

MINISTERIAL OLD STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

Continuing Professional Development for Ministry

22nd & 23rd June 2021

PRESIDENT – Rev. Alex Bradley

PROGRAMME

A Changed and Changing Church

MOSA 2021 is a fully online two-day event that takes as its subject the nature and identity of change. We will hear from speakers involved in projects that connect individuals and communities as part of the mission of MOSA to make space for change through conversations across generations that can inform the future of Unitarian ministry.

The Zoom link, which is active throughout the conference is here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82860140053?pwd=eVNGQTFyVWVsMHpvcFA1TURTVHJKZz09>

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PROGRAMME

Tuesday 22nd June

9.00 am

Online devotions led by Oxford ministry student Robin Hanford.

9.30 a.m. MOSA Annual General Meeting

Chair: Rev. Alex Bradley

11:00 a.m.

Virtual coffee and greetings

11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

BREAK

2.00 p.m. Annual Meeting of Honorary Governors and Friends

3.00 pm The Manchester Academy Annual Lecture

Compassion in healthcare: pilgrimage, practice and civic life

Joshua Hordern is Associate Professor of Christian Ethics in the Faculty of Theology and Religion at the University of Oxford and a Fellow of Harris Manchester College. He has worked extensively with colleagues in healthcare with a particular focus on compassion in healthcare, medical professionalism and precision medicine. He leads Oxford's Health Humanities programmes and the Oxford Healthcare Values Partnership (www.healthcarevalues.ox.ac.uk). Publications include *Compassion in Healthcare: Pilgrimage, Policy and Civic Life* (OUP, 2020), *Advancing Medical Professionalism* (Royal College of Physicians, 2018) and *Political Affections: Civic Participation and Moral Theology* (OUP, 2013). Coedited collections include *Personalised Medicine: The Promise, The Hype and the Pitfalls* (*The New Bioethics* 2017), *Marketisation, Ethics and Healthcare: Policy, Practice and Moral Formation* (Routledge, 2018), *Concepts of Disease: Dysfunction, Responsibility and Sin* (*Theology*, 2018), *The Politics of Diakonia* (*Political Theology* 2019) and *The Heart in Medicine, History and Culture* (Medical Humanities, 2020).

4.30 p.m.

In person, private, valediction service for Robin Hanford and Michael Allured
Led by Rev. Alex Bradley with Professor Jane Shaw
Chapel

5:30 Online blessing & welcome to ministry for Robin and Michael, led by Rev Alex Bradley

6.00 -- 7:30 p.m.

A Changed and Changing Church

A keynote presentation by Laura Park of Unity Church-Unitarian St. Paul Minnesota

Chair: Rev. Claire MacDonald

'How does the changed and changing church find common voice and common commitment for the difference it makes in people's lives? How do we, in the words of the poet William Stafford, "never let go of the thread"?'

Laura Park has 30 years' experience in organization development, primarily within churches. Laura is Managing Director of Unity Consulting, a program of Unity Church-Unitarian in St. Paul, MN that helps congregations across the United States build fruitful governance practices. Laura is also the

Acting Director of Membership and Hospitality at Unity Church and the author of *The Nested Bowls: The Promise and Practice of Good Governance*.

Followed by responses and discussion.

Wednesday 23rd June

9.15 a.m. MOSA Annual Service

Led by Rev. Winnie Gordon

BREAK

11 am - 12.30 pm

Congregational Connections

Rev. Bob Janis-Dillon

Chair: Rev. Claire MacDonald

A talk and interactive session reflecting on Rev Bob Janis-Dillon's experience in connecting congregations online throughout the pandemic. What have we learned together about the future of our changing church?

followed by

Discussion and Round-up

1:00 p.m.

A final blessing and virtual goodbyes.