A one day seminar from the Wellington Theological Consortium
Saturday 18 August, 9.30 am - 5.00 pm, St. John’s Church, Willis St, Wellington

Unity in diversity and ‘The sojourner among you’: Andrew Butcher

Multiculturalism: the Pauline roots of cosmopolitanism: Mike Grimshaw

The poverty of the many and the universal responsibility of the churches: Lisa Beech

Different expressions: Alan Jamieson

Panel discussion: Lyall Perris (chair)

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Wellington Theological Consortium’s 2012 seminar
The ONE and the MANY: unity in diversity in the Church

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**Unity in diversity and ‘The sojourner among you’: Andrew Butcher**

How may we Christians frame the matter of the one and the many? How do Christians hold together unity in diversity – what is the uniquely Christian take on the matter? What are the issues of exclusion and embrace experienced by people from non-Christianised cultures when they sojourn in Aotearoa New Zealand? What are the issues of reintegration when the sojourner returns ‘home’?

**Multiculturalism: the Pauline roots of cosmopolitanism: Mike Grimshaw**

What are the limits of relativism and identity politics? How may a universal vision be constructed that is affirmative of difference? How is Paul’s understanding of new humanity in Christ the ground of the cosmopolitan vision, and how are Christians to identify with, and enact, that vision?

**The poverty of the many and the universal responsibility of the churches: Lisa Beech**

How do we advocate for the other and meet the universal bodily needs of the poor oppressed stranger, even in her or his strangeness? What is the universal responsibility of the churches for the pursuit of social justice that would raise up people from poverty? What is the gospel mandate? The pursuit of social justice is a locus of unity among the churches, in (spite of) their historical and ‘cultic’ diversity. How may ecclesiastical diversity facilitate, and how may it hinder, the pursuit of social justice?

**Different expressions: Alan Jamieson**

How do we deal with diversity? – How should we deal with diversity, both personally and structurally, within the Church and its mission? What diverse expressions of the gospel are (proving) applicable and fruitful within our various contemporary contexts?

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