

# 2008 - Repentance, Conversion, Reconciliation

*Bose, 1-4 May 2008*

*5th International Ecumenical Conference on Protestant Spirituality*

In collaboration with Theology Departments of the Universities of Strasbourg, Lyon, Geneva, Losanne, and Neuchâtel

## **Penitence, conversion, reconciliation**

*Bose, 2-4 May 2008*

The topic was treated in an ecumenical perspective according to the classic approach, beginning with Biblical data, then in succession dealing with history, theological systematization, ethics, and practical theology. After a look at the Old Testament and the Pauline letters, the theme was treated according to historical periods: developments in the patristic age, conflicts in the medieval period before the Reform, the understanding of penitence among the Reformers, Roman theology after Vatican II. The Systematic theology and ethics were examined from two confessional angles, Catholic and Protestant. Finally, an ecumenical approach was offered through an ample presentation, given by a delegation of seven representatives, of what the Dombes Group has done regarding the topic of the conversion of the Churches, central for the unity of all Christians.

**ANGELO BIANCINI, *The prodigal son***

## ***Vth International Ecumenical Conference on Protestant Spirituality***

Thursday 1 - Sunday 4 May 2008

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Faculté de théologie protestante de Strasbourg

Faculté de théologie catholique de Strasbourg

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Fédération romande des Facultés de théologie

(Genève, Lausanne, Neuchâtel)

Facoltà valdese di teologia di Roma

Monastero di Bose

## **PROGRAM**

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### **Friday 2 May**

9:00 am

#### ***Opening of the Conference***

Biblical approach

#### ***Repentance and Conversion***

#### ***in the Prophecies of the Old Testament***

Luciano Manicardi (Bose)

#### ***Why and How Paul Speaks of «Reconciliation»***

Andreas Dettwiller (Geneva)

*Work in groups*

3:30 pm

Historical approach

#### ***Which Models for Thinking***

#### ***the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the Middle Ages?***

Didier Gonneaud (Lyon)

***Catholic Penitential Practices in the Last Two Centuries***

Daniel Moulinet (Lyon)

***Do We Need Penance?***

Hans-Christoph Askani (Geneva)

*Debate and discussion*

8:30 pm

***For the Conversion of the Churches.***

***The Work of the Dombes Group***

Matthias Wirz (Bose)

Roundtable with the members of the Dombes Group attending the Conference

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**Saturday 3 May**

9:00 am

Pastoral approach

***The Sacrament of Reconciliation. A Catholic Approach***

Jean François Chiron (Lyon)

***Penance and Confession***

***as Themes of Pastoral Theology in the Reformed Churches***

Ermanno Genre (Rome)

***Penitential Practices in the Orthodox Churches***

Aurélien Marinescu (Strasbourg)

*Debate and discussion*

3:30 pm

Ethical approach

***Conversion and Sanctification***

Karsten Lehmkuhler (Strasbourg)

***Dialogue, Reconciliation, and Gratitude***

Yves Labbé (Strasbourg)

*Work in groups*

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**Sunday 4 May**

9:30 am

***Conclusions***

André Birmelé and Michel Deneken (Strasbourg)

*General discussion*

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