



Longing, Listening, Learning and Loving in the Way of Christ: the promise and potential of Receptive Ecumenism

Friday 17 October 2014, 7.30pm-9pm & Saturday 18 October 2014, 9.15am-12.45pm
Room S1, Adelaide College of Divinity, 34 Lipsett Tce, Brooklyn Park

Guest Presenters include:

- ❖ **Professor Catherine Clifford**, St Paul University, Ottawa, Canada
- ❖ **The Rt Rev'd John Stead**, Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Willochra
- ❖ **Rev Professor Denis Edwards**, Australian Catholic University
- ❖ **Rev David Smith**, Immediate Past President of Baptist Churches of SA, & Pastor at West Beach Baptist Church

Friday evening

Ecumenism in the 21st Century: Deepening Recognition and Receptive Learning

Lecture by **Professor Catherine Clifford**: *Fifty years after the publication of the Second Vatican Council's Decree on Ecumenism, this paper will reflect on both the achievements and challenges of ecumenical dialogue. Where the twentieth century might be characterised as a time of ecclesial recognition where the churches turned to one another in dialogue, the twenty-first is shaping up to be a period of receptive learning. We will explore some of the most important areas where the Christian churches have need of one another and might receive from the example of one another's insights and practices.*

Saturday morning

Through **prayer, theological reflection, conversation and morning tea**, we will continue to consider Catherine's Lecture and explore the promise and potential of Receptive Ecumenism: *nurturing a disposition* which we and our world need today, from acting as if we are right, if only the others could 'get it'...to recognising that we all have amazing gifts to share and receive; *noticing and responding* to processes or structures in our churches that may diminish - or even extinguish - the light of Christ; *healing division*, within and across the churches; *growing and flourishing* together as a faithful and seamless sign of love and unity in, with and for our world...in the way of Christ.



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"...that they may all be one." John 17: 21

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