



*FOURSQUARE SCHOLARS FELLOWSHIP
2021 CONFERENCE*

SPIRITUAL UNITY & THE BOND OF PEACE

CONVERSATION ON UNITY AND PEACEMAKING, MULTI-ETHNIC MINISTRY, PENTECOSTAL HISTORY, RACE AND JUSTICE, SOCIAL MEDIA, THE MARKETPLACE, AND MORE

With Keynote Speakers

- *Dr. Cecil M. Robeck Jr.*
(Professor of Church History and Ecumenics, Fuller Theological Seminary)
- *Dr. Doretha O'Quinn / Dr. Doris J. Sims*
(Author of "Silent Voices: Powerful Messages" / Educational Consultant)
- *Dr. Rodolfo Galvan Estrada III*
(Author of "A Pneumatology of Race in the Gospel of John")

JAN 15, 2021 (FRI) / 5:00PM - 7:00PM (PST)

JAN 16, 2021 (SAT) / 9:00AM - 1:00PM (PST)

INTRODUCTION



Greetings,

Our world is crying out for unity in diversity, for peacemaking. As leaders divinely empowered with the gospel of peace, we are equipped to speak into this space with both sensitivity and truth. The Foursquare Scholars Fellowship is hosting a virtual conference to provide a space for conversations.

The theme of this year's gathering is **“Spiritual Unity and the Bond of Peace”**. Discussions and presentations will center on unity and peacemaking in politics, multiethnic ministry, Pentecostal history, race and justice, social media, the marketplace and more.

We are shaping this conversation to be accessible, practical and expect the experience to engage participants through sincere and reflective dialogue.

Our heart is that we as scholars, pastors, teachers, and leaders come together, listen, reflect and exchange as we aim to take steps forward in this journey toward togetherness both as a Foursquare Gospel Church and as a witnessing community to the world around us.

We will provide space for conversation, questions, and a chance to wrestle through the challenges that either hold us back or propel us forward into being more fully who Jesus has called us to be as seen in Scripture; Peoples coming together through the Spirit in the bond of peace.

In His Service,

Andrew K. Opie, Chair

Kristina E. Ingles, Vice Chair

PROGRAM SCHEDULE - DAY 1

JANUARY 15, FRI 5-7PM (PST)

- 5:00-5:05** **Welcome & Opening Prayer**
Kristina E. Ingles, Vice Chair
Foursquare Scholars Fellowship
- 5:05-6:00** **Keynote Presentation**
"Unity of the Spirit in the Bond of Peace"
Dr. Cecil "Mel" Robeck, Jr.
- 6:00-6:45** **Break-out Session 1 (Track 1, 2, 3)**
(30 min presentation, 15 min Q&A)
Presenters
- 6:45-6:55** **FSF 10 Year Anniversary Celebration**
David Moore
- 6:55-7:00** **Wrap up & Ending Prayer**
Andrew K. Opie, Chair
Foursquare Scholars Fellowship
Tammy Dunahoo, Vice President of US Operations
The Foursquare Church

PROGRAM SCHEDULE - DAY 2

JANUARY 16, SAT 9AM-1PM (PST)

9:00-9:05

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Angie Richie

President, Life Pacific University

9:05-9:35

Keynote Presentation

"Delivering the Community from the Fear of the Other: A Reading of the Spirit in John 20:19-23"

Dr. Rodolfo Galvan Estrada, III

9:35-9:40

5 Min Break

9:40-10:10

Break-out Session 2 (Track 1, 2, 3)

(20 min presentation, 10 min Q&A)

Presenters

10:10-10:40

Break-out Session 3 (Track 1, 2, 3)

(20 min presentation, 10 min Q&A)

Presenters

PROGRAM SCHEDULE - DAY 2

JANUARY 16, SAT 9AM-1PM (PST)

- 10:40-10:45** **5 Min Break**
- 10:45-11:15** **Break-out Session 4 (Track 1, 2, 3)**
(20 min presentation, 10 min Q&A)
Presenters
- 11:15-11:45** **Break-out Session 5 (Track 1, 2, 3)**
(20 min presentation, 10 min Q&A)
Presenters
- 11:45-12:00** **15 Min Break or "Intro to MASL"**
Dr. Remi Lawanson
- 12:00-12:55** **Keynote Presentation**
"Lamenting is Not Enough: Seizing Togetherness"
Dr. Doretha O'Quinn & Dr. Doris J. Sims
- 12:55-1:00** **Wrap up & Ending Prayer**
FSF Executive Committee

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Dr. Cecil M. Robeck Jr.



Professor of Church History and Ecumenics at Fuller Theological Seminary
Author of: *The Azusa Street Mission Revival*

An ordained minister with the Assemblies of God, Robeck has worked on ecumenical issues for 35 years. He has been a member of the World Council of Churches' Commission on Faith and Order since 1991. He has worked with the Vatican since 1985 and has served as the cochair of the International Catholic-Pentecostal Dialogue since 1992. He cochairs the International World Communion of Reformed Churches-Pentecostal Dialogue, and works with the Lutheran World Federation and many other groups. He serves as a consultant to the Lausanne Committee for long-term relations with the Vatican and is a member of the Lausanne Orthodox Initiative. For the past 20 years Robeck has served on the steering committee of the Global Christian Forum.

Dr. Rodolfo Galvan Estrada III



Author of: *A Pneumatology of Race in the Gospel of John: An Ethnocritical Study*

Rodolfo Galvan Estrada III is from San Diego, California. He has a Ph.D. in Biblical Studies from Regent University, holds two master's degrees from Duke University, and has done post-doctoral work in Classics at Villanova University. At Fuller Theological Seminary, he has served as the Director of Institutional Research where he works on accreditation and state authorization related duties. He has also served as the Dean of Academic Affairs and Accreditation Liaison officer of LABI College for over 8 years, leading the school through accreditation, program, and curricular assessment at the undergraduate level. Rodolfo is also an adjunct professor at various colleges and seminaries including Fuller Theological Seminary, Portland Seminary of George Fox University, Northwest University, and Vanguard University.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Dr. Doretha O'Quinn



Former Vanguard University Provost

Author of: *Silent Voices: Powerful Messages: The Historical Influence and Contribution of the African American Experience in the Foursquare Gospel Movement*

Dr. Doretha O'Quinn is a longtime administrator, professor, author and award-winning educator. Some of the books Dr. O'Quinn has authored are the Foursquare published *Silent Voices, Powerful Messages; The Historical Influence and Contribution of the African American Experience in the Foursquare Gospel Movement*; and the 2020 book publication *40 Plus Years and Still Loving Marriage* with husband Rev. Michael O'Quinn. Dr O'Quinn has served in both educational and ministry roles, including as former Provost of Vanguard University, CDO and faculty at BIOLA University, APU and PLNU, and an elementary school principal. Dr. O'Quinn is a longtime ordained Foursquare minister, former member of the Foursquare Board of Directors, and LPU Trustee, who has taught leadership courses to educators, government officials and business leaders worldwide. Her audiences have included parliament officials, leaders, pastors, and expatriates from several African and Asian nations. Dr. O'Quinn will be presenting with Dr. Doris J. Sims.

Dr. Doris J. Sims



Educational Consultant and Professor

Dr. Doris Sims is an author and college processor for California State, Los Angeles, and Northridge, Vanguard University, and educational consultant. She will be co-presenting with Dr. Doretha O'Quinn.

TRACK 1: UNITY IN CHARACTER



Session 1: Friday, Jan 15, 6:00-6:45

Dr. Douglas S. Bursch, "Posting Peace: Why Social Media Divides Us and What We Can Do About It"

ABSTRACT: Online communication is becoming increasingly divisive. I will focus my presentation on my upcoming book, *Posting Peace: Why Social Media Divides Us and What We Can Do About It* (releases April 20th 2021 by IVP). In the book I argue that the best way for individuals to decrease social media polarization is for people to engage in the ministry of peacemaking in their social media interactions. I examine how social media polarizes because the medium promotes networked individualism, exaggerates dehumanizing “discarnate” communication and numbs humanity’s ability to form meaningful relationships. The depersonalized nature of online interactions increases a lack of empathy in social media users and adds to the polarizing chaos evident in many social media conflicts. I examine how individuals have unsuccessfully tried to address the increased polarization of social media through employing non-relational, information-based solutions; engaging in increased argumentative partisan behaviors; embracing ideological segmentation and adopting conflict avoidance and disengagement practices. I ultimately propose how to facilitate social media peacemaking through developing a Christ-centered theology of reconciliation and advocating for online reconciliation that addresses the unique challenges of social media. The goal of this presentation is to help participants communicate online in a way that promotes reconciliation and peace.

BIO: Douglas S. Bursch co-pastors Evergreen Foursquare Church in Auburn, Washington and is the host of *The Fairly Spiritual Show* podcast. He is married to his lifelong sweetheart, Jennifer. They enjoy raising their four children together and ministering as a team. Doug serves on the Doctrine Committee, International Doctrine Committee and Education Commission of The Foursquare Church. Doug received his M.Div at The Assemblies of God Theological Seminary and his D.Min at Portland Seminary of George Fox University. He is the author of *The Community of God: A Theology of the Church From a Reluctant Pastor*, and *Posting Peace: Why Social Media Divides Us and What We Can Do About It* (Releasing April 20, 2021 by IVP). His website is www.fairlyspiritual.org and his Twitter handle is @fairlyspiritual.

Session 2: Saturday, Jan. 16, 9:40-10:10AM

Eric Lopez, "Is This That? Identity, Traditioning, and the Hoped-for Future of the Pentecostalism in North America"

ABSTRACT: As Pentecostalism has matured from its pre-WWI context to the present day, Pentecostal scholars and practitioners in North America have been engaged in a process of clarifying distinctives and identifying key theological loci and practices as a means of traditioning and responding to changes in society. This article reviews and categorizes these activities and explores anthropological insights garnered from the process of discipling. Finally, in the concluding section, I analyze a sermon by Aimee Semple McPherson as a site where the dynamics of these activities and insights can be observed and used to generate important questions about how Pentecostals and Foursquare specifically can continue to engage in the processes of discipleship and traditioning.

BIO: Dr. Eric Lopez is the Associate Professor of Biblical Studies and Historical Theology and the Director of the Master of Arts in Theological Studies program at Life Pacific University. He earned his Ph.D. in Theology & Religion from Durham University in the UK under Dr. Lewis Ayres. He specializes in the Trinitarian thought of Maximus the Confessor with research interests in Christian theology during Late Antiquity and contemporary engagement with early Christianity.



TRACK 1: UNITY IN CHARACTER



Session 3: Saturday, Jan. 16, 10:10-10:40 AM

Steven Overman, "The Patristic Principle of Union and Distinction as an Aid to Caring for Unity"

ABSTRACT: This paper will focus on the patristic principle of simultaneous union and distinction, with special reference to Maximus the Confessor (560-662), who lived right near the end of the patristic period. I will show how the Christian concept of union and distinction is present in the Scripture, the doctrines of the Holy Trinity and of Christ, and in the spiritual theology of the later patristic period as expressed in Maximus, suggesting that this principle can be an aid to us in pro-actively caring for unity.

BIO: Steve Overman is the Pastor of Eugene Faith Center in Eugene, Oregon and Adjunct Professor at Portland Seminary at George Fox University. For twelve years he represented the Foursquare Church on the International Catholic-Pentecostal Dialogue. Contact: steve@faithcenter.net.

Session 4: Saturday, Jan. 16, 10:45-11:15 AM

Stacey Schaub, "The significance of a name: How honoring the names of others can build spiritual unity and the bond of peace"

ABSTRACT: One significant factor that distinguishes a person from those of a different background is their name. Because we tend to suspect or not identify with people who sound 'foreign', many opportunities may be lost in the church because of our reaction to another person's name. In this tumultuous time filled with racial tension, correctly pronouncing someone's name is a simple step we can all take to honor others from differing backgrounds, bringing unity in diversity.

BIO: Stacey Schaub (MA) resides in Salem, Oregon. She and her husband, Greg, have been the co-lead pastors of Gateway Foursquare for twenty-one years. She is passionate about sharing God's word and encouraging others, and believes that every person's name is significant because it is a prophetic picture of who God has made them to be.



TRACK 1: UNITY IN CHARACTER



Session 5: Saturday, Jan. 16, 11:15-11:45 AM

Stephanie D. Nobile, "The 'Beloved Community' as a Hermeneutic of the Gospel"

ABSTRACT: John M. Perkins is known as one of the pioneering fathers of a post-Civil Rights movement for racial reconciliation among evangelical Christians in America. As a leading actor in the Civil Rights Movement in his community in Mendenhall, MS, Perkins was particularly influenced by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s vision of the beloved community. As a resolved Christian, Perkins believed that this grand vision could only be realized in the life, work, and witness of the church. At its fullness, the beloved community is the embodiment of reconciliation, mutuality, and a new social order: the kingdom of God. As Lesslie Newbigin has argued, the Church must embody the new social order that it wishes to effectuate. Newbigin asserts that the collective life and action of believers is the most effective "hermeneutic of the gospel". That is, the quality of life that is shared amongst believers and the collective work that flows from that is the greatest interpretation of the gospel that the church can offer to the world. This paper revisits and integrates these visions, drawing upon their insights for a new generation of Christian leaders and the contemporary challenges which they face in today's American urban contexts.

BIO: *Stephanie Nobile is a Ph.D. student in Intercultural Studies at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. In addition to teaching undergraduate courses at Trinity International University, she is an instructor at a grassroots training institute that equips young leaders in Christian community development within distressed Chicago communities. She is married and has two children, and lives in Chicago, IL.*

Lunch Discussion: Saturday, Jan. 16, 11:50 AM-12:00 PM

Dr. Remi Lawanson, "An Introduction to the MASL: MA in Strategic Leadership"

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TRACK 2: STRATEGY IN ACTION



Session 1: Friday, Jan. 15, 6:00-6:45 PM

Rachel Y. Jeon, "Peace of Christ and the Deconstruction of Ideological Identity in Ephesians 2:11-22"

ABSTRACT: Ephesians 2:11-22 is frequently used to address spiritual unity and the ministry of reconciliation Christ has fulfilled on the cross. This work offers a close reading of Ephesians 2:11-22 through historical analysis of the Jew/Gentile relationship in the first century Roman Empire. While Roman peace was built upon the sacrifice of the conquered, Christ's peace in Ephesians is built upon the body of Christ, sacrificed under the propaganda of Pax Romana. Along with a historical analysis, I attempt to read Ephesians in the context of the divided Korean Peninsula. Ideological divisions due to race, ethnicity, gender, class, age, and region are present all over the world and have been growing deeper in the past years. I hope this will be a contribution to encourage Christians to become agents of peace by deconstructing dividing walls and envisioning a reconciled world in Christ's broken body on the cross.

BIO: Rachel Youjeong Jeon is originally from South Korea and grew up in the Korean Foursquare Church. She received her BA in English Literature at Yonsei University, M.Div at Harvard Divinity School, and STM in New Testament at Yale Divinity School. Since 2015 she has been serving Korean American youths in the New England area as a youth pastor. Her research focuses on the Roman imperial context and the theme of sojourning of the New Testament and on developing biblical hermeneutics to serve as a bridge to heal and reconcile broken communities.

Session 2: Saturday, Jan. 16, 9:40-10:10 AM

Pastor Heidi S. Messner, "Unity Through Civic Engagement"

ABSTRACT: Politics divide our nation and often our churches. This reality has left countless wondering if Christians should engage in politics at all? Through the power of personal testimony and practical application, we, as ministers of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, will discover ways we can be redemptive, bringing peace and building unity in our political world and systems.

BIO: Heidi S. Messner has been in ministry for over 30 years as a Foursquare pastor and leader in Washington, Oregon, and California. She has served as a City Councilmember and been on several policy-making Boards at the League of California Cities. She has an M.A. in Multi-Cultural Psychology and worked as a Therapist for many years in Washington. Growing up on the mission field, being a pastor's kid in the U.S., and traveling to over 60 countries has provided her with a unique perspective that influences all she does.



TRACK 2: STRATEGY IN ACTION



Session 3: Saturday, Jan. 16, 10:10-10:40 AM

Lucia Sanders, "Towards Unity: A Biblical Example of the Importance of History"

ABSTRACT: 1 Corinthians 10 is an important display of Paul's willingness to engage in his own people's history (as a Jewish Christian), look at Israel's past mistakes, and make recommendations for living differently in the present as a unified body. My talk centers in on the typological and rhetorical moves that Paul makes in 1 Corinthians 10, fundamentally grounded in a look at his method (emphasis being on how he leads and models honest remembrance for present change). It would begin in a brief assumption and argument for the letter's unity, a look into the overall situation of the Corinthian church (a misunderstanding of who Christ is and what he ushers in, namely power and wisdom, resulting in lack of unity and maturity), a section devoted to Paul's Jewishness, and finally center in on Paul's method of leadership and modeling of honesty and confession in 1 Cor. 10:1-13 and how he applies it in the next sections. A fundamental step in the process towards unity and peace is confession of past mistakes so that we can learn from them. This paper stems out of the current need of the church for remembrance of our past, confession of our role, and change in our midst regarding divisions and past hurt towards the body. Paul models this honesty to lead his audience towards maturity and unity, providing an honest model for us to engage in, and learn from.

BIO: Lucia Sanders received her BA in Biblical Studies from Life Pacific University and her MA in Biblical Exegesis from Wheaton Graduate School. She has years of experience serving both locally and globally with the Foursquare Denomination, and she brings this multicultural mission experience to influence her academic work and her teaching. She has a forthcoming book she co-edited entitled *A Scriptural Index for the Rabbinic Literature*. Luci currently teaches at Life Pacific University and SoCal Institute and is looking to apply for her PhD in Old Testament this year.

Session 4: Saturday, Jan. 16, 11:15-11:45 AM

Stephen A. Lennstrom, "An Ethic of Disruption"

ABSTRACT: In the contemporary context, Paul's encouragement to the Ephesians to maintain unity and peace within the church body may appear naive and impractical. This paper addresses the difficulty of ecclesial unity by first establishing a theologically integrative approach to the idea of 'self.' Utilizing psychological, Girardian and Augustinian themes, a pathway to peace is offered under the label of an 'ethic of disruption.' A model for this pathway is found in Martin Luther King Jr.'s understanding of non-violent direct action as a method of forming the Beloved Community. Far from pure conjecture, the paper outlines how this pathway has been employed to achieve a sense of unity in an ideologically diverse, rural, Foursquare church in coastal Oregon. In presenting these ideas, this paper encourages ministers in local contexts to choose a path of unity marked by disruption.

BIO: Stephen Athanasius Lennstrom has been involved in ministry for over twenty years and holds degrees from Simpson University and Fuller Theological Seminary as well as a post-graduate certificate from the University of Cambridge. His expertise lies in the intersection of church and culture where he examines social theology and ecclesiology. He is married to an amazing woman with whom he has three wonderful children. He can be contacted at salennstrom@gmail.com.



TRACK 2: STRATEGY IN ACTION



Session 5: Saturday, Jan. 16, 10:45-11:15 AM

Pastor Guillermo Puppo, "Kingdom over Party: The Character of Christ as the Foundation of Unity in American Politics"

ABSTRACT: Amid the current political ambient, the American Church is giving in to political parties' populist discourse that polarize American people for political gain. Jesus warned his church of this type of conflict when he said: "Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and no city or house divided against itself will stand." (Mt. 12:25). Since Western culture owes most of its values to Christianity, both political parties show the implicit or explicit influence of Jesus' teaching in their agendas. However, both also show concerning departures from it. The left proposes economic ideas similar to those of the Old Testament Israelite economic model but leaves God out of the model. In contrast, the Right claims a biblical value-based agenda, but Privatism –the idea of the divine right of individual enrichment without regarding the community, is at the center, with God supporting the self-serving nature of Privatism. Each party accuses the other of ungodliness, and Christians fall in such false dichotomy, allowing the church's politicization in ways that place party over Kingdom and break the unity scriptures call all Christians to make every effort to maintain (Eph. 4:3). The current essay will discuss how the character of Christ is above and beyond all political agendas and denounces every political system that intends to package Him for economic and political gain. After all, it is only the character of Christ that can foster the type of unity His church needs to prevail against the gates of hell (Mt. 16:18).

BIO: *Guillermo Puppo, together with his wife Vanesa, pastor a Pentecostal Hispanic church in Denver, CO since 2011. They have two children, Angie (21) and Julietta (17). In 2015, Guillermo graduated from Fuller Theological Seminary with a Master of Arts in Global Leadership. He is now working on his doctoral dissertation at Regent University on the topic: "The Social Role of the Church." He currently serves at Fuller Seminary as the Vocation & Formation Groups Supervisor. Guillermo is the president of Westwood Unidos, a non-profit, neighbor-based organization that promotes community improvement by empowering and organizing its neighbors in Westwood-Denver.*

Lunch Discussion: Saturday, Jan. 16, 11:50 AM-12:00 PM

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TRACK 3: PRACTICAL APPLICATION



Session 1: Friday, Jan. 15, 6:00-6:45 PM

Martin Ruarte, “Shared Kingdom Mission: Empowering Ethnic Churches in America”

ABSTRACT: An organization (a body) can achieve Spiritual unity and the bond of peace when what they say and do is centered on a “Shared Kingdom Mission” and not around a particular culture, language, or philosophy. The research “Empowering Ethnic Churches in America” presents a Shared Kingdom Mission Framework helping mitigate the tension between the dominant culture and the emerging groups by showing a path for unity.

When organizations experience diversity and multiplication, God is pleased, and His kingdom is positively impacted. Nevertheless, diversity demands contextualization and empowerment. Once an empowered and autonomous dominant culture with a desire to integrate emerging groups decides to create space for them, conscious or unconscious marginalization is mitigated. When the emerging groups respond with integration and autonomy, then a path for real reconciliation and partnership is established since both the dominant culture and the emerging group are coming as equals, with a desire to be together, but with the understanding that they are different. Real reconciliation and partnership generate more multiplication and diversity, and the cycle starts again. Spiritual unity and the bond of peace can be experienced when diversity and multiplication, contextualization and empowerment, integration and autonomy, and reconciliation and partnership happens around a shared kingdom mission. A shared kingdom mission where everyone’s identity is respected and celebrated, everyone can learn from one another, and everyone can come together as equals to a collective Kingdom Mission.

BIO: *Martin Ruarte is an immigrant pastor, Assistant Supervisor of the Gateway District of the Foursquare Churches, an MASL graduate, a CPA, an entrepreneur, a husband, a father of three, and a passionate follower of Jesus.*



TRACK 3: PRACTICAL APPLICATION



Session 2: Saturday, Jan. 16, 9:40-10:10 AM

Michael Bratun, Kathleen Bratun, & Dr. Clayton Robinson, "Holding Church Services during a Pandemic: Lessons Learned in the Trenches"

ABSTRACT: In early 2020 the Coronavirus hit the world and the US without warning. Changes and restrictions were being announced daily, forcing the church to adapt quickly, including changing cleaning protocols, holding services while social distancing, holding services outside, within automobiles, and finally being restricted for an extended period of time to online services. There are many different aspects of how the church should respond in such a season, including serving the community, connecting with the congregation socially, meeting the needs of specific groups (such as children, youth, care, home groups, etc.), moving governance meetings online, etc. While all of these issues are important, due to allotted time and space, the focus of our paper will be solely on issues dealing with public services; including lessons learned on how to effectively transition to an online service format and lasting changes the church should consider after the pandemic is over. We will discuss the practical aspects of having a rapid and nimble response during such times of rapid change. We will focus on the fact that being a church online necessitates a fresh approach to church services, including length of services, service format, engaging the family, compiling creative worship when the team can't meet, recording the service from multiple venues, and of course, the ubiquitous editing and posting of the service online (including available online options). We also will quickly discuss the differences and necessary adjustments of conducting church services in the various different ways such as drive-in church, church outside, and church restricted by size and social distancing rules.



TRACK 3: PRACTICAL APPLICATION



Session 3: Saturday, Jan. 16, 10:10-10:40 AM

Pastor Evelyn D. Hernandez, "Hybrid Congregation with a Unified Digital Mission"

ABSTRACT: This present study brings awareness to the effectiveness of digital or online environments to create religious and spiritual impact for a post-pandemic culture. This paper explores the opportunities to leverage technological advances for church online, that lead to authentic community and discipleship. The current pandemic has catapulted a phenomenon that necessitates considerations of "hybrid congregations" or "church online" both in-person and through digital environments. Questions do remain: *How can churches nurture community and engagement in their digital environments? Can church happen online and still facilitate authentic community?* Churches can learn from the current crisis, anticipate what the future holds and explore how to develop new levels of thinking for a post-pandemic culture.

BIO: *Pastor Evelyn D. Hernandez is an ordained Foursquare minister and serves as Co-Pastor at Worshipwalk Church in Burbank, CA. Evelyn is specially focused on engaging and empowering women for their unique kingdom contribution. She earned her BA in Business Administration from California State University, Long Beach (1998) and a BA in Music from California State University, Northridge (2001). In 2016, Evelyn earned the Masters of Arts in Strategic Leadership (MASL) from Life Pacific University.*

Session 4: Saturday, Jan. 16, 10:45-11:15 AM

Dr. Greg Dueker, "Essentially One: A Trinitarian Paradigm for Church Unity"

ABSTRACT: "In essentials unity; in non-essentials liberty; in all things charity," (Meldenius, 1626). Proper understanding of the unity of the Church is rooted in a wealth of Biblical imagery, theological understanding, and missional experience. As such, it needs to be examined in Trinitarian terms if we are to avoid the dualism of visible-invisible church. This issue is important to me personally because I want to participate in Christ's mission, not work against it. In this paper, I will first examine the biblical foundations for unity in diversity. Second, using Meldenius' classic statement about Church unity as a template, I will summarize several historical divisions and resulting imbalances in applied ecclesiology. Third, I will consider how our movement towards racial equality and multi-ethnic churches can inform our efforts at ecumenical unity. Finally, I will suggest ways that we can intentionally live into the unity we have in God the Father, Son, and Spirit.

BIO: *Dr. Greg Dueker earned his B.A. and M.S.M. from Multnomah University before completing his DMin. He has served in pastoral ministry for over 32 years, is the Assistant Professor of Pastoral Ministries, the Director of MAAT and Doctoral Ministries, Director of Mentored Ministries, and the Director of Summit APDP. He is passionate about helping pastors and other Christian workers faithfully fulfill the God-given calling on their lives. In his free time, Dr. Dueker regularly blogs on the Psalms and other biblical texts and posts about cultural engagement issues. He enjoys watching Seattle Mariners baseball and Seahawks football, playing games with friends, going to movies, reading, and writing poetry. He enjoys trips to the beach with his wife and off-street bike rides. They have two grown children (Multnomah University faculty pages).*

TRACK 3: PRACTICAL APPLICATION



Session 5: Saturday, Jan. 16, 11:15-11:45 AM

Jonathan Berglund, "The Spirit of Ephesians: Communal Holiness and Unity"

ABSTRACT: Is there a pastor in America who isn't, right now, concerned with the unity of the church? We have seen the facade of many multi-ethnic churches crumble, the effectiveness of political peacemaking prove impotent, and long-standing divisions around tribe and tradition trump efforts toward reconciliation. Unity, it seems, is utterly unattainable.

Thank God things are not as they seem. In this paper, I will argue that Ephesians anticipates a very real and attainable unity, rooted in the grace and peace of God in Christ and opening up even as far as politics and systems. Building on contemporary perspectives on Pauline theology, as well as my own exegesis and teaching of Ephesians in a multi-ethnic church, I suggest that unity, like holiness or gifts of healing, is experienced as a Spiritual foretaste of Heaven through participation in Christ.

BIO: *Jon Berglund is Associate Pastor of Group Ministries at The Church On The Way in Van Nuys, CA. He teaches regularly on the Pauline epistles and their meaning for the church's public witness. During the pandemic, racial unrest, and political tensions of 2020, he led a diverse group of emerging leaders, artists, and professionals through a 6-month study on Ephesians.*

Lunch Discussion: Saturday, Jan. 16, 11:50 AM-12:00 PM

Dr. Remi Lawanson, "An Introduction to the MASL: MA in Strategic Leadership"

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Thank you again for your prayers and service to Kingdom business and Unity in the Bond of Peace.

In His Service,

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