

*ORTHODOX-PENTECOSTAL  
ACADEMIC DIALOGUE*

Third Meeting

November 22, 2019

San Diego, California, USA

The third meeting of the Orthodox-Pentecostal Academic Dialogue was held on November 22, 2019, at the University of San Diego, San Diego, California, in conjunction with the 2019 Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. The Orthodox-Pentecostal Academic Dialogue follows on informal talks between representatives of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople and Classical Pentecostals from the Pentecostal World Fellowship held between 2010 and 2012. With the blessing of Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I, an academic dialogue between Orthodox and Classical Pentecostals resumed in 2017. Both the earlier talks with the Ecumenical Patriarchate and the current academic dialogue have been endorsed by the Pentecostal World Fellowship.

The first meeting of the Orthodox-Pentecostal Academic Dialogue was held on November 17, 2017, at the Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology (Brookline, MA). The second meeting, held at the Iliff School of Theology (Denver, CO) on November 16, 2018, discussed “Spiritual Experience,” based on two papers: “The Experience of God as Light in the Orthodox Tradition,” (Dr. Paul Ladouceur); and “Pentecostalism and Experience: History, Theology, and Practice” (Rev. Dr. Lisa P. Stephenson). A brief report of the Denver meeting and the two papers have been published in the *Journal of Pentecostal Theology* (28:2, 2019, pages 163-201).

The Steering Committee for the third meeting of the Academic Dialogue consisted of Dr. Daniela C. Augustine, Dr. Brandon Gallaher, Dr. Harold D. Hunter and Dr. Paul Ladouceur. The meeting was co-chaired by Rev. Dr. Brandon Gallaher and Rev. Dr. Harold D. Hunter. The subject for discussion was “Mediation in the Christian Life.” The meeting heard and discussed two papers:

- “Mediation in the Christian Life: An Orthodox Perspective” by Rev. Dr. Philip LeMasters; and
- “Mediation in Pentecostal Spirituality and Theology” by Rev. Dr. Chris E.W. Green (*in absentia*).

The papers and the discussion suggested several promising avenues of convergence in the understanding of mediation in the two Christian traditions, avenues which could be further explored in future meetings.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Orthodox-Pentecostal Academic Dialogue will be held on November 20, 2020, in Boston, in conjunction with the 2020 Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. The subject for discussion will be “Charisms and Authority in the Church.”

The meeting thanked Rev. Dr. Rico Monge, Dr. Harold D. Hunter and Dr. Daniela C. Augustine for the organization of the meeting and catering; Rev. Dr. Philip LeMasters and Rev. Dr. Chris E.W. Green for the papers discussed at the meeting; and Rev. Dr. Philip LeMasters and Rev. Dr. Dale Coulter for leading the prayer and Bible reflection service which concluded the meeting.

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Participants in the third meeting of the Orthodox-Pentecostal  
Academic Dialogue, San Diego, November 22, 2019.

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