.2009

09:00 Reconsidering creation, redemption, eschatology

From deep ecology to deep incarnation, and back again...

Prof. Dr Niels Henrik Gregersen
University of Copenhagen, Denmark

**What God has created will not be lost:
Constructing a more inclusive soteriology**
Rev. Dr Kristen Johnston Largent
Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg,
USA

14:30 Seminars meet

17:00 Integrative theological formation

Prof. Dr Norma Cook Everist
Wartburg Theological Seminary, Iowa, USA
and all participants

Sunday, 29.3.2009

10:00 Service of Holy Communion
at St. Anna's Church

Dean Susanne Kasch, presiding
Rev. Dr Thomas Nyiwe, preaching
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Cameroon

**Lunch with parishioners and tour of Augsburg
sites hosted by Dean Kasch**

17:00 Worship and other Christian practices

**Marks of the church, marked by the body of
Christ: A Lutheran approach to practices**
Prof. Dr Martha Ellen Stortz
Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, Berkeley,
CA, USA

**Confessions, ecumenism, ethnicity: A
Lutheran charism**
Rev. Dr Dirk Lange
Luther Seminary, St Paul, MN, USA

Monday, 30.3.2009

09:00 The church's vocation in societies today

Bishop Dr Benson Bagonza
Karagwe Diocese,
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania

Prof. Dr Bernd Oberdorfer
University of Augsburg, Germany

Prof. Dr Gary Simpson
Luther Seminary, St. Paul, USA

Rev. Dr Martin Sinaga,
The Lutheran World Federation, Geneva

14:30 Seminars meet

18.30 Evening celebration at the "Rathauskeller"
hosted by LWF

Tuesday, 31.3.2009

09:00 Summarizing and implications for theology
in the life of churches and for theological
formation

Prof. Dr Vitor Westhelle
Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, Chicago,
USA
and others

11:30 Closing Eucharist (St. Ulrich's Church)

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Theology in the Life of Lutheran Churches: Transformative Perspectives and Practices Today

25-31 March 2009
Haus Sankt Ulrich, Augsburg



International Theological Conference organized by



**The Lutheran World Federation,
Department for Theology and Studies**

in cooperation with



**The University of Augsburg,
Institute of Protestant Theology**

From 25-31 March, 2009, over 100 theologians from some 30 countries will convene in Augsburg, Germany, for a concluding global consultation in the Lutheran World Federation (DTS) program, "Theology in the Life of the Church."

Objectives of this overall program have included bridging the gap between the academic theology and the life of the church, and exploring how theological work in different global contexts is reshaping Lutheran theology in the 21st century. Seminars have been held in different parts of the world, and thus far, four books have been published.

This concluding consultation will give attention to how theology and practices of the church are being transformed in light of the quite different assumptions and approaches present in one global confessional family. This will occur through discussion in plenary and seminar sessions of papers that are being written for this purpose. In addition to the plenary sessions listed here, papers will be discussed in seminars on:

- Interpreting the Bible in a global Lutheran communion
- Creation, redemption and eschatology
- Worship and other Christian practices
- The public vocation of churches in society

For more on what this program has involved, see www.lutheranworld.org/What_We_Do/Dts/DTS-TLC_Augsburg.html

You are invited to attend this historic gathering as visitor, be it for a day or the whole conference!

Rev. Dr Karen Bloomquist Prof. Dr Bernd Oberdorfer
Lutheran World Federation University of Augsburg

Please register by contacting Margit Schuster: margit.schuster@phil.uni-augsburg.de no later than Monday, 16 March 2009. There is no registration cost, but indicate for what meals you will be present (which can be paid for upon arrival).

Wednesday, 25.3.2009

- 16:00 Opening greetings**
Prof. Dr Bernd Oberdorfer
University of Augsburg, Germany
and others
- 16:30 Lutheran theology across global contexts**
Rev. Dr Karen L. Bloomquist
Director for Theology and Studies,
Lutheran World Federation
- Different cultures, different problems.
Is a common theological perspective possible?**
Prof. Dr Hans-Peter Großhans
University of Münster, Germany
- 18:30 Reception by the Lord Mayor of Augsburg/Town Hall**

Thursday, 26.3.2009

- 09:00 How is theology being changed by "new" contexts and approaches?**
- Bible, Prayer and Confession**
Bishop Dr Margot Käßmann
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hanover,
Germany
- The indigenization of the church in Africa**
Prof. Dr Ramathate Dolamo
University of South Africa, Pretoria, South Africa
- Resistance, adaptation or challenge?
How versatile is Lutheran theology in new contexts?**
Rev. Dr Guillermo Hansen
Luther Seminary, St Paul, MN, USA
- 14:30 Seminars meet**
- 17:00 How are multifaith realities changing theological agendas?**
- Rethinking Lutheran theology in the context of religious plurality**
Prof. Dr Paul Rajashekar
Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia,
USA

Pluriform unity in Christ: Responding to the challenges of multireligiosity from the perspective of Lutheran ecclesiology
Dr Eva Harasta
University Bamberg, Germany

- 18:30 Reception hosted by the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Bavaria**
OKR Michael Martin

Friday, 27.3.2009

- 09:00 In a global communion, is your Bible my Bible?**

The Bible through the eyes and ears of the marginalized: Implications for the Lutheran communion
Prof. Dr Monica J. Melancthon
Gurukul Lutheran Theological College &
Research Institute, India

Hermeneutic of resonance: Making biblical theology relevant
Rev. Dr Fidon Mwombeki
Vereinigte Evangelische Mission, Germany

Diversity in the Bible as a model for Lutheran hermeneutics
Prof. Dr Barbara Rossing
Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago,
Chicago, USA

'Whoever hears you, hears me': hearing the voice of Christ as we listen to one another interpret the Bible in a global community
Rev. Dr Dean Zweck
Australian Lutheran College, Adelaide, Australia

- 14:30 Seminars meet**

- 17:00 Discussion groups: drawing on the Bible in your context**