

SPIRITUALITY IN EDUCATION IN HELPING PROFESSIONS

Conference with work sessions organised by PTF, HTF, KTF CU and JABOK.
Tuesday, 4 April 2017, Institute of Social Pedagogy and Theology JABOK

09:00 – 09:20 Registration

09:20 Opening and introducing the conference. Chair: *Mgr. Zdenko Š Širka, Th.D., JABOK and PTF*

To speak or not to speak about spirituality in helping professions?

Dr. Ing. Alois Kříšťan, Th.D., JABOK

doc. ThDr. Jiří Vogel, Th.D., HTF CU

doc. Ing. Mgr. Aleš Opatrný, Th.D., CTF CU

Ing. Mgr. Ondřej Fischer, BD. MA., PTF CU and JABOK

09:40 Anatomy of a way of comprehension and using of the concept of spirituality

doc. PhDr. Zdeněk Vojtíšek, Th.D., HTF and PTF CU

10:05 Dealing with diversity and dilemmas relating to spirituality in professional practice.

Dr. Andrew Orton, Associate Professor, School of Applied Social Sciences, University of Durham

10:45 – 11:00 Intermission – coffee break

11:00 „Is a man dust revived by Spirit (Gn 2,7)?“ Spirituality as a result of biblical anthropology and answers to the question of the existence of God.

Dr. Ing. Ladislav Heryán, Th.D., JABOK

11:30 Spirituality as a tool when searching for the meaning of professional help

PhDr. Pavel Pěnkava, FA Charles University and Social Prevention Department of Local Authority of Prague 1

12:00 – 13:00 Lunch (“Malá aula” Small assembly room)

13:00 Workshops (beginning in the scheduled classrooms, see below)

14.15 – 14.30 Intermission – coffee break

14:30 Results of the work groups-presentation (Big assembly hall – “Velká aula”)

15:00 Panel: How to think about spirituality in helping professions?

ThLic. Mgr. Denisa Červenková, Th.D., CTF Charles University

David O'Malley, MA, Salesian schools UK

ThLic. Jan Regner, Th.D.

doc. MUDr. Jiří Šimek CSc., FHSS University of South Bohemia

doc. ThDr. Ivan Štampach, University of Pardubice and JABOK

Mgr. Vladimír Volráb, DiS, HTF Charles University

Chair: prof. Ivana Noble, PhD., PTF Charles University

16:00 Closing

WORKING GROUPS (13:00 - 14:15)

The aim of the working groups is to form questions related to the indicated uses of the concept of spirituality and point at interesting or problematic relations of these concepts in relation to other applications of this concept. Working groups will offer qualitatively valuable concepts of spirituality and personally expressed attitudes that will be introduced and further discussed in the plenary. At the beginning, participants of each group are invited to present briefly their previously prepared standpoints on any aspect of the concept of spirituality.

S1: Spirituality for Research and Education. (Classroom N. 8)

Head: *PhDr. Bohumila Baštecká, Ph.D. (PTF Charles University)*

doc. Michal Kaplánek, Th.D. (TF University of South Bohemia and JABOK)

Topics:

- A) Elucidation/justification for the use of the term spirituality in professional documents.
- B) The terms associated with the term spirituality; spiritual needs, dimensions etc.
- C) Specifics of the research of spirituality applying the concept of spirituality in a religious or theological concept.

S2: Anthropological Meaning of Spirituality (Classroom N. 4)

Head: *PhDr. Hana Pazlarová, Ph.D. (FA Charles University and JABOK)*

Dr. Ing. Alois Kříšťan, Th.D. (JABOK)

Topics:

- A) Where does an educator and a professional (eg. a social worker) see benefits of the concept of spirituality?
- B) How to make the theological reality accessible to students, employees and organizations standing outside the Christian ethos of professional helping?
- C) Use of sources and traditions of Christian spirituality in professional helping.

S3: Theological Meaning of Spirituality (Classroom N. 3)

Head: *ThLic. Mgr. Denisa Červenková, Th.D. (CTF Charles University)*

Mgr. Petr Jandejsek, Th.D. (JABOK and PTF Charles University)

Topics:

- A) Can theologians address society better using the term spirituality, or do they cause confusion?
- B) How to deepen/enrich an approach of a professional practitioner to work with people/young people through the concept of spirituality?
- C) Benefit of using the concept of spirituality for the workers themselves.

Some of the aims of the conference: *To express the ways of use of the term "spirituality" in different contexts and expectations arising from its use. To highlight the attractiveness and risks of its use. To inspire further theological reflection on the modalities of its implementation. To search for socially and educationally valuable meanings of the term of spirituality.*