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The Pentecostal Forum at McMaster Divinity College provides an opportunity for scholars to present important perspectives on various Pentecostal themes. The topic this year is *The Many Faces of Pentecostalism: Implications of Globalization for North American Pentecostalism*.

The format of the Forum will include interactive presentations and question-and-answer sessions. Each presentation will be 30 minutes in length, followed by an additional 15 minutes for Q&A, and 45 minutes at the conclusion. Participation by those who attend is invited, and will be solicited throughout the day. The exact times and those participating are subject to change. It is anticipated that the presentations will be edited for publication by Dr. Steven M. Studebaker following the conference.



“Defining Issues in Pentecostalism: Classical and Emergent.”
This book brings together the papers presented at the McMaster Divinity College 2007 Pentecostal Forum. It highlights the defining topics, past and present, of Pentecostal theology.
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Directions

From Toronto, Oakville, Burlington: Take Highway 403 to the Main Street West exit. At the traffic lights at the top of the ramp turn left and then immediately right on Newton Avenue. Continue to King Street. Cross King Street on to Sterling Street and proceed up Sterling to the McMaster Campus.

From Brantford and London: From Brantford travel along Highway 403 to the Aberdeen Street exit. Turn left at the first stoplight on Longwood Road and then left at the next stoplight which is Main Street. Turn right on Newton Avenue (just after the second stoplight). Continue to King Street. Cross King Street on to Sterling Street and proceed to the McMaster campus entrance.

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The Many Faces of Pentecostalism:

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Saturday, October 25, 2008
8:30 am - 5:30 pm

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8:30 am - Registration/Refreshments (Recreation Room)
9:00 am - Welcome/Prayer/Introductions

TOPIC: GLOBALIZATION AND PENTECOSTAL THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY

9:15 am - Sessions #1 & #2 Pentecostalism and Globalization

Allan Anderson – Director of the Graduate Institute for Theology and Religion and Professor of Global Pentecostal Studies in the School of Philosophy, Theology and Religion at the University of Birmingham, England.

Allan will lecture on “Pentecostalism and Globalization” in two parts: (1) “The Roots of Pentecostal Globalization: Early Pentecostal Missions,” in which he will outline the circumstances, themes and personalities in the early internationalization of Pentecostalism; and (2) “The Fruits of Pentecostal Globalization: Current Trends and Challenges,” in which he will trace the development of Pentecostalism in the past three decades and the ways in which this challenges our understanding of Pentecostal identity.

10:45 am - Break

11:00 am - Session #3

The Impact of Globalization on Pentecostals in Canada

Michael Wilkinson – Associate Professor of Sociology, Director of the Religion in Canada Institute, and Coordinator of the Canadian Pentecostal Research Network at Trinity Western University, Langley, British Columbia.

The process of globalization includes world wide transformations of social structures, culture, and social institutions. All religions are adjusting to social change, including Pentecostals in Canada. The transformation for Pentecostals revolves around the changing role of religion in global society, the pluralization of religions and their legitimacy in Canada, and internal debates over what Pentecostals believe, how they practice their faith, and whether it is authentic and authoritative. Specific cases will examine the responses of Canadian Pentecostals to social issues, multiculturalism and new immigrants, organizational change, and theology.

11:45 am - Lunch

TOPIC: IMPLICATIONS FOR PENTECOSTAL THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY IN A GLOBAL CONTEXT

1:00pm - Session #4

Spirit Baptism and Global Pentecostalism

Steven Studebaker – Assistant Professor of Systematic and Historical Theology at McMaster Divinity College, Hamilton, Ontario.

The Baptism in the Holy Spirit has been the chief theologically and historically distinctive doctrine of Pentecostalism. However, beginning with the Charismatic movement, the Classical Pentecostal understanding of Spirit baptism has been subject to revision. Given the increasing global nature of Pentecostalism, and particularly in light of the shift of its center of gravity from the Global North to the Global South, what is the status and the theological understanding of this historic doctrine in the future of Pentecostalism? This paper explores the impact of the dynamic and global nature of Pentecostalism on this perennial Pentecostal doctrine.

1:45pm - Session #5

Tongues and a Postmodern Generation of Pentecostals

Randall Holm – Associate Professor of Biblical Studies at Providence College, Otterburne, Manitoba.

While tongues-speech and in particular the signature doctrine of “initial evidence” has been the brand distinction of thoroughly modern Classical Pentecostals, today many point to a growing restlessness with this traditional construct within the Pentecostal church. Ironically, this is not occurring because of a lack of interest or belief in tongues; rather its impetus is largely the fusion of a growing Pentecostal indifference to the traditional tongues-speech construct (we speak in tongues – now what? or in more cynical moments, so what?) with an increased awareness of the Spirit’s activity by the rest of Christendom. Holm proposes a new self-understanding of tongues-speech that is not only sensitive to its biblical witness and cultural impact but risks reshaping Pentecostal identity for a post-modern generation.

2:30 pm - Break

2:45pm - Session #6

Implications of Globalization on Pentecostal Leadership and Mission

Byron Klaus – President of the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary (AGTS) in Springfield, Missouri.

Globalization presents complexities for the Church and its mission that are significant. Ironically, the contexts in which the growth of Pentecostalism is most vibrant are often where the negative economic, political and social implications of globalization are most obvious. Will continued Kingdom effectiveness define the significant growth of Pentecostal “flavored” Christianity globally or will it succumb to the inevitability of secularization that is part and parcel of globalization?

3:30pm - Session #7

What in the World is God Doing? Pentecostalism and the Global Missionary Movement

Joanne Pepper – Dean of Canadian Pentecostal Seminary (ACTS Seminaries of Trinity Western University), Associate Professor of Religious Studies, and Coordinator of Inter-Cultural Religious Studies at Trinity Western University, Langley, British Columbia.

In decades past, Pentecostal missions were renowned for their effective and often unique approaches in outworking the Great Commission, but, have innovation, creativity and Spirit-led evangelism remained as defining characteristics of Pentecostal global outreach in the twenty-first century? What global markers are influencing current Pentecostal missiology, both in its theory and its practice? What can Canadian Pentecostals learn from their counterparts in ministry in the majority world? This session explores potentials and pitfalls of Pentecostal expansion “to the ends of the earth”.

4:15pm - Response

David Reed – Professor Emeritus of Pastoral Theology at Wycliffe College, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario.

This segment will address the conference’s programmatic agenda of the global nature of Pentecostalism. It will assess the specific contributions that highlight the impact of globalization on Pentecostalism. Finally, it will explore implications and questions that arise from the papers and, thereby, set the stage for the final time of open interaction between the conference attendees and presenters.

4:45 pm - Q & A Panel Discussion

5:30 pm - Closing & Prayer

