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DISCERNMENT AND THE CHRISTIAN LIFE
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… discernment is reckoned among the noblest gifts of the Spirit by the Apostle: “To one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom, to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another the gift of healing by the same Spirit”, and shortly after,
“to another the discerning of spirits”. You see then that the gift of discernment is no earthly thing and no slight matter, but the greatest prize of divine grace.
(St John Cassian)

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Wednesday 5 September
Opening of the Conference

Recognizing the Signs of the Times.
Enzo Bianchi, Founder of Bose

Discerning the Unity of the Church.
St Irenaeus and the Early Christian Tradition
? Irenei (Steenberg), Bishop of Sacramento

The Art of Discernment: Theology and Practice in Pauline Thought.
Filofej (Artjušin), Theological Academy, Moscow

15.30

Dia?krisis and the Theological Principle of oikonomi?a
Patriciu Vlaicu, University “Babe?-Bolyai”, Cluj-Napoca

Recognising the Other Tradition.
Armenian-Byzantine Dialogue in Armenian Cilicia in the Twelfth Century
Karekin Hambardzumyan, Etchmiadzin

Discerning together the Truth.
Christological Agreement between Chalcedonian Orthodox and Oriental Churches
Vasiliki Stathokosta, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

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Thursday 6 September

Discernment in Times of Crisis: St Maxim the Confessor
? Maxim Vasilijevi?, Bishop of Western America, Los Angeles

The Temporal Dimension of Discernment. Memory and History
John Erickson, Saint Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary Crestwood, NY

Criteria for Community Decisions in St Benedict Rule
Michel Van Parys, Monaste?re de Chevetogne

15.30

Discerning the Present Time

The Council of Moscow of 1917-1918
Aleksandr Mramornov, Moscow

Metropolitan Stephan of Sofia
and the Bulgarian Orthodox Church (1940-1944)
Daniela Kalkandjieva, Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridsky"

The Antiochian Church and the Lebanese Civil War (1975-1990)
Porphyrios Giorgi, University of Balamand

Friday 7 September

John Climacus on Discernment and Spiritual Perception
Paul Gavrilyuk, University of St Thomas, St Paul MN

The Spiritual Senses in the Syriac Tradition
Sebastian Brock, Oxford university

Discernment in St John Cassian
and the Ascetic Tradition of the Fifth Century in Gaul
Alexej Fokin, Institute of Philosophy, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow

15.30

Discernment and the Healthy Formation of the Person
Kyriaki Fitzgerald, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, Brookline MA

Elders and "Young Elders" in the Russian Orthodox Church
Irina Paert, Tartu University

The Spiritual Father Today:
Strength and Limits of Discernment
Theodosios Martzouchos, Preveza

Saturday 8 September

The Way of Awareness
and Authenticity in the Church Today
John Chryssavgis, Archdeacon of the Ecumenical Throne

What is a Synodal Process of Discernment?
Herve? Legrand, Paris

Learning Spiritual Discernment
John Behr, St Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary, Crestwood NY

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