



**From Local to Universal Synodality
International Symposium
14.-16.11.2025**
Sibiu, “St. Andrei Şaguna” Faculty of Orthodox Theology

Friday, 14.11.

15:45-17:15 Opening Session

15:45-16:15 *Arrival & Coffee*
16:15-16:30 Greetings (Orthodox Faculty & ZETO)
16:30-17:15 Dr. Johann SCHNEIDER (Halle)

17:15-19:30 Session I

17:15-18:00 Dr. Daniel MIHOC (Sibiu)
18:00-18:45 Dr. Johannes KLEIN (Sibiu)
18:45-19:30 Dr. Nevsky Everett (Cambridge)

ZETO Reception

Saturday, 15.11.

08:30-10:30 Session II

8:30-9:15 Dr. Mario FISCHER (Vienna)
9:15-10:00 Dr. Nicolae MOŞOIU (Sibiu)
10:00-10:45 Dr. Martino MORTOLA (Milan)

11:00-13:00 Session III

11:00-11:45 Dr. Razvan PERSA (Cluj-Napoca)
11:45-12:30 Dr. Gerard Kevin WHELAN SJ (Rome)
12:30-13:15 Dr. Irimie MARGA (Sibiu)

10:45-11:00 *Coffee break*

13:30-14:30 *Lunch break*

15:00-17:15 Session IV

15:00-15:45 Dr. Paul BRUSANOVSKI (Sibiu)
15:45-16:30 Dr. Andras BANDI (Sibiu)
16:30-17:15 Dr. Jakob Egeris THORSEN (Copenhagen)

17:30-18:45 Closing Session

Group work on Synodality: historical, biblical, doctrinal and contemporary perspectives.

18:45-19:30 Closing plenary

17:15-17:30 *Coffee break*

Sunday, 16.11.

Participation in the Divine Liturgy
Lunch (for those present) - Guided tour of the city (optional)

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| 1. | Right Rev. Dr. Dr. h. c. Bishop Johann SCHNEIDER (Lutheran-Orthodox Dialogue Co-Chair) | Protestant | <i>Synodality and Unity in the Church: Some Historical Milestones before, during, and after the First Ecumenical Council in Nicaea</i> |
| 2. | Assoc. Prof. Dr. Daniel MIHOC ("Lucian Blaga" University of Sibiu, Romania) | Orthodox | <i>Acts 15 - Consequences for Contemporary Orthodox Synodality</i> |
| 3. | Rev. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Johannes KLEIN ("Lucian Blaga" University of Sibiu, Romania) | Protestant | <i>Journeying in the Spirit. Biblical Foundations of a Shared Church</i> |
| 4. | Rev. Prof. Gerard WHELAN SJ (Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome) | Catholic | <i>Synodality, the Catholic Church, and the Importance of Philosophy</i> |
| 5. | Rev. Dr. Mario FISCHER (Communion of Protestant Churches in Europe CPCE) | Protestant | <i>From Synodality to Conciliarity – a Protestant Perspective on Walking Together across Church Boundaries</i> |
| 6. | Rev. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nicolae MOȘOIU ("Lucian Blaga" University of Sibiu, Romania) | Orthodox | <i>The Terminology on Synodality in St. Dumitru Stăniloae Writings</i> |
| 7. | Rev. Prof. Dr. Martino MORTOLA (Milan Catholic Faculty of Theology) | Catholic | <i>The Co-Responsibility of the Laity in Light of the 2021-2025 Synodal Way</i> |
| 8. | Rev. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Răzvan PERȘA ("Babes-Balyai" University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania) | Orthodox | <i>Synodality in Crisis? A Canonical Approach to Orthodox Ecclesiology</i> |
| 9. | Rev. Dr. Nevsky EVERETT (Institute of Orthodox Christian Studies, Cambridge, UK) | Anglican | <i>Pre-Reformation Synods in England – Models for Anglican Nowadays Synodal Structures?</i> |
| 10. | Rev. Prof. Dr. Irimie MARGA ("Lucian Blaga" University of Sibiu, Romania) | Orthodox | <i>An Orthodox Canonical Analysis of the Papal Document "The Bishop of Rome" (2024)</i> |
| 11. | Prof. Dr. Paul BRUSANOVSKI ("Lucian Blaga" University of Sibiu, Romania) | Orthodox | <i>The Synodality of the Churches in the Habsburg Empire</i> |
| 12. | Rev. Assist. Dr. Andrei BANDI ("Lucian Blaga" University of Sibiu, Romania) | Protestant | <i>Synodality vs. Constitutionality in the Evangelical Church C. A. of Romania</i> |
| 13. | Assoc. Prof. Dr. Jacob Egeris THORSEN (Aarhus University, Denmark) | Catholic, Protestant Faculty | <i>The Ecclesiological Challenges and Possibilities of the Global Charismatic and Pentecostal Awakening – An Ecumenical Perspective on Actual and Possible Forms of Synodality</i> |

Papers Announced for Inclusion in the Volume

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| 14. | Lect. Dr. Maksim KIVELEV (Gregorian Pontifical University, Rome, Italy) | Orthodox, Catholic University | <i>The Bishop of Rome: Challenge and Opportunity for Ecumenical Dialogue? Confessional Perspectives in Relation to the Byzantine Orthodox Tradition</i> |
| 15. | Rev. Prof. Dr. Constantin NECULA ("Lucian Blaga" University of Sibiu, Romania) | Orthodox | <i>The Reception of the Council of Nicaea in the Digital Age</i> |
| 16. | Rev. Lect. Dr. Dan Alexandru STREZA ("Lucian Blaga" University of Sibiu, Romania) | Orthodox | <i>The Feasts of the Nativity and the Epiphany in the Light of the Ecumenical Councils</i> |
| 17. | Assist. Dr. Alexandru-Marius CRIȘAN ("Lucian Blaga" University of Sibiu) | Orthodox | <i>Synodality and Diaspora in Orthodox Ecclesiology: Insights from the Council of Crete and the Eucharistic Vision of the Church</i> |
| 18. | Rev. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Vasile BÎRZU ("Lucian Blaga" University of Sibiu) | Orthodox | <i>The Catholicity of Creation</i> |
| 19. | Rev. Lect. Dr. Cristian VAIDA ("Lucian Blaga" University of Sibiu) | Orthodox | <i>The Nicene Faith as the Foundation of Pastoral Unity: reflections at the 1700th Anniversary of the First Ecumenical Council (325–2025)</i> |

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