Internet seminars “What Did Deacons Do”, 2021

Due to the CoViD-19, we cannot have a big conference this year, but we are planning to have at least two online seminars, on 24th - 26th February (European late Afternoon times) and May (European Morning times). Program for February meeting is here. If needed, please ask for more information and how to get access: esko.ryokas@uef.fi

Five seminars “What Did Deacons Do”, May 11th-15th 2020

Due to the CoViD-19, we cannot have a conference this year, but we want to have the Keynote Speakers and two as an online seminar on May 11th-15th, 2020, every day at 10 AM Finnish time. Please ask for more information and how to get access: esko.ryokas@uef.fi

Summary

- The School of Theology (University of Eastern Finland, Joensuu) is organizing the next international and ecumenical research conference on patristic understandings of diakonia. It will be the fourth such conference held. Our purpose is to continue the work of earlier symposia (2014, 2015, 2017), inspired by the Rome 2009 conference “Diakonia, diaconiae, diaconato”.
- The topic is “What did deacons do?”. In this conference, we will be focusing on Late Antiquity, especially the 3rd and 4th centuries.
- Most of the 2017 congress, along with some additional papers, was published by Mohr Siebeck as Deacons and Diakonia in Early Christianity: the First Two Centuries (Deacons 2018). Our co-operating partners are Prof. Bart J. Koet (Tilburg), Dr. John N. Collins (Melbourne), Dr. Anni Hentschel (Würzburg) and Dr. Edwina Murphy (Sydney) as well as the Finnish Association for Research in Diaconia, Societas Patristica Fennica and IDC – Pro Diakonia Christi.
- The next conference will be held on 12-14 May 2020 in Joensuu, Finland.

Information, status Mars 19th 2020

We can not organize this conference in May 2020.

Due to COVID-19, ‘What did deacons do? 2020’ is becoming ‘What did deacons do? 2021.’ We aim to hold the conference in May 2021. More details will be available later in the year, on this page.

We are working on many items. Please pick up what you are looking for:

- The Program. Always the latest version is in this page. When you are registered, you get a more comprehensive program here.
- Registration. Information needed for registration and the link for the registration is here. Also, information about the planned trip to the Monastery of Valamo is here. The earlier information of the congress is on two pages: The first call is here, and the second call is here.
- By registration, you will get access to the congress abstracts.
- Information on Joensuu, on hotels and on traveling etc is here.
- Information for the writers is here.

Any questions? Write to esko.ryokas@uef.fi
**Literature**


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