**Is there a theological rationale for co-operation in theological education?**

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1. Introduction – Discerning scriptural patterns
2. Reframing the question, or, “The questions *behind* the question”:
   1. What do we have to gain from cooperation?
   2. What will we lose if we do not cooperate?
   3. Why should Orthodox and Evangelicals (and other Christian traditions) make an effort to move beyond co-existence or simply tolerating one another?
3. Some theological responses:
   1. Participating in God’s mission and witness in the world
      1. John 13:34-35 – “I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this the world will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”
      2. Orthodox and Evangelicals in contexts of tension
   2. Growing as disciples of Jesus
      1. Missiological teaching that transcends the dichotomy of evangelism/theosis
      2. Biography as theology: Mother Maria Skobtsova (1891-1945)

“No amount of thought will ever result in any greater formulation than the three words, ‘Love one another,’ so long as it is love to the end and without exceptions.”

* 1. The liturgy after the liturgy: Do Evangelicals and Orthodox have ears to hear again that ‘all of life is liturgical’?
     1. There is a pattern in Scripture that we rehearse and re-enact as we gather
     2. Gathered and sent out into the world – being changed by this love and displaying God’s love in our mission