

Wesley Studies Symposium

Thursday April 29, 2021 – online event

10:00	Welcome	
10:05	Joel Thiessen, “Signs of Life and Vitality in Canadian Churches: Drawing on Data to Inform Practice.”	
11:05	Break	
11:20	Christopher Payk, “Prevenient Grace and Chinese Theology”	Matthew McEwen, “Ignatius of Loyola and John Wesley: A Conversation About Scripture.”
12:00	Lunch Break	
1:30	Barbara Robinson, “‘I earnestly desire him to be electrified’: John Wesley, the formative Salvation Army and ‘Irregular’ Medicine”	
2:10	Break	
2:30	Gerry Mielke, “Christian Perfection, from Wesley to Phoebe Palmer.”	Jason Mills, “Virtual Virtue: Exploring the Fruitfulness of Online Pastoral Education.”
3:10	Break	
3:30	Charles Meeks, “Recovering a Wesleyan Sense of Open Table Communion for Anglicans with the Help of a Lutheran”	

Participants

Joel Thiessen (PhD, Waterloo) is Professor of Sociology and Director of the Flourishing Congregations Institute at Ambrose University in Calgary.

Barbara Robinson (PhD, Ottawa) is an Anglican Priest in the Diocese of Ontario and a former faculty member at Booth University College.

Christopher Payk (PhD cand., National Chengchi University; ThM, Tyndale) is a Canadian Free Methodist pastor serving in Taiwan, writing his thesis on indigenous Chinese theology.

Matthew McEwen (DMin, Tyndale), Pastor of Holt Free Methodist Church in Mount Albert, recently completed his Doctor of Ministry in spiritual formation at Tyndale.

Jason Mills (PhD cand., St. Michael’s) is a Pastor at Blue Mountain Community Church (Free Methodist) in Thornbury and a doctoral student in practical theology, researching online theological education.

Gerry Mielke (PhD cand., McMaster Divinity, MTS, Tyndale) is nearing the completion of his doctoral dissertation on entire sanctification in the Church of God tradition.

Charles Meeks (PhD, University of St. Michael’s College) is an Adjunct Professor of Theology at Northeastern Seminary at Roberts Wesleyan College.

