

***The Morally Divided Body:
Ethical Disagreement and the Disunity of the Church***

***An ecumenical conference for clergy and laity
Sponsored by the Center for Catholic and Evangelical Theology***

***Monday evening June 14 through Wednesday noon June 16, 2010
at the Loyola University, Baltimore, MD***

While doctrinal issues have often in the past been the most ecumenically neuralgic topics, increasingly today ethical issues - abortion and homosexuality most prominently - have become a focus of difference between the churches and of potentially splintering debate within churches. These issues are more laden with emotion than many traditional doctrinal disputes, but ecumenical discussions have yet to address them in detail. We have little sense of just when and how ethical disputes rightly impact communion within and among the churches. When can we live together with difference over such matters and when does unity in Christ require common teaching?

This conference will look at the intersection of ethics and the unity and division of the churches.

What sort of common ethical teaching and commitment is needed in the church? When is an ethical difference such that it necessarily hinders communion and fractures unity?

Among the speakers:

Robert Jenson, Center of Theological Inquiry, Princeton, NJ

Joseph Small, Presbyterian Church (USA), Louisville, KY

Susan Wood, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI

David Yeago, Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, Columbia, SC

Accommodations will be available on the Loyola Campus

Conference cost (including banquet):
\$210

Reduced price for early registrations, students, retired clergy

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