

Liturgical Hermeneutics

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Members in Attendance: Ron Anderson, John Baldovin (guest participant), Sangwoo Kim, Hwarang Moon, Melinda Quivik, Tom Schattauer, Michelle Whitlock

Visitors in Attendance: Lucas Christensen, Hansol Goo, Sungguk Park, Theresa Rice, Mykala Turner, Michael Wilke

Description of Work: The work of our first day focused on the question of an ecumenical liturgical hermeneutic, beginning with a session co-lead by John Baldovin and Tom Schattauer using the “On the Way to Full Communion: Thinking about Christian Unity from Liturgy” document produced by the NAAL “On the Way” seminar. A second session continued this conversation through a series of papers initially delivered at the 2023 congress of *Societas Liturgica*, which focused on liturgy and ecumenism. A final session on this theme was based a paper by Mykala Turner on liturgical space and local ecumenism. Our second day included three discussions—a chapter from Christine Gschwandtner’s *Reading Religious Ritual with Ricœur: Between Fragility and Hope*, a chapter by Melinda Quivik from work in progress on prophetic preaching, and the introduction to a collection of interviews with liturgical theologians developed by Hwarang Moon.

Papers and Presentations:

- “On the Way to Full Communion: Thinking about Christian Unity from Liturgy,” led by Tom Schattauer and John Baldovin. “On the Way” has been published in several venues, including *Liturgy* 39:3-4 (2024): 152-157.
- Three papers from the 2023 *Societas Liturgica* congress on Liturgy and Ecumenism, discussion led by Ron Anderson:
 - Ron Anderson: “‘Together Met, Together Bound’: Liturgy and Ecumenism,” *Studia Liturgica* 34 (2024): 6-20.
 - Ivana Noble: “Sharing of Liturgical, Theological, and Ecumenical Gifts: A Quest for a Method,” *Studia Liturgica* 34 (2024): 21-36.
 - Dorothea Sattler and Friederike Nüssel, “Receiving Each Other’s Gifts,” *Studia Liturgica* 34 (2024): 98-113.
- Mykala Turner: “Local Ecumenism and the Loss of Liturgical Space.”

- Christine Gschwandtner: “Liturgical Identity: Confession, Conversion, Community” in *Reading Religious Ritual with Ricœur: Between Fragility and Hope* (New York: Lexington Books, 2021), 155-176; discussion led by Michelle Whitlock.
- Melinda Quivik: “The Light in the Words.”
- Hwarang Moon: Introduction to *Worship in Conversation: Interviews with Liturgical Theologians* (forthcoming from Baylor).

Other Work and Plans for the Future: While we did not identify specific plans for next year, we may continue our discussion of an ecumenical liturgical hermeneutic, particularly looking at questions about the ecumenical liturgical movement in light of post-colonial critiques, continue our exploration of Gschwandtner’s *Reading Religious Ritual with Ricœur*, especially her chapter on imagination, and anticipate papers from several seminar members.