

CCCW Silver Jubilee Lectures



## Solidarity: Figuring out World Christianity and the pandemic

### Lecture

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### Speaker

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The pandemic has, not unsurprisingly, raised questions of religion in public life to the foreground, once again. Particularly in parts of the world where religion and culture intertwine very explicitly. What can the Christian response be in the face of widespread uncertainty, fear, cynicism, and massive loss of precious lives. This talk will focus on the Brazilian case and the many controversies involving churches and the handling of the health crisis in the context of heavily politicised public religions, led by conservative Christian leaders and denominations. The clash between a neocon take on Christianity and progressive liberationist views of the Church as committed to justice and equality showed the ambivalence of Christian service, between "spiritual" and "material" care. The context also engaged governmental authorities, secular NGOs and social movements, and reached the Supreme Court in early April 2021.

Dr. Joanildo Burity has a PhD in Politics (Essex University, UK) and is a lead researcher and university professor in Northeast Brazil, at the Joaquim Nabuco Foundation and the Federal University of Pernambuco, in the areas of political science and sociology. His main research interests are in the fields of religion and politics and religion, identity and culture, in comparative perspective, particularly in the Latin American context. He is a lay Anglican and was a member of the Anglican Consultative Council, in which he served in the Standing Committee.