



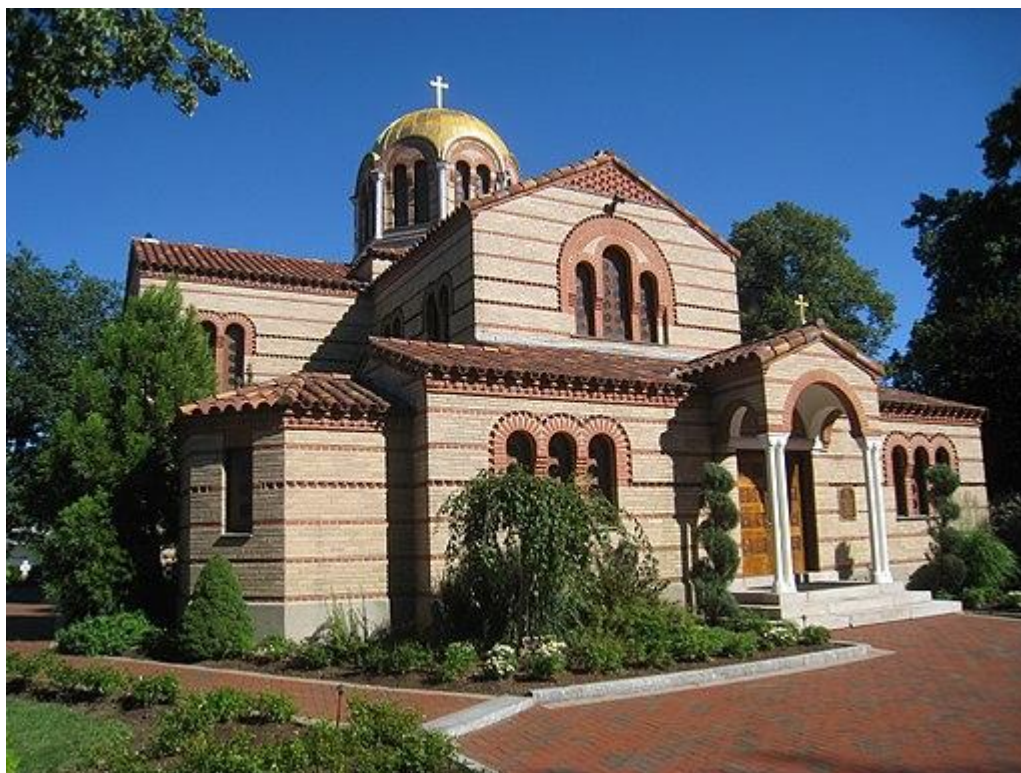
The Lausanne-Orthodox
Initiative



“Discipleship and Christian Formation”

Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, Brookline, MA

5-7 June 2018



HANDBOOK

THE LOI COMMITMENT

The goal of the Lausanne-Orthodox Initiative is to reflect constructively on the history of relationships between Orthodox and Evangelicals in order to work towards better understanding, and encourage reconciliation and healing where wounds exist. Through this process Evangelicals and Orthodox will be mutually enriched and strengthened in the work of mission, working towards mutual respect, support and cooperation in the spirit of our Lord's prayer for His Church in John 17.

To achieve this goal the Lausanne-Orthodox Initiative is committed to encouraging members of its two traditions to: pray for each other and study Scripture together; encourage mutual understanding, respect and appreciation of one another's tradition and practice; promote collaboration in mission wherever this is possible; build short-term and long-term mission partnerships; and facilitate the exchange and sharing of resources for mission.

PROGRAM

NB: Sessions take place in the Archbishop Iakovos Library Reading Room, unless otherwise indicated.

Tuesday 5th

1.00 onwards Registration (at the seminary)

3.00 Welcome – **His Eminence Archbishop Angelos and Mrs Grace Mathews** (LOI co-chairs)

3.30 **Plenary: *Why Discipleship matters*** – **Revd Dr Joshua Bogunjoko**

Orthodox Respondent – **Deacon James Nicholas**

5.00 Evening Prayer (Orthodox) – join Vespers in Holy Cross chapel

5.30 Dinner

6.30 onwards *Return to Hotel Indigo (transport provided)*

7.30 Reception (at hotel)

8.30 Optional informal session (at hotel) – **Paul and Lila Balisky**, 'Practising Ecumenical Dialogue in Ethiopia'

Wednesday 6th

6.30 onwards Breakfast

7.45 *Transport leaves hotel*

8.30 Bible Reflection: Matthew 28.16-20 – **Hank Hanegraaff**

9.00 **Plenary: *Forming Disciples: An Orthodox Perspective*** – **Revd Michael Oleksa** [on video]

10.15 Coffee

11.00 **Plenary: *Forming Disciples: An Evangelical Perspective*** – **Revd Dr Gordon T. Smith**

12.15 Lunch

2.00 Groups

3.15 Refreshments

4.00 **Plenary: Word of Greeting from the Lausanne Movement** – **Dr Michael Oh**

Presentation of Holy Cross and the Missions Institute of Orthodox Christianity – **Fr Luke Veronis**

5.00 Prayer (Anglican Evening Prayer)

5.30 Dinner

7.15-8.45 **Public Event** (in the Maliotis Center): *Workplace Discipleship*

Evangelical – **Bob Doll**

Orthodox – **His Eminence Archbishop Angaelos**

Transport to hotel

Thursday 7th

6.30 on Breakfast

7.45 Transport leaves hotel

8.30 Bible Reflection: John 10.1-10 – **Pastor Aris Angelakopoulos**

9.00 **Plenary:** *Discipleship in the home: the Christian formation of children*

Evangelical – **Mariam Varghese**

Orthodox – **Dr Philip Mamalakis**

10.15 Coffee

10.45 Short presentation on the Center for the Study of Global Christianity's research on 'Christianity in the Middle East' – **Dr Gina Zurlo**

Plenary: *Discipleship on the Margins*

Orthodox – **Fr Luke Veronis**

Evangelical – **Karen Wilk**

12.15 Lunch

2.00 Groups

3.15 Refreshments

3.45 **Plenary:** *Discipleship in cross-cultural mission contexts*

Orthodox – **Archpriest David Rucker**

Evangelical – **Dr Charlie Davis**

5.00 Prayer (Evangelical)

5.30 Dinner

7.00-8.30 **Final Plenary:** *Discipleship between the traditions* – **David Lyons + Dr Ralph Lee** (Navigators)

Transport returns to hotel

Friday 8th

6.30 onwards Breakfast and departures

8.00-10.00 Board Meeting

CONSULTATION PARTICIPANTS

His Grace Archbishop Angaelos, Coptic Orthodox Archbishop of London
Pastor Aristeidis Angelakopoulos, Pastor, Greek Community Church, Des Plaines, IL
Pastor Dana Baker, Grace Chapel, Boston
Dr Lila Balisky, SIM, Ethiopia (retired)
Paul Balisky, SIM, Ethiopia (retired)
Dr Joshua Bogunjoko, International Director, SIM International
Scott Brill, Assistant Regional Director, Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship
Dr Charles Davis, SliderSwitches Consultancy
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Dr Tim Grass, Facilitator, Lausanne-Orthodox Initiative, Isle of Man / Senior Research Fellow, Spurgeon's College, London
Rev Dr George Hancock-Stefan, Duke Divinity School
Hendrik [Hank] Hanegraaff, Christian Research Institute
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Very Revd Dr Edward Rommen, Adjunct Professor, Duke University Divinity School / Orthodox Church in America
Archpriest David C. Rucker, Orthodox Church in America / OCMC / St Herman Theological Seminary
Mrs Rozanne Rucker, Orthodox Church in America / OCMC / Marriage & Family Therapist
Revd Dr Gordon T. Smith, President, Ambrose University
Revd Dr James Stamoolis, Dean, Trinity International University [retired]
Revd Mike Sullivan, Pastor, Emmaus City Church, Worcester, MA
Dr Timothy R. Teusink, SIM, France / Ethiopia

James R. Thieke, St Elizabeth Greek Orthodox Church, Gainesville, FL

Very Rev Dr Eric G. Tosi, Secretary, Orthodox Church in America / St Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary

Todd Trembley, St Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary

Mariam Hency Varghese, Vice-President of Ministry Operations, OneHope / Lausanne Catalyst for Scripture Engagement

Fr Luke A. Veronis, Saints Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church, Webster, MA / Director, Missions Institute of Orthodox Christianity, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology

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Dr Grant White, St Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary / Orthodox Church of Finland

Mrs Kriss Whiteman, St Athanasius Orthodox Church / Asbury Theological Seminary

Dr Karen Wilk, Resonate Global Mission, Christian Reformed Church in North America / Forge Canada

Metropolitan Dr Geevarghese Mar Yulios, Metropolitan of Ahmedabad, Indian Orthodox Church

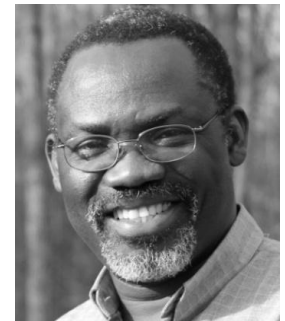
Dr Gina Zurlo, Center for the Study of Global Christianity, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary

PLENARY SPEAKERS



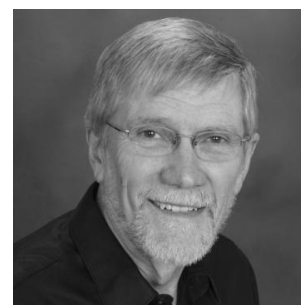
His Eminence Archbishop Angaelos was enthroned on 18 November 2017 as the first Coptic Orthodox Archbishop of London, having served as General Bishop of the Coptic Orthodox Church in the UK since 1999. Archbishop Angaelos is widely recognized for his extensive advocacy work, and he was conferred the honour of Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire by Her Majesty The Queen for Services to International Religious Freedom. He has also been conferred the Lambeth Cross for Ecumenism by the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Coventry Cross of Nails for Reconciliation. With a pastoral ministry spanning more than two decades, Archbishop Angaelos specializes in youth ministry and travels the world to speak at youth conferences and conventions. Among other roles, His Eminence is Co-founder and Co-chair of the Lausanne-Orthodox Initiative, President of the Bible Society, President of Churches Together in England, Moderator of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland, and a member of the World Council of Churches Central Committee.

Revd Dr Joshua Bogunjoko began a five-year term as the International Director of Serving in Mission (SIM) in June 2013. Joshua's life in Christ began during high school. He surrendered to the Lord's direction to study medicine, graduated, and completed his residency in Family Medicine at a mission hospital in Jos, Nigeria. He obtained a Master's degree in Organizational Leadership from Briercrest Biblical Seminary, Caronport, Canada. Joshua served at the SIM Hospital in Galmi, Niger, with his wife, Dr Joanna Bogunjoko, from 1995 to 2006, including four of those years as Hospital Director, and as SIM Deputy International Director for Europe and West Africa from 2006 to 2013.



Bob Doll is Chief Equity Strategist and Senior Portfolio Manager at Nuveen Asset Management. Before joining Nuveen in 2012, Bob held similar roles at other large asset management firms, including Chief Equity Strategist at Blackrock, President and Chief Investment Officer of Merrill Lynch Investment Managers, and Chief Investment Officer of OppenheimerFunds, Inc. He received a BS in Accounting and a BA in Economics from Lehigh University and an MBA from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. He is a Certified Public Accountant and a Chartered Financial Analyst, and appears regularly on CNBC, Bloomberg TV, and Fox Business News. Bob and his wife Leslie live in Princeton NJ and have three children. He is choir director at his local church, and serves on a number of boards, including the Alliance of Confessing Evangelicals, Word of Life Fellowship, New Canaan Society, Kingdom Advisors, National Christian Foundation, Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary, The Lausanne Movement, The New York City Leadership Center, Cairn University, and the Princeton HealthCare System.

Dr Charlie Davis has been the husband of Kris for 46 years, and has three children and six grandchildren. Charlie and Kris worked together as church planters in Venezuela for about twenty years, and later Charlie served in leadership of The Evangelical Alliance Mission (TEAM), becoming the International Director from 2000 to 2012. Doing his fieldwork in Venezuela, he completed his PhD in Intercultural Studies under the tutelage of Drs Paul Hiebert and Ted Ward. In 2015 InterVarsity Press published his book, *Making Disciples across Cultures: Missional Principles for a Diverse World*. Since 2015 he has been consulting with individuals, churches, and mission groups.





Dr Ralph Lee initially studied Chemical Engineering, which took him to Ethiopia in 1990 to teach at Addis Ababa University for two years. This time stimulated a deep interest in Orthodox Christianity, which prompted a return to Ethiopia in 1997 with his wife Sarah, to teach engineering again in Bahir Dar. Ralph and his wife were encouraged by local clergy to work in discipling young Orthodox Christian students at the university. They returned to the UK in 2005, when Ralph studied African and Asian Christianity at SOAS and started a doctorate examining aspects of Ethiopian Christian thought. He then served for 6 years from 2008 at Holy Trinity Theological College in Addis Ababa, teaching Patristics and Greek and developing research. They now live in Cambridge, where Ralph is engaged in various academic and Christian discipleship activities.

David Lyons has served as an International Vice-President of The Navigators for 12 years. His responsibilities include coaching leaders and helping to lead change for 5000+ Navigator staff in over 100 countries and 150 languages. David met his wife, Renée at Cedarville University. They met The Navigators through a 2:7 Discipleship Course while in seminary, began working with the Collegiate Ministry at Virginia Tech, then directed the US Navigators International Student Ministry for 15 years. Along the way David and Renee have parented 7 children and are now the proud grandparents of 10 grandchildren.



Dr Philip Mamalakis, his wife Georgia, and seven children, live in Boston, where he is the Assistant Professor of Pastoral Care at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology. Dr Mamalakis directs the field education program and teaches classes on pastoral care, marriage and family, grief, death and dying, and topics related to pastoral counseling. Dr Mamalakis has an MDiv from Holy Cross and a PhD from Purdue University in child development and family studies, specializing in marriage and family therapy. He offers seminars and retreats on Orthodox Christian life, relationships, marriage, and parenting, as well as religion and psychology. Most recent publication: *Parenting Toward the Kingdom* (Ancient Faith Press, 2016)

Deacon James Nicholas serves as Missionary Director for the Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC), located in the US. He has nearly 40 years of experience in organizing and administering global mission programs, including church planting. He works with Orthodox bishops internationally in support of their vision to bring people to the faith and help establish and grow vibrant churches. Dn James grew up as an evangelical Christian and was an Anglican clergyman for a number of years before becoming Orthodox. His professional experience also includes business consulting and executive management roles in the nonprofit and private sectors with emphasis on enterprise development.





Revd Michael James Oleksa was born in Allentown, PA and educated at Georgetown University, Washington DC; St Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary, Crestwood, NY; and the Orthodox Theological Faculty, Presov, Czechoslovakia. He has spent his entire adult life serving as parish priest, church administrator, seminary dean, and professor of Alaska Native history and cross-cultural communications, teaching at the University of Alaska and Alaska Pacific University. The recipient of numerous awards from the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska, the Alaska State Legislature, the National Governors' Association, the Alaska Humanities Forum and the Alaska Federation of Natives, Fr Michael has also authored several books on Alaska Native History and Cultures. His four-part PBS Television series, *Communicating across Cultures*, has been widely acclaimed. He resides in Anchorage with his Yup'ik wife, Xenia, two sons, daughter-in-law and two grandsons, and continues to offer courses through the Alaska Staff Development Network.

Archpriest David C. Rucker was born in Kentucky, the fourth-generation son of Methodist ministers and missionaries. He attended Asbury College, earning a BA in Education and Missions. During a summer in Colombia, he met Rozanne, the daughter of American missionaries to Brazil. After marriage in 1982 they served for 13 years as Protestant missionaries in Japan and China, during which Fr David completed an MDiv at Asbury Theological Seminary. While serving in China they began Orthodox studies to better translate the Gospel as 'Good News' for the Chinese, Fr David returning to Asbury (ESJ School) in 1993 for post-graduate work in Missiology while Rozanne earned credentials as a Marriage and Family Therapist (UK). Ministries included church planting, serving as Associate Director of OCMC, helping found the first Orthodox seminary in Central America, and being parents and grandparents. In 2015 they joined the faculty of St Herman Theological Seminary, Kodiak, AL, where they continue becoming disciples of Jesus Christ as they participate in making disciples.



Revd Dr Gordon T. Smith is the president of Ambrose University, Calgary (Alberta), where he is also Professor of Systematic and Spiritual Theology. He is the author of a number of publications, including *Called to Be Saints: An Invitation to Christian Maturity* (IVPr, 2014), and *Evangelical, Sacramental and Pentecostal: Why the Church Needs to be All Three* (IVP, 2017). He completed his PhD at Loyola School of Theology (Ateneo de Manila University) and is ordained with The Christian & Missionary Alliance (Canada).

Mariam Hency Varghese was born in Kerala, India. With her family, she migrated to the United States when she was ten years old. She completed a BS in Computer Engineering from New Jersey Institute of Technology and Project Management Certificate before certifying as PMP (Project Management Professional). Then she moved to Florida, where she resides today. There she obtained a MA in Christianity and Culture from Knox Theological Seminary and an Executive MBA at Florida Atlantic University. Mariam serves with OneHope as the Vice-President of Ministry Operations/Eurasia/Africa. She is also with the Forum of Bible Agencies International as the Chair of the Scripture Engagement Development Group and Lausanne Issue Network – Scripture Engagement as a Catalyst. OneHope's mission is 'to affect destiny by providing God's Word to children and youth around the world.' She has worked with regional field pastors and ministry leaders in providing God's word for children and youth in unreached and unengaged areas.



Fr Luke A. Veronis pastors Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church (Webster, MA), serves as Director for the Missions Institute of Orthodox Christianity, and teaches at Holy Cross and Hellenic College. He serves on the Board of Directors for OCMC. He was a missionary in Albania for over 10 years and in Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, and Ghana for 18 months. Fr Luke and his wife Presbyteria Faith have helped their church transform from a declining parish of 90 supporting families to a vibrant, outreaching community of 170 families. His published works include *Go Forth: A Journal of Missions and Resurrection in Albania* (2010), *Lynette's Hope: The Witness of Lynette Katherine Hoppe's Life and Death* (2008), and *Missionaries, Monks, and Martyrs: Making Disciples of All Nations* (1994).



Karen Wilk is as a National Team Member of Forge Canada leading their Neighbourhood Life initiatives and Edmonton hub; a 'Go Local' Catalyzer with Resonate Global Mission (a ministry of the CRCNA; the pastor of N.E.W. (Neighbourhood Engagement Workers') Community and President of her Community League. She has a Doctorate in Missional Leadership from Northern Seminary (Chicago). Along with preaching and teaching in numerous places, Karen has written a number of books, including *Don't Invite Them To Church: Moving From a Come and See to a Go and Be Church*. Recently she was included in the Bridgeway Foundation's list of '100 fantastic Canadian Christian women leaders'.

INTRODUCING THE LOI WEBSITE

www.loimission.net

Our website has grown into a major resource for those concerned for better relationships between Evangelical and Orthodox Christians.

It includes:

- Pages of resource listings, many with hyperlinks;
- Reports, papers, and presentations from previous consultations;
- Links to other organizations and movements;
- And much more.

Currently, we are working on a glossary of theological terms understood differently by each tradition.

To keep up to date with LOI news, you can take two steps:

- (1) enter your email address on the home page of the website and click
- (2) e-mail our newsletter editor, Nathan Hoppe, on nghoppe@gmail.com



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