

CCCW Silver Jubilee Lectures 2021

Theme: *Transfiguring World Christianity*

Ecumenism:

Figuring out Interconnected Christianities

Thursday 14 October 2021

4-6pm online and in person

Speaker

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This fourth lecture in the five-part CCCW Silver Jubilee Lecture series explores the possibilities of an ecumenism that can hold together body, mind and heart so that more creative and holistic ways forward can be found than either only 'working and acting together', or concentrating on 'finding doctrinal agreement'. It will explore the necessity for and the hope of 'decolonising' the ecumenical movement, recognising its origins in the global North and the dominance so far within it of particular discourses and peoples, and opening up the possibility of a more truly ecumenical movement within world Christianity. And it will reflect on the trajectory within the movement from 'the unity of Christians' towards 'the unity of all humankind' and even 'the unity of all creation', by asking what ecumenism is really for within the mission of God. The lecture will be honest about challenges, but always draw hope from the power of the Holy Spirit to celebrate movement and renewal and to work towards the fulfilment of all things in the Kingdom of God.

Susan Durber has served as minister with churches in the very different contexts of Manchester, Salford, Oxford and Taunton, as Principal of Westminster College in Cambridge and as Theology Advisor to Christian Aid. At WCC she has been involved in *The Church: Towards a Common Vision*, and on moral discernment. She has also been involved in work on the theme of the upcoming WCC Assembly and in 'pilgrim visits' to church groups often at the margins of the ecumenical movement. She is committed to making way for new kinds of ecumenism as the churches continue to call one another to visible unity.

