

Theology of Reconciliation

From Monday 2nd to Friday 6th October 2023, St George's House will hold a Consultation entitled Theology of Reconciliation. This has been designed for Clergy with at least five years' ministerial experience. Three Postgraduate students from the University of Aberdeen will lead it– Joshua Blanchard, Corey Tuttle and Rahel Siebald, assisted by St George's House Staff.

Reconciliation is at the heart of the Christian gospel. Still, it can be surprisingly difficult to explain how human beings experience reconciliation, the promise of the gospel today. How does the reconciliation achieved in Christ's life, death, and resurrection influence human-to-human relationships or even the relation to oneself? In order to explore this topic more deeply, we want to think about reconciliation with God (questions of atonement and salvation), reconciliation of the self (questions of anthropology) and reconciliation in the church (questions of ecclesiology). Thinking together about reconciliation is fruitful on the one hand because it affects the wounds and questions of our daily lives deeply, on the other hand, because of its centrality to the Christian faith it will lead us on an exciting journey through various theological key themes. We will use different thinkers, such as Bonhoeffer or Augustine, and confessional texts to explore how the church has narrated reconciliation in the past and what we can learn from these voices for our relation to God, ourselves, and our neighbour today. The programme will feature shared discussion, individual reading and stimulating presentations from our speakers.

Joshua Blanchard is a Postgraduate researcher Tutor at the University of Aberdeen and instructor at Columbia International University. He received a BS in Philosophy and Biblical Studies from Columbia International University and an MA in Philosophy and Theology from Talbot School of Theology. His research interests include ethics and political philosophy, personal identity, classical and early medieval philosophy, and philosophical theology. He is the host of The Augustine Podcast and currently writing his doctoral thesis: Personhood and Politics: Augustinian Anthropology in Liberal Democracy.



Corey Tuttle is a Postgraduate researcher in Systematic Theology at the University of Aberdeen. His research interests include Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Karl Barth, Christology, soteriology, and eschatology. Corey is the host of The Bonhoeffer Podcast and The Karl Barth Podcast, where he interviews leading scholars in Bonhoeffer and Barth studies about their work. He is currently writing his dissertation on Dietrich Bonhoeffer's universal soteriology.

Rahel Siebald (MA, Giessen, Germany) is a Postgraduate researcher in Theological Ethics at the University of Aberdeen. Her doctoral thesis A Forgotten History of Leadership asks how the development of human resource management has changed our thinking about what it means to be the church today. Rahel is interested in questions about history and repentance, ethical questions around economics, and the intertwinement of sociology and theology. She has taught ethics to undergraduate students and facilitated a postgraduate seminar on questions surrounding abuse in theology and church. Rahel is actively involved in her local church and loves to pray, work and ask theological questions alongside people from all walks of life.

If you would like to join us from 2-6 October, please email St George's House – patricia.birdseye@stgeorghouse.org – or telephone 01753 848886 for an application form.

Places will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis.

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