

The Academy

The North American Academy of Ecumenists (NAAE) informs and encourages individuals whose profession or ministry in the church involves them in ecumenical activities and studies. Its goal is to provide ecumenists with an open structure for exploring important issues that challenge official ecumenical agencies and projects.

Founded in 1957, the Academy meets annually in September. Its conferences are professional and scholarly in substance, and informal in style.

The membership of the Academy includes Christians engaged in theology and in the ecumenical movement, including ecumenical officers, academics, educators and students. NAAE is an academy by virtue of its members' shared concern for the theological reflection and scholarship that is essential to the unity of the church and to interreligious understanding.

The Academy has a direct relationship with and publishes in the prestigious Journal of Ecumenical Studies, a leading forum for scholarly ecumenical and interreligious dialogue since 1964.

The Academy is governed by an interdenominational Board of Directors from the United States and Canada.



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Montréal, an accessible city

An international destination of choice, Montreal is easily accessed by land, water and air. Downtown is a mere 20 minutes from the airport, which handles some 200 flights daily. Visitors will find this compact island city great for walking, and can easily – and safely – explore its vibrant neighbourhoods on foot at any time of the day or night. Montreal is also multicultural, boasting more than 80 ethnic communities, and enjoys an outstanding reputation worldwide for gourmet dining.

Public transit is not only affordable, it's also a great way to get around the city. Quick, safe and clean, the metro connects downtown to major tourism attractions, as well as to numerous bus stops and train stations. In addition, cycling enthusiasts enjoy 350 kilometres of bicycle paths, many of which lead to major tourist areas. Check out Montreal's cool community bike system Bixi. Pick up a bike at one of the 246 stations and drop it off at another. Great idea!

This year's Academy is hosted by the Canadian Centre for Ecumenism, located in the heart of downtown Montreal.



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NORTH AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ECUMENISTS



24-26 SEPTEMBER 2010

Canadian Centre for Ecumenism, Montréal



***The Next 100 Years
New and Renewed Strategies
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The Centenary of the World Missionary Conference in Edinburgh 1910, the onset of the modern ecumenical movement, is an introspective moment for many who are seeking direction for Christian mission in the 21st century.

Based on a critical assessment of the status of the world, a new vision of God's purposes for creation in Christ, a renewed spirituality and mission ethos need to be developed in the life of the churches worldwide.

This Montreal conference will explore ways of witnessing to Christ while acknowledging the religious plurality in a secular society. What is the meaning of "world evangelisation" today? How do we bear witness to the uniqueness of Jesus in a multi-religious world?

These and related questions will be explored in presentations from Orthodox, Catholic, Protestant, and Independent perspectives. Participants will have the opportunity to offer insights from their own traditions in small group discussions and open dialogue.

FRIDAY EVENING, September 24

"A Century of Ecumenical Engagement: The Legacy of Edinburgh 1910"

Rev. Dr. Thomas F. Best

Former Director and staff member, Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches (1984-2007); former Director, Institut zur Erforschung des Urchristentums (Institute for the Study of Christian Origins), Tübingen, Germany.

Mission is integral to the nature and life of the Church. But what does this mean in the 21st century, in an era when the "old" world seems to be abandoning the Gospel in favor of secularism? We need urgently an ecumenical mission practice which would call the churches to new levels of mutual accountability and practical acts of common mission.

SATURDAY MORNING, September 25

"Secularization: Challenges to Christianity"

Dr. Gregory Baum

Professor Emeritus of Faculty of Religious Studies, McGill University, Montreal; Former Editor of *The Ecumenist* (1962-2004)

The separation of church and state is widening rapidly in Western society. In the name of progress, secularization and hyper-individualism have become the objective. In a society that welcomes and protects immigrants and their religious cultures through a Charter of Rights, is Christianity still accorded the same benefit?

"The Orthodox Engagement in Ecumenism"

Hegumen Philip Riabikh

Vice-Chairman, Department of External Church Relations, Moscow Patriarchate, Moscow

How does the Patriarchate envision its role in interchurch dialogue, and with other Orthodox? How important are relations with other World Religions?

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, September 25

Panel Reflections: Ecumenical Implications...

...Councils of Churches

Rev. Dr. Karen Hamilton

Secretary General, Canadian Council of Churches

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Dr. Daniel Cere

Assistant Professor of Religion, Ethics and Law, Faculty of Religious Studies, McGill University, Quebec; Director of the Institute for the Study of Marriage Law and Culture; Co-director of the Newman Institute of Catholic Studies

Rev. Dr. Gilles Routhier

Professor of Theology, Faculty of Theology & Religious Science, Université Laval, Quebec

...Bilateral Dialogues

Rev. Dr. Peter Galadza

Professor of Liturgy, Faculty of Theology, Sheptytsky Institute of Eastern Christian Studies, Saint Paul University, Ottawa

SATURDAY EVENING BANQUET,
September 25

"Witnessing the Ecumenical Future Together"

Dr. Margaret O'Gara, Banquet Speaker

Professor of Theology, Faculty of Theology, University of St. Michael's College, Toronto

What does the future hold for Christians? Are we on the verge of an ecumenical spring? Will the Christian message have greater impact on the world? Is our sense of mission up to the challenge?

SUNDAY MORNING, September 26

"Unity and Mission in 2010: The Changing Face of Global Christianity"

Dr. Catherine E. Clifford

Associate Professor of Systematic and Theology; and Vice Dean in the Faculty of Theology, Saint Paul University, Ottawa

In the past century the changing consciousness of global Christianity has had a profound impact on the way in which the churches understand their place in the world. The paper will attempt to sketch some of the significant developments in the understanding of the mission and identity of the Church of Christ since Edinburgh, 1910, and their implications in the search for Christian unity.

The conferences will be presented mostly in English. All speakers are bilingual; questions and discussions are welcome in both languages.

Additional programme details can be found at

www.naae.net

A complete information package will be mailed to you upon receipt of confirmed registration.

Registration & Lodging

*** Deadline is August 10, 2010 ***

1 SELECT OPTIONS (Prices are in US dollars)

Complete Package (conferences, banquet, 2-days lodging) US\$450 US\$ _____

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All conferences only; does not include Saturday evening banquet US\$175 US\$ _____

All day Saturday conferences and evening banquet; no lodging 100 _____

Single day conference only; except Saturday evening banquet 75 _____

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