

Call for Papers

The Anglo-Nordic-Baltic Theological Conference 2012
Mirfield, UK, Monday 3rd –Fri 7th Sept 2012

Being Together: Christian Anthropology

The Anglo-Nordic-Baltic Theological Conference has been going in the form of a theological house-party since the 1920s and predates the Porvoo process and Common Statement. At its heart it is an invitation and an opportunity to share theological ideas in ways which are rigorous yet informal, analytical yet entirely friendly. Those who are interested in such interchange make lasting friendships which cross national boundaries and cement the relationships which frame and build mutual understanding.

In the summer of 2012 the Conference will be held in Mirfield, Yorkshire, in England. The theme will be *Being Together: Christian Anthropology* and we hope to look at this in a way which is both historical and contemporary, with an emphasis on applied theology as much as the big theological themes of creation, incarnation and justification. The conference usually has a very creative cross-disciplinary participation, and is attended by both academics and church practitioners. Papers are invited which address this theme in wide variety of ways. These could be a ‘conference paper’ in usual academic terms, or a discussion starter, or a creative/artistic exploration of an aspect of the theme.

Proposed papers might cover for example:

- Creation theology: what does it mean to be ‘made in God’s image?’
- Gender issues: in theology, in Christian ministry or in Christian living
- The incarnation: what does it mean for Christian life and/or community?
- Body issues: the body in theology, or ethical/pastoral concerns such as self-harm or body modification
- Explorations of being human in the visual arts: these could take the form of a paper or powerpoint presentation, or a workshop or exhibition
- Artificial intelligence or animal rights issues: challenging the boundaries of what it means to be human?
- Poetry exploring being human or any of the above issues: this could be a paper or a poetry reading
- Practical theology – how do any of these or other issues impact on the church’s mission or pastoral care?

Most papers will last 20 minutes, though if you feel you need more or less time for a workshop or other alternative type of presentation please do say, and we will see if we can arrange the programme accordingly.

The conference will begin at 4pm on Monday 3rd Sept and finish before lunch on Friday 7th Sept. The conference fee will be £265; this includes accommodation and all meals, but excludes travel for which you will need to make your own arrangements. Bookings should be made by 30th April.

Proposals for papers should be sent in the first instance to Miranda Threlfall-Holmes at Miranda.threlfall-holmes@durham.ac.uk, and should take the form of a title and short (c.150 words) summary. Please say if you envisage it being a 20 minute paper or an alternative format, and if you will need any particular audio-visual equipment etc.

The freedom which the ANB Theological Consultation gives to explore ideas together is unique. We hope that it will have a continuing vibrant life and that you will be part of it.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Jackson, Archbishop of Dublin and chairperson of ANBTC
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