

Healing of Historical Trauma through Christian Identity: “Who do you say I am?”

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“There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.” Eph 4: 4-6

This workshop will examine the biblical basis for understanding Christian identity as sons and daughters of the living God from an ecumenical perspective. Discussion will include a covenantal history from Abraham to the present diversity and divisions in our Judeo-Christian heritage along with addressing the historical trauma and how to pray for healing.

Workshop participants will be able to:

1. Establish a biblical basis for Christian identity in the healing of historical trauma.
2. Grapple with challenging parochial interpretations of what it means to be Jewish, Catholic and/or Protestant in light of a biblical, social, familial and cultural context.
3. Implement transgenerational repentance for our divisions and learn how to pray for their healing.
4. Reclaim the gifts of our diversity and restore our unity through the Spirit.
5. Identify A.C.T.’s response to historical trauma in the broken body of Christ (becoming Eucharist) and to His world.