Towards a new Détente
Ecumenical Outreach and Interfaith Dialogue in an Age of Uncertainty

What challenges and opportunities have you found in engaging in interfaith dialogue compared to ecumenical outreach? Are there issues where an outsider to a tradition may be able speak more freely and contribute to constructive possibilities? When have you found that the opposite is true, in your experience? What lessons can be learned from this for the future? Are we living in a time that makes both approaches particularly urgent? And if so, what issues are the most challenging and that will demand new strategies for us to consider?

Speakers
- Michael Attridge, University of Toronto
- Adriana Bara, Concordia University, Canadian Centre for Ecumenism
- Mark Heim, Yale University
- John Huber, LaJolla, CA
- Paul Ladouceur, Orthodox School of Theology at Trinity College, University of Toronto
- Patricia Kirkpatrick, McGill University

The Academy

The North American Academy of Ecumenists (NAAE) informs and encourages individuals whose profession or ministry in the church involves them in ecumenical activities and studies. Its goal is to provide ecumenists with an open structure for exploring important issues that challenge official ecumenical agencies and projects.

Founded in 1957, the Academy meets annually in September. Its conferences are professional and scholarly in substance, and informal in style.

The membership of the Academy includes Christians engaged in theology and in the ecumenical movement, including ecumenical officers, academics, educators and students. NAAE is an academy by virtue of its members’ shared concern for the theological reflection and scholarship that is essential to the unity of the church and to interreligious understanding.

The Academy has a direct relationship with and publishes in the prestigious Journal of Ecumenical Studies, a leading forum for scholarly ecumenical and interreligious dialogue since 1964.

The Academy is governed by an interdenominational Board of Directors from the United States and Canada.

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An international destination of choice, Montreal is easily accessed by land, water and air. Downtown is a mere 20 minutes from the airport, which handles some 200 flights daily. Visitors will find this compact island city great for walking, and can easily – and safely – explore its vibrant neighbourhoods on foot at any time of the day or night. Montreal is also multicultural, boasting more than 80 ethnic communities, and enjoys an outstanding reputation worldwide for gourmet dining.

Public transit is not only affordable, it’s also a great way to get around the city. Quick, safe and clean, the metro connects downtown to major tourism attractions, as well as to numerous bus stops and train stations. In addition, cycling enthusiasts enjoy 350 kilometres of bicycle paths, many of which lead to major tourist areas. Check out Montreal's cool community bike system Bixi. Pick up a bike at one of the 246 stations and drop it off at another.
LODGING ARRANGEMENTS

NAAE participants are free to make their own lodging arrangements, or contact the hotel of your choice below. All are within a 2 km walk to the church or are adjacent to a Metro station offering transit to Laurier station, a block from the church. Consult their websites for room details and rates. Rates are comparable at all hotels, though none offer conference discounts. See Google maps to get distances from The Sign of the Theotokos, 750 St-Joseph, Montreal, Quebec H2J 1K2.

Hôtel Anne ma sœur Anne
4119 St Denis St, Montreal
514-281-3187
Rooms available for $100 per night on a first-come, first served basis. Morning snack, $5.

Auberge de La Fontaine
1301 Rue Rachel E, Montréal
514-597-0166
http://www.aubergedelafontaine.com/

Château de l'Argoat Hotel
524 Sherbrooke Street East
514-842-2046
https://www.hotel-chateau-argoat.com
Château de l'Argoat is adjacent to Sherbrooke Metro Station, two stops from Laurier Station.

Hotel Park Ave.
4544 avenue du Parc
514-274-5000
https://www.hotelparkave.com
Rooms starting at $104 per night.

MONTREAL CONFERENCE VENUE

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Laurier Station (St-Joseph Street exit)