



ECUMENISM TODAY: TOWARDS A HOLY KIND OF ENVY

An on-line presentation by Dr. Murray Watson for
The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

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Back in 1985, the Swedish Lutheran theologian and bishop Krister Stendahl (1921-2008) proposed, as a guiding principle of ecumenical and interfaith relations, that we should open ourselves to “holy envy”—to the ability to appreciate, cherish, and learn from, the things that are beautiful, valuable, true and enriching in religious traditions beyond our own.

How can authentic ecumenism help us to see how God is working outside the bounds of “MY church”? How can “holy envy” help us to move, slowly but surely, toward the unity Jesus desires for those who follow him?

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Coordinates for the event will be e-mailed 48hours before the presentation

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(To learn more about the concept of “holy envy,” you may wish to listen to Barbara Brown Taylor’s conversation last year with National Public Radio: <https://www.npr.org/2019/03/11/702175258/for-priest-turned-professor-holy-envy-is-key-to-appreciating-world-religions>)