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OPPORTUNITIES FOR ECUMENICAL COMMEMORATION

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In collaboration with the Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches the community of Bose organizes an international Symposium on the ecumenical meaning of the commemoration of the martyrs.

There is a growing awareness that contemporary witnesses to the faith do not belong only to individual confessional groups but, as in the first centuries of the Christian era, are a source of inspiration for all the Churches. Similarly, significant witnesses of the faith from the past no longer belong exclusively to the confessional group in which they were formed, but are the common heritage of the one catholic Church. Continuing ecumenical worship has created a demand for new contents, and this provides a context in which the commemoration of such witnesses might play an important role. This would meet at least in part the need many already feel to receive the gifts embedded in the history of others and encourage others to explore this rich and vital field of mutual understanding and experience for themselves membership in one Body of Christ.

WEDNESDAY, 29 OCTOBER

8:00 PM

From Bangalore 1978 to Bose 2008:
Introduction to the Symposium
Tamara Grdzelidze, *Genève*; Guido Dotti, *Bose*

THURSDAY, 30 OCTOBER

9:00 AM

Keynote Message
Archbishop Rowan Williams of Canterbury, *London*
read by Jonathan Goodall, *London*

Witnessing and Martyrdom in the Bible
Enzo Bianchi, prior of *Bose*

3:00 PM

Controversies on Commemorating:
Results of Ecumenical Dialogues
Mary Tanner, *Stanford*

How Do Our Churches Commemorate?

Greek Orthodox: Panaghiotis Yfantis, *Thessaloniki*
Roman Catholic: Marco Gnavi, *Roma*
Lutheran: Bjørdal Øystein, *Molden*
Pentecostal: Dale M. Coulter, *Virginia Beach*

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FRIDAY, 31 OCTOBER

9:00 AM

Regional Case Studies

Reconciliation between Mennonites and
Roman Catholics:
Helmut Harder, *Winnipeg*

Latin America:
Karen Bergesch, *São Paulo*
Daniel A. Bruno, *Buenos Aires*
William T. Cavanaugh, *St. Paul*

Melanesia:
Richard Carter, *London*

Korea:
Helen Rhee, *Santa Barbara*
Chong Soon Cha, *Gwangju*

Germany:
Andreas Kurschat, *München*

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Regional Case Studies

Russia:
Alexander Mazyrin, *Moskva*
Lidia Golovkova, *Moskva*

South Africa:
Simanga R. Kumalo, *Durban*

Romania:
Iustin Marchis, *Bucare?ti*

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Plenary Debate on the Criteria
Used in Case Studies
Alan Falconer, *Edinburgh*

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SATURDAY, 1 NOVEMBER

9:00 AM

Round Table
Job Getcha, *Paris*; Dagmar Heller, *Genève*
Martin Hoegger, *Lausanne*; Keith Pecklers, *Roma*

Ecumenical Opportunities for Commemoration

How to Give Expression to Common Commemoration?

Plenary Debate on the Results of the Work of Groups

3:00 PM

Places of Memory
Hans Uytenbogaardt, *Utrecht*
Knut Kittelsaa, *Trondheim*

Reconciliation of Memories and Peace
Hansulrich Gerber, *Genève*

Discussion in Groups on the Memorandum

7:00 PM

Commemoration of Christian Witnesses

SUNDAY, 2 NOVEMBER

9:00 AM

Discussion in Groups on the Memorandum