

To Love Your Neighbour's Church

As Your Own

with Rev. Jakob Palm

Dates and Times: Wednesday evenings, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
October 16, 23, 30

Cost: \$50.00 - for the series of three evenings
Fee includes a copy of the book To Love Your Neighbour's Church As Your Own

A minimum of 10 participants are needed in order to offer this series.
Registration deadline: October 11.

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Detail: In this book study of the newly translated To Love Your Neighbour's Church As Your Own, written by Peter Halldorf, Jakob Palm, who translated this book into English will facilitate a conversation that will hopefully bring some clarity to what being ecumenical implies in everyday life. The study of the book will bring up questions such as:

- How do we continue relationship, even when we disagree?
- How do I get to know myself and my church well enough to articulate my identity and belief to someone else, so that they might get to know me?
- What is the connection between the Trinity - God Three in One and the One Church, with many members?
- Is a visible unity of the Church possible on this side of eternity?

A copy of this book is included in the fee for this three-part series and will be distributed in session one. It will be of great benefit to have read the book prior to the second session. Space is limited to 30 participants.

Presenter: Rev. Jakob Palm

Jakob Palm is a priest in the Evangelical Orthodox Church. Born and raised in Sweden, he moved to Canada to pursue his vocation. He lives with his wife Ashley and son Elias in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. He is involved with the ecumenical work in the city as well as with missional work in sub-Saharan Africa.

"Divisions among Christians are a scandal. There is no other word for it: a scandal!" These words are from Pope Francis during an audience in 2015 and refer to a reality that obscures the good news of Jesus to a world in need of healing. Christians are divided. Does a divided Church have any real credibility? Is the unity of the Church possible? Is it realistic to hope for the visible unity of the Church on this side of eternity?

After spending much of his life praying and writing about things pertaining to these questions, Peter Halldorf shines a light on the question that matters most to Jesus Himself: The unity of His children, that they would be one. With pastoral care, he writes about the personal testimonies and lives that has exemplified what it practically means to love your neighbour's church as your own, testimonies of sacrificial love and radiant hope. Inspired by the examples of faith in the first part of *TO LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR'S CHURCH AS YOUR OWN* the book the author doesn't shy away from facing the stumbling blocks that the Church needs to acknowledge in order to fulfil the prayer of Jesus. In the second part of the book, he tackles the questions surrounding the primacy of the pope in such a way that Orthodox, Roman Catholics and Protestant Christians might be able to find common ground while retaining their personality. The book suggests that it is in recognizing the differences in each other that we discover who we are, broken yet healed in the mystery of the cross. Five hundred years into the Reformation, this book gives a glimpse of holy hope, that a 'miracle of unity' in the worldwide Church is still possible.