

2017 AWI Workshops

Presenter: The Very Rev. Walter Banek

Title: “Reformation Roots and Fruit: A Reassessment by the 20th Century French Catholic Renewal Movement”

Summary: Hans Boersma’s book, *Heavenly Participation – The Weaving of a Sacramental Tapestry*, summarizes the work of several *Resourcement* theologians who trace the origins of modern secularism to the 11th century, long before the Reformation. Their objective was the recovery of the sacramental ontology of the Great Tradition reflected in Augustine and the church fathers of the undivided church. In distilling their work, Boersma gives a fresh view of the roots of the reformation, seeing it as an initial corrective, but also identifying the short-comings that had unintended consequences affecting *both* Protestantism and Catholicism, thus begetting the modern secular Church.

Presenter: The Rev. Dr. Benjamin E. Bernier

Title: “Truth before a Post-Truth World: The Concept of Truth and Education from the Reformation to the Present Times”

Summary: This presentation will explore the concept of “truth” prevalent among reformers and how it influenced Apologetics, Hermeneutics, and Education. We will explore how the Reformation's understanding of “truth” affected education spurring a massive social transformation and what were the epistemological and anthropological principles underlying such a transformation. Finally, we will consider how these concepts have evolved over time to the present situation to see how fundamental changes have influenced our conception of “truth” and the role and importance of education at all levels, from the individual, the family, the church, the state, and to society in general.

Presenter: The Rev. Nevada DeLapp

Title: "King David in the Reformation and Beyond”

Summary: This session will look at the ways in which the story of David and Saul influenced political life and set the agenda for different responses to religious persecution." I will outline the two main ways that Reformation readers of Scripture read the David story to justify different responses to tyranny and religious persecution. I will use Calvin and Beza as a starting point, and then move to the Dutch National Anthem, the Anglican Andrew Willet, and the Scottish Presbyterian Samuel Rutherford. Essentially, the breakout session would be a kind of case study for 16th and 17th century hermeneutics and the ways in which the same Reformation hermeneutical principles could generate different political interpretations of the same biblical story (1 Samuel 24 and 26).

Presenter: The Rev. Ronald Drummond

Title: “REFORMED CATHOLICS AT PRAYER: The Scriptural Catholicism of the Book of Common Prayer”

Summary: While many theologians of the Reformation produced dense treatises on doctrine, the Church of England produced a liturgy. This workshop will explore the Book of Common Prayer not as a service book or liturgical resource, but as a practical system of Reformed Catholic faith and practice.

Presenter: The Rev. Dr. Charles Erlandson

Title: “Reformed and Catholic: Revealing the Mystery of Anglican Identity”

Summary: Everyone wants to know what it means to be an Anglican, yet no one wants to actually define it. The current Anglican realignment and reformation, for example, is based on an identity that has not often been examined in great depth. In this workshop, Fr. Erlandson will present a nuanced, Trinitarian model of Anglican religious identity, which he developed in his Ph.D. thesis. This model will not only make it easier to understand what it means to be an Anglican but will also help in ecumenical discussions. Finally, it will help chart a way forward for Anglicanism in the 21st century.

Presenter: The Rev. Dcn. Barton Gingerich

Title: “Philip Melanchthon and Anglicanism”

Summary: Philip Melanchthon is widely considered one of the primary formulators of Lutheranism and the first Protestant systematic theologian. However, his influence was not limited to Germany or Lutheranism. In fact, his philosophy and theology, particularly his *Loci Communes*, had a tremendous effect on the English Reformation. This workshop will cover the influence of Melanchthon in Cranmer's Holy Communion liturgy and the policy and religious views of Queen Elizabeth I.

Presenter: The Rev. Damien Grout

Title: “Recovering the Mind of the Church: The Canon of St. Vincent and the Anglican Way”

Summary: As even a cursory examination of the received liturgies and documents of the English Reformation will reveal that the Anglican Way stands in contrast to the various manifestations of the Reformation in the rest of Europe: this difference is in no way accidental. The driving principle of the Anglican Divines was the recovery of the mind of the undivided Church through a commitment to uphold the Canon of St. Vincent of Lerins (*quod ubique, quod semper, quod ab omnibus*). In this workshop, we will look at the principles laid out by St. Vincent (as well as dealing with some misunderstandings and improper applications of his canon); then we will briefly trace out how this principle shaped the Anglican Way, and finally, how we can employ this rule for the health of our parishes and as the driving principle in ecumenical dialogue.

Presenter: Organist Chris Hoyt

Title: “Keep in Tune with Heaven: The Church Cantatas of J.S. Bach”

Summary: Bach's sacred cantatas are one of the greatest artistic fruits of the Reformation. They also represent the goal of Bach's entire working career, which was to produce "a well-ordered church music". This workshop will examine Bach's enormous ambition: to produce a multi-year cycle of church music that would draw the heart, soul, mind, and strength of all the worshippers into the love of God. The workshop will also make some suggestions for how we can recover Bach's vision in our own day.

Presenter: The Rev. Jonathan Kell

Title: “Richard Hooker: On Salvation, the Church of Rome and the Extremes of Puritanism”

Summary: On one Sunday in 1585, Richard Hooker made a comment which ignited significant controversy in London. *"I doubt not but God was merciful to save thousands of our fathers living in popish superstitions, inasmuch as they sinned ignorantly."* The many Puritans in attendance were horrified at the notion that individuals could receive the blessing of eternal life while under the direction of Roman doctrine. In response, Richard Hooker preached a series of three sermons in March of 1586. Hooker's *Learned Discourse of Justification, Works, and how the Foundation of Faith is Overthrown* will serve as a basis for understanding the Reformed Catholic understanding of the doctrine of Salvation in juxtaposition to the extremes of Rome and Puritan theology. Hooker's doctrine harmonizes the teaching of the Book of Homilies, The Articles of Religion and the Book of Common Prayer.

Presenter: Mr. Eric Parker

Title: “An Italian Refugee in Cranmer's House: the Eucharistic Theology of Peter Martyr Vermigli”

Summary: This workshop looks at one of Thomas Cranmer's friends and colleagues, the Italian refugee Peter Martyr Vermigli (1499-1562). Vermigli had been the Abbot of a monastery and a close associate of Pope Paul III before he was converted and eventually invited to England by Cranmer to help reform the University of Oxford. In Vermigli we can see just how "catholic" the Reformation in England truly was. For, Vermigli shows himself to be an expert and a devotee of the church fathers. He uses the Nicene Creed to find an analogy between Christ's two natures and the union of Christ's body and blood with the sacramental signs of bread and wine.

Presenter: Mr. James Syrow

Title: “Harnessing modern media, 500 years after Luther”

Summary: Today's social media mystifies and terrifies traditional Anglicans; yet we know the opportunities within it can be incredible. We'd like to be more media-savvy, yet how can that be done without sacrificing traditional values? This workshop explores the place of the media for the church, building on the legacy of Martin Luther, who alone succeeded where Wycliffe and Hus failed because of his unique genius with the media. We look at today's incredible opportunities to rapidly grow, increase audience with the youth, and successfully navigate the modern landscape, without sacrificing traditional values.