

TRANSFORMATIVE Mission Teaching Eucharist

AN INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

in preparation for

THE FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL

Friday 22nd January, 2010
The Great Hall, King's College London

10.30 am – 4 pm

Christians worship a God who makes things happen. This day symposium is designed to open a variety of perspectives on the work of God in the Eucharist, for the transformation of individuals, church, and world.

An international array of speakers will address the relation of the Eucharist to church life and ministry, with a special focus on ecclesiology, ethics and homiletics. Roman Catholic, Anglican and Presbyterian perspectives will open up fresh insights into the transformative events of Christian worship, and explore what Christians share when they participate in this sacrament.

Programme

10.30 am

Professor Oliver Davies
Professor of Christian Doctrine, King's College London
Eucharist, Church and Transformation



Oliver Davies has been developing the new theological movement *Transformation Theology*, which was launched by the volume of the same title and initiated a series on the same theme, published by T&T Clark. The movement seeks an ecclesially-rooted theology which takes seriously the reality of God in history, in sacrament and in ethical command. In this talk he explores the vision of the Transformation Theology movement.

11.30 am

Coffee

12 noon

Rev. Dr Lillian Daniel
Senior Minister of First Congregational Church, Glen Ellyn, Illinois
Testimony in Eucharistic Proclamation (working title)



Lillian Daniel speaks from her experience as one of America's most celebrated Christian communicators, about the role of testimony in the transformation of God's people, with special reference to eucharistic preaching, and the example of St Paul, whose preaching was both transformed and transforming.

1 pm

Lunch

2 pm

Workshops:

- The Revd Philip North, *Team Rector, Old St Pancras*: The Eucharistic Parish
- Canon Lucy Winkett, *Precentor of St Paul's*: Music, Text & Eucharistic Liturgy
- The Revd Prof Ben Quash, *King's College*: The Transformative Role of Art

3 pm

The Revd Professor Sam Wells
Dean of Chapel, Duke University, North Carolina
Liturgy comes to life



Sam Wells has pioneered an approach to Christian ethics which emphasizes *agents over actions*. He explores how Christian *character* is formed in eucharistic worship, and how in the Eucharist God makes his people what they need to be whatever particular issues they come to face.

4 pm

Tea and close

The cost for the day is £20 (£5 students), to include lunch.
Registration via the Revd Andrew Hammond on succentor@stpaulscathedral.org.uk
(tel 020 7246 8338).

Biographies

Professor Oliver Davies grew up in South Wales, before pursuing undergraduate and postgraduate studies at the University of Oxford, where he specialised in contemporary German religious literature. He spent two years teaching at the University of Cologne before returning to lecture in theology in the University of Wales. He was Visiting Professor at the University of Virginia in 2002 and 2003, and joined King's College London as Professor of Christian Doctrine in 2004.

Oliver Davies' early studies were in the area of religious texts, especially in the German tradition. He worked on the German medieval theologian Meister Eckhart before publishing *A Theology of Compassion* (2001) in which he attempted to rethink Christian tradition in the light of contemporary perspectives concerning phenomenology, language and the self. In *The Creativity of God* (2004) he continued this interest in dialogue with Rabbinic sources with respect to creation and world. In *Transformation Theology. Church in the World* (Transformation Theology Series, T&T Clark, 2007) he presented with colleagues at King's a new direction in theology which places sensibility, space and time and ecclesial commissioning at the centre of Christian revelation. He is currently working with colleagues inside and outside King's on the development of this new theology, focusing on current areas of practical and ethical engagement, as well as doctrinal and philosophical debate.

His publications include:

- with P. Janz & C Sedmak, *Transformation Theology. Church in the World* (T&T Clark, 2007)
- *The Creativity of God. World, Eucharist, Reason* Cambridge Studies in Christian Doctrine, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2004)
- *A Theology of Compassion. Metaphysics of Difference and the Renewal of Tradition* (London: SCM Press, 2001; Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2003)
- *Celtic Christianity in Early Medieval Wales: the Origins of the Welsh Spiritual Tradition* (Cardiff: University of Wales Press, 1996)
- *Meister Eckhart: Mystical Theologian* (London: SPCK, 1991)

The Rev Dr Lillian Daniel has served as the Senior Minister of First Congregational Church, UCC, in Glen Ellyn, Illinois, since 2004, after serving as the Senior Minister of the Church of the Redeemer, in New Haven, Connecticut.

A frequent speaker around the country, she has taught preaching at Yale Divinity School, the University of Chicago Divinity School and the Chicago Theological Seminary, where she serves on the Board of Trustees.

She is also the co-host for the television program "30 Good Minutes" which airs on Sundays at 5 pm on Chicago's WTTW/Ch.11. Featuring the leading voices in religion today, those programs are available at 30goodminutes.org.

Daniel is the author of two books, *This Odd and Wondrous Calling: the Public and Private Lives of Two Ministers* (2009) and *Tell It Like It Is: Reclaiming the Practice of Testimony*, (2004.) A frequent contributor to the Christian Century Magazine, she also writes for Leadership Magazine, and preaching periodicals such as the Journal for Preachers and the Biblical Preaching Journal.

A graduate of Bryn Mawr College, Yale Divinity School and Hartford Seminary, she is married to Lou Weeks, a labour union organizer. Dr Daniel is the proud mother of two teenagers, Calvin and Abigail Weeks. She is

also the proud owner of two perfect cats, Juno and Jezebel, and the not-so-proud owner of two badly behaved dogs, Lucky and Bruno, who basically run the household.

The Reverend Professor Sam Wells has been Dean of Duke University Chapel since 2005. His pastoral experience before coming to Duke included a spell as a community worker in inner-city Liverpool. He served four parishes as a Church of England priest from 1991-2005. Most of this time was spent in the post-industrial North East and in a socially disadvantaged neighbourhood in East Anglia. He also served suburban and urban village communities in Cambridge. From 1998-2003 he was closely involved in establishing a community-led development trust, the first such organization in the East of England. During this time he also launched a non-profit organization offering disadvantaged children opportunities to discover wonder and joy through creative play.

In addition to his role at Duke Chapel, Sam is also Research Professor of Christian Ethics at Duke Divinity School. His academic experience includes an M.A. in Modern History from Merton College, Oxford, a B.D. in Systematic Theology from Edinburgh University and a Ph.D. in Christian Ethics from Durham University. He has published six single-author works:

- *Transforming Fate into Destiny* (Carlisle: Paternoster and Eugene: Cascade) in 1998
- *Community-Led Estate Regeneration and the Local Church* (Cambridge: Grove) in 2003
- *Improvisation: The Drama of Christian Ethics* (Grand Rapids: Brazos and London: SPCK) in 2004
- *God's Companions: Reimagining Christian Ethics*, (Oxford, UK and Malden, Massachusetts) in 2006
- *Power and Passion: Six Characters in Search of Resurrection* (The Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book 2007) (Grand Rapids: Zondervan) in 2007
- *Speaking the Truth: Preaching in a Pluralistic Culture* (Nashville: Abingdon) in 2008

He has also issued three jointly-edited volumes, as well as many articles in academic and more popular journals. Since 2004 he has been an honorary canon theologian in the Diocese of Chichester, UK, a role that involves occasional lectures and involvement in lay and clergy training and formation.

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