

The Past as Prologue

The Reformation and the Future of Christian Dialogue

in observance of the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation

Friday, September 8, 2017
6:30pm - 9:00pm
The Basilica of Saint Mary
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Welcome

Rev. John M. Bauer
Pastor, The Basilica of Saint Mary

Dr. Michael Hemesath
President, Saint John's University

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Rev. Dr. Olav Fykse Tveit
General Secretary, World Council of Churches

Panel and Audience Questions

Dr. Kristin Colberg
Saint John's School of Theology and Seminary

Dr. Kathryn Johnson
Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Relations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Abbot John Klassen, OSB
Saint John's Abbey

Rev. Dr. Donald Ottenhoff (moderator)
Executive Director, Collegeville Institute

Social

Prayer for Christian Unity

Archbishop Bernard Hebda, *Archdiocese of Minneapolis and Saint Paul,
and Saint Mary's Schola Cantorum*

Featured Speaker and Panelists

Rev. Dr. Olav Fykse Tveit serves as the General Secretary for the World Council of Churches, the primary body for Christian relations among the churches of the Reformation, and he has worked with care on the topics of ecumenism, peace-building, climate change, and refugee resettlement. Dr. Tveit is a Lutheran pastor, a teacher, and a noted author including the recent book *The Truth We Owe Each Other: Mutual Accountability in the Ecumenical Movement*. Dr. Tveit was a short-term resident scholar at the Collegeville Institute in 1999.

Dr. Kristin Colberg is Professor of Theology at the College of Saint Benedict/Saint John's University and School of Theology and Seminary, and participant in the U.S. Catholic-Reformed bilateral dialogue team.

Dr. Kathryn Johnson is the Paul Tudor Jones Professor of Church History at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary and director of Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Relations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). She is a member of the current round of the U.S. Lutheran-Catholic dialogue, and worked also on the international dialogue study document *From Conflict to Communion* and on the U.S. task force for the Declaration on the Way: Church, Ministry, and Eucharist.

Abbot John Klassen, OSB is the 10th Abbot of Saint John's Abbey and active participant in ecumenical conversations including his leadership in Bridgefolk, a Catholic-Mennonite dialogue movement.

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Collegeville Institute, founded in 1967, is a residential place of scholarship, worship, dialogue, and community for academics, theologians, pastors, church leaders, artists, musicians, and writers. Celebrating its 50th anniversary year, its history is rooted in the rich ecumenical heritage of Saint John's Abbey and University, a place shaped by the Benedictine tradition of worship and work that predates divisions of the Christian church.

Saint John's Abbey, founded in 1856, is a men's monastic community of the Benedictine Order. For over 1,500 years, Benedictine monks around the world have followed the teachings of Jesus Christ by choosing to live together under the *Rule of Saint Benedict*. The monks of Saint John's Abbey follow in the footsteps of this ancient tradition.

Saint John's University, founded in 1857, is one of the oldest institutions of higher education in the Midwest, and is among the top-rated Catholic liberal arts colleges in the nation. Nationally recognized for its promotion of men's character and Benedictine values, Saint John's is a community committed to academic excellence, social justice and leadership development.

Saint John's School of Theology and Seminary is one of only four Catholic theological schools in the upper Midwest. The distinctive essence of the school is shaped by the Roman Catholic and Benedictine traditions and the liturgical and ecumenical heritage of Saint John's Abbey. It is committed to the education and formation of monastic seminarians, religious sisters and brothers, and lay people.

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