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The Sophia Institute’s SIXTH Annual Conference

HEALING, RECONCILIATION & FORGIVENESS IN EASTERN ORTHODOX PERSPECTIVES

Friday December 5th 2014. 9.00 am to 6.00pm.
Sophia Institute. UTS. 3041 Broadway (at 121st St.)
New York. NY 10027.
Registration 8.00 am — 9.00 am

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For the Sixth Annual Conference of the Sophia Institute, we call on our scholarly family for offers of Academic Short Paper Titles related to the Conference Theme:

Healing, Reconciliation and Forgiveness in Eastern Orthodox Perspectives

Titles, please, with short Abstracts, from those with a Master’s degree or above, to: Prof. John McGuckin jam401@columbia.edu BEFORE NOVEMBER 10th 2014. The Conference will take place on the campus of Union Theological Seminary (3041 Broadway @ 121st St, New York. NY 10027). On Friday, December 5th, 2014. The Day-long gathering (9.am to 6.00 pm—with registration beginning at 8 am), will focus on the various ways the Eastern Orthodox Church, and broader Orthodox cultures, over past centuries, and in recent times, have understood the complex and difficult issues involved in the restoration of communion, peace, and whole-ness, after episodes of disunity and alienation. The theme lends itself to theological approaches (soteriology and atonement theory) historical considerations (schism and reunifications in Orthodox cultures), pastoral considerations (confession and sacramental healing) and political analyses. The world has never been more in need of a healthy facility of mutual forgiveness. Reconciliation is a way of peace that could end the recurring cycles of war that continue to crush societies all over the globe. The Orthodox Church has great spiritual and intellectual resources to offer. This conference shall examine them in the light of the Church’s history and present conditions. Papers are invited, therefore, that address the conference theme from historical, patristic, theological, ethical, ethnographic, philosophical, cultural or literary angles. The Sophia Annual Conferences are aimed at producing scholarly volumes on major themes of Orthodox life and Culture that require deeper elaboration in our modern world. We believe that the present theme will be of great interest, because of its outstanding importance, and will continue the ground-breaking approach characteristic of previous Sophia Conferences.