

Homiletics

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Members in Attendance: Edward Foley, Jaewoong Jung, Timothy Leitzke, Andrew Wymer

Visitors in Attendance: Mina Choi, Lucas Christensen, Andrea Cummings, Megan Effron, Seyeom Kim, Victoria Larson, Sunguk Park

Description of Work: We shared the fruits of our research into decolonial modes of thinking and how those might inform our preaching. We also reviewed a visitor's dissertation proposal and provided constructive feedback for papers being prepared for publication.

Papers and Presentations:

- Timothy Leitzke: "How Can Preachers Use Luther in a Decolonial Multicultural Context?" This paper was part of the seminar focus on decoloniality, focused on coming to terms with Martin Luther's antisemitic legacy.
- Seyeom Kim: "Good News Preaching for the Church in the Margins: Preaching as Praxis for the Ecclesiological Gospel." This paper was a dissertation proposal, already accepted and now taking shape.
- Andrew Wymer: "Old Wine Skins and the Master's Tools: Decolonial Challenges and Possibilities." This paper was part of the seminar focus on decoloniality, focused on finding and formulating the questions we must ask.
- Edward Foley:
 - "Decolonialized Roman Catholic Homilizing in the U.S." This paper is part of the seminar focus on decoloniality, focused on using decoloniality as something toward which the Roman homily can aspire
 - "Multicultural Preaching Across Generations: A Proposal of Effective Preaching for Young Generations in the Great Dechurching." This paper was a proposal for publication in a peer-reviewed journal, seeking to form preaching to younger generations as preaching to all generations, focused on the church's teachings and not immediate cultural relevance.

Other Work and Plans for the Future: We will have open submissions next year, following a year of (some) thematic papers. Chapters and papers from Andrew Wymer, Seyeom Kim, and Mina Choi are scheduled already. All papers on homiletics, preaching, and the use of the Word in worship are welcome.