



<b>WORKSHOPS – B1.2 &amp; D1.2</b> <b>TITLE : FOSTERING SPIRITUAL ECUMENISM</b>	<b>SPEAKER : BISHOP SEAN LARKIN - United Anglican Church</b>
<b>LANGUAGE : ENGLISH – Video (En / Sp / Fr)</b>	<b>COUNTRY : UK</b>

*“Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.”*  
(1 Cor 12:12-14)

## A simple Biblical platform

- Work of the Holy Spirit – God’s people are “infused /immersed” by the “ONE” Holy Spirit & live as Community reflecting the Trinity. So we are united as believers & whilst we can live diversity of gift, nevertheless we both live out and pursue our Unity in Christ Jesus.
- “There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus” (Gal 3:28)
- In essence the sin of the Corinthian Church is – “I don’t need you”.

## The Task Before Us

- Unity of Christians – one Church. This will take God. If human effort could have achieved it, we would have done so by now! So what is spiritual ecumenism? Certainly not an optional extra.
- Unity of Christians / Unity of the Church
- We have come a long way ..... but do understand there are real differences and understandings within Church bodies which we must not minimize.

## Sharing in the pilgrimage – personal lessons learnt & discovered

- The “Reformation” – not a simple “monolithic” event
- Trust God to lead ... be docile to the Holy Spirit – John Paul II
- Follow His desires
- Discipleship – a willingness to learn and change
- Cenacle Movement & St Teresa of Avila (Manchester UK – 1977-1981)
- Orthodox experience in St Viner Ploeisti Romania (1995) – emotion & vision. Love, Evangelism, Unity
- Lessons from early day renewal Episcopalians
- Allow the Holy Spirit to lead



- Learning from renewal, particularly guard against: control , domestication, making acceptable
- New Communities – Sign of Hope
- “Community of Jesus” – one Community, different expressions.
- Mt Zion - Montrose MI
- Alleluia Community –Augusta GA - learn to speak the other persons language
- Be secure in your own identity and be informed – Fr Fernando Giannetti (Ecumenical Officer Buenos Aires). Problem of ignorance both of ourselves & others – stereotypes.
- “The Holy Spirit has come to make actual what Jesus made possible” Rev Jim Graham (Baptist)
- John Wimber (1934-1997 Vineyard Churches) – becoming like Jesus – not us!
- Surprise encounter with the Holy Spirit – have we lost this possibility? Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio sj (Buenos Aires 2012)
- Together for the Gospel
- Ecumenism of Blood
- Let us pursue truth and one who is The Truth – filled with His Love.

Prayer - Bishop:

“We are the body of Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.

The peace of the Lord be always with you”

All: “and also with you”.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

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***Nine O'clock in the Morning*** written by the Rev. Dennis Bennett in 1970 is a life changing book available through his organization Christian Renewal Association Inc.. Since 1973, through the Encyclopedia Britannica, he is credited as “a major pioneer in the Charismatic Renewal,” a worldwide work of the Holy Spirit among Christians of all denominations.

Rita Bennett - <http://www.emotionallyfree.org/>

**They Speak with Other Tongues** John L. Sherrill - Chosen Books, 1999. (originally published 1964)

**Community of Jesus** <http://www.anglicanexpression.com/>

**Alleluia Community** - <http://www.yeslord.com/>

**Mt Zion Catholic Community, 8228 N McKinley Rd, Flushing, MI** is a Catholic Lay Community with a special emphasis on the development of Catholic family life, located in **Montrose**, Michigan.

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