The Holy Spirit and Christian Formation

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PARALLEL PAPER SESSION #2

Ethical Formation RH 105
Steve Carlin, New Life Providence Church - Introduction

Michael Palmer, Regent University, School of Divinity
The Role of the Theological Virtues in Shaping Character

Douglas Olena, Evangel University
Plato’s Moral Requirement for Philosophical Knowledge

Christian Formation and the Imago Dei RH 106
Cassandra Page, Regent University, School of Psychology & Counseling - Introduction

Steve L. Porter & Brandon Rickabaugh, Biola University, Talbot School of Theology
The Activity of the Holy Spirit in Sanctification: Fiat, Interpersonal or Life-Sharing?

Richard S. Grassel, Geneva College
Christian Spiritual Formation as the Restoration of the Imago Dei in Humankind

Christian Formation and Suffering RH 107
MaryJo Burchard, Regent University, School of Business & Leadership - Introduction

Mara Crabtree, Regent University, School of Divinity
Formative Spirituality in the Soil of Human Struggle: Dimensions of Resolution, Healing and Restoration

Brenda Joyce Smith, Emory University, Candler School of Theology
Phenomenology of the Holy Spirit: Using Narratives as Holistic Interpreter of Trauma within African American Female Stories

Christian Formation & Scripture RH 113
Johan Mostert, Evangel University & Assemblies of God Theological Seminary - Introduction

Carlo Serrano, Grace Life Church
Systematic and Spirit-Led: 21st Century Hermeneutics and Spiritual Formation

Deborah Gill, Evangel University & Assemblies of God Theological Seminary
Leaning into a Spirit-Filled Life of Ceaseless Prayer through Lectio Divina

Vocational Formation RH 114
Kathleen Patterson, Regent University, School of Business & Leadership - Introduction

Philip T. Howard, Toccoa Falls College
When My Spirit Was Embittered: Reflections on Pain in a Leader’s Vocational Formation

L. O. Natt Gantt II, Regent University, School of Law
Cultivating Student Ethical and Identity Formation through Christian Higher Education: A Case Study in Legal Education

5:00 pm
PARALLEL PAPER SESSION #2

6:15 pm
BREAK & DINNER — Robertson Hall Lobby

7:00 pm
PLENARY SESSION #2 — Robertson Hall Moot Courtroom
Mark Yarhouse, Regent University, School of Psychology & Counseling - Introduction

M. Elizabeth Lewis Hall, Biola University, Rosemead School of Psychology
The Hard Road to Glory: The Role of Suffering in Personal and Relational Formation

Special Conference Events

Book Signing with Bestselling Authors

Stanley Hauerwas
Living Gently in a Violent World
Hannah’s Child: A Theologian’s Memoir

Diane J. Chandler
Christian Spiritual Formation:
An Integrated Approach to Personal and Relational Wholeness

James Bryan Smith
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The Good and Beautiful Life
The Good and Beautiful Community

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Brad Hinze, Professor, The Karl Rahner Chair in Theology, Fordham University

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- the religious life, including the spirituality, ethics, doctrine, history, liturgical practices, interpretation of sacred texts, and spirituality of the renewal movements;
- social, economic or political implications of renewal movements and perspectives in contemporary Christianity;
- methodological and theoretical concerns in the analyses at the intersection of Christianity and renewal;
- intra-Christian and inter-religious comparative studies of renewal and revitalization movements;
- other topics connecting to the theme of Christianity and renewal.

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- Methodology in Science and Theology: comparisons, correlations, and analysis of differences and similarities of method with attention to the Holy Spirit.
- Theological Contributions to Science or the Impact of Science on Theology: focused explorations and assessment of mutual impact, challenges and opportunities with focus on role of the Holy Spirit.
- Exegetical Matters in Engaging Science and Faith: biblical interpretations of pertinent issues including, among others, the creation accounts, with focus on the Holy Spirit.
- Pastoral Ministry: how science can inform contemporary issues that bear upon pastoral ministry and how pastoral leaders can be conversant in faith and science.
- Christian Formation: complementarity and contrasts of how science and theology inform the process of Christian formation and spiritual development.
- Renewal Studies and Sciences: Pentecostal and charismatic engagement of the science and theology conversation.
- Any other theme broadly related to the Holy Spirit, science, and Christian education.

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