



Friends of the Center for Catholic and Evangelical Theology:

We are excited to invite you to our 2023 Pro Ecclesia Conference June 5-7, to discuss the very timely topic in this post-Covid era: Life Together: The Communion of the Saints in a Time of Division and Disease.

Both locally and nationally, Christian fellowship has been severely tested by the impact of the pandemic and the heightened tensions of our political and cultural life. "Social distancing" and "virtual worship" have eaten into the fellowship within congregations and parishes. Our polarized politics and the "culture wars" that have accompanied it have severely tested our ability to pursue a common life, not only within our wider society, but within and among our churches. The conference will discuss theologically and pastorally how we address these challenges. We have assembled a range of speakers from different backgrounds: medicine, ethics, New Testament studies, parish ministry, and Theological Studies.

If this piques your interest, you can find more information and/or register by clicking [here](#).

Confirmed speakers include:

- William Cavanaugh, PhD, De Paul University, Chicago
- Chris Currie, PhD, St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church, New Orleans
- Lydia Dugdale, MD, MAR, Columbia University College of Physicians & Surgeons, New York
- Wesley Hill, PhD, Western Theological Seminary, Holland MI
- Myles Werntz, PhD, Abilene Christian University, Abilene TX
- Sondra Wheeler, PhD, Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington DC
- And our banquet speaker -- Dr. Joseph Small, former director PCUSA Office of Theology & Worship

Topics include:

- The "Little Way": Practices of Faith and Solidarity in a Polarized World
- Everything Different, Everything the Same: A Post-Pandemic Ecclesiology
- The Lost Art of Dying: Reviving Forgotten Wisdom
- The Last Severity, the Last Hope: Ecclesial Crises in Christological Perspective
- Reconnecting in a Dismembered Age: Community, Digital Culture, and Mending the World
- In Absentia: the Risks and Lessons of "Virtual Community"

And our Tuesday evening banquet is back for all registrants, with the opportunity to enjoy the wisdom and experience of our own Joseph Small, a long-time supporter and participant in our conferences.



We suggest that you register early, as it is possible that this conference may exceed the availability of space at Loyola. Registration costs and options are on our [website](#). Please note that we have reluctantly added a service fee on refunds because of the costs imposed on us.

As we have for many years, we will be enjoying the hospitality of Loyola University of Maryland in Baltimore. If you don't want to stay in a dormitory, there are many hotels in the North Baltimore/Towson area. Plan to arrive for the first session on Monday evening. The conference concludes before lunch on Wednesday. The only meal included in registration is the Tuesday evening banquet; those staying in the dormitories also will have breakfast included with the room cost.

We hope you can join us in June as we share this conversation on Christian fellowship in these challenging times. Please share this invitation with your friends and colleagues.

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