

Hopeful outcomes

By the Trinity Symposium Committee

Almost three years of planning will culminate in the virtual Symposium on the Triune God, which will take place July 27-29.

At the beginning of our preparation for a symposium, we invited any Sisters who were interested to respond to a questionnaire regarding their desired outcomes for this time together. Some of the hopes that were expressed in early 2019 included:

- to enrich images of the Triune God
- to gain a deeper understanding of what Trinity could mean in our lives
- to live more consciously in the Triune presence
- to learn more about the gradual development of the theology of the Trinity, the relationship between Trinity and community, including communion with all creation
- what it could mean to live the justice of the Triune God, especially with respect to the reality of poverty
- a desire for deeper contemplation, spirituality, and prayer both at the Symposium and as a result of it
- a desire for deeper relationship, love and community, for unity in diversity, including within SSND
- communion with all creation and with all peoples living interculturally
- a more inclusive language for God that would open a wider space for relationship with God, with others, and with the universe
- that traditional grade school theology of Trinity would be stretched in new ways
- more inclusive ways of understanding three persons in a Triune God
- to understand Trinity as a relational power that continues to unfold in the cosmos
- more inclusive language with regard to the Trinity, especially the first person of the Trinity, the Father
- living as one family across nations and cultures and how this relates to our Triune God
- that a beautiful realization of the Trinity would replace our old, staid understandings
- that if beliefs about the Trinity were viable, they would translate into some kind of choices which would benefit the whole
- that SSND would grow in oneness with a deeper sense of how we are “in God”



The Trinity Symposium Committee is confident that the interaction of participants with each other and the speakers will be a vital aspect of transforming these hopes into realities over the long term.

As more than 600 participants gather virtually for the symposium, may all experience the Triune God at work in and around them, fulfilling hopes and longings to ***“deepen our consciousness of who we are in relationship to the Triune God, one another, and God’s amazing universe, particularly through theological reflection on the Trinity.”*** - Love Gives Everything

Those who are registered will receive instructional emails in advance of the symposium. For additional questions about the symposium, please visit ssnd.org/trinity2021 or contact Sister Pat Murphy at ssndtrinity@gmail.com.