

THE REFORMATION AND THE CITY

CALL FOR PAPERS

Five hundred years ago, on October 31, 1517, Martin Luther reportedly posted his 95 theses on the door of the Castle Church of Wittenberg. His hammer helped spark a fire, out of the ashes of which arose the modern world. The Reformation, as the movement came to be known, gave birth to political, cultural, and economic movements, ushering in a new age. Luther himself became a figure both loved and reviled. To mark the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, and Montreal's 375th anniversary, the Department of Theological Studies of Concordia University and McGill's School of Religious Studies are holding a two-day conference on *The Reformation and the City*. Keynote speakers include **Kirsi Stjerna** (co-general editor of the new Luther edition 'The Annotated Luther'), **Brooks Schramm** (co-author of *Martin Luther, the Bible, and the Jewish People*), and, among others, **Catherine Clifford**, **Jarrett Carty**, **Jason Zuidema**, and **Allen Jorgenson**. The conference is convened by Matthew R. Anderson, Dept. of Theological Studies, Concordia, together with Gerbern Oegema, School of Religious Studies, McGill. It will be hosted Monday and Tuesday **May 8-9, 2017** by Concordia's Dept. of Theological Studies and McGill's School of Religious Studies, both in the heart of downtown Montreal.

We invite scholars and graduate students to submit an abstract of **250 words** that interacts in any way with the theme of the conference "Reformation and the City." In view of the TRC recommendations, perspectives from indigenous scholars would be particularly welcome. Please send abstracts in the body of an email to: reformationandthecity@gmail.com along with institutional affiliation and position (if applicable). **Deadline for the call for papers has been extended to February 28, 2017.** Papers welcome in French and English.



“REFORMATION AND THE CITY” MAY 8–9 2017: DRAFT SCHEDULE

Mon May 8: 9:00 am: **greetings** from McGill dignitaries (Location: McGill School of Religious Studies)

9:30 am – 11:30 am: **invited papers**

Jarett Carty – “Echoes of the Reformation: the cultural, political and theological effects of Luther, 500 years later.” Matthew Anderson respondent

Cathy Clifford – “500 years of Catholic-Protestant Relations: as seen from the 21st century Canadian Context.” Christine Jamieson respondent

Torrance Kirby – “Echoes of the Reformation in England.” Gerbern Oegema respondent

12:00 noon: **luncheon**

1:30 – 5:00 pm: **papers (open session)** “The Reformation & the City”

6:00 pm: **reception** (Location: Concordia Theological Studies, behind Hall building on Bishop Street)

7:00 pm: **street music and street theatre** on the theme of the Reformation

8:30 pm: "Luther Pub Night" (Location: pub on Bishop Street)

Tues May 9: 9:00 am: **greetings from Concordia** dignitaries (Location: Concordia Library LB 361)

9:30 – 10:15: **Keynote Address by Gregory Baum** “Reformation and Quebec Society” (Location: Concordia Library LB 361)

10:15 - 11:00 pm: **Keynote Address by Charles Taylor** “Reformation and Quebec Society” (Location: Concordia Library LB 361)

LUNCH BREAK

1:00 pm: **public presentation:** “Luther, the Bible, and the Jews” Brooks Schramm (tentative) (Location: Concordia TBA)

4:00 pm: **public panel discussion:** Catherine Clifford, Kirsi Stjerna, Allen Jorgenson, Jarrett Carty) on "Reformation and the City: Why is the Anniversary Important?" (Location: Church of St Andrew and St Paul, corner of Sherbrooke and Redpath)

7:30 pm: **public keynote address** “The Reformation Call for Freedom – and Freedom in 2017”: Kirsi Stjerna, University of Helsinki (Location: Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul)