

500 Years after the Reformation... is ecumenical identity a real possibility?

After centuries of ecumenical dialogues why has so little actually changed?

There are no longer any doctrinal reasons why Catholics and Protestants cannot achieve visible unity. Reasons must therefore be sought elsewhere.

Thursday
16 November 2017
3:30 for 4pm start to 7pm
**VICTOR PETERS SUITE,
841 HUNTER ST NEWCASTLE WEST**

Includes light refreshments
3 hr FEA available for CSO staff

In this seminar, Dr John May FTCD emer., provides a framework for making sense of what we are already doing, examining factors which have influenced the progress – or lack of it – of the ecumenical movement.

In particular he will explore the social structures of the churches, the ways we see ourselves, and how that influences the journey.

This self-awareness matters, for that is what we bring to the important and urgent dialogue with the world's religions: an invitation into a radically new, more expansive, truly 'ecumenical' identity.

John May's lifelong engagement with the ecumenical and interfaith movement will offer us renewed insight and hope.



PRESENTER: DR JOHN D'ARCY MAY

John D'Arcy May was born in Melbourne, Australia, in 1942, where he now lives in retirement. He received doctorates from the universities of Münster (Ecumenical Theology, 1975) and Frankfurt (History of Religions, 1983). He taught at the Catholic Ecumenical Institute, University of Münster, 1975-1982, and was Ecumenical Research Officer with the Melanesian Council of Churches, Papua New Guinea, 1983-1987. He was Director of the Irish School of Ecumenics, Trinity College Dublin, 1987-1990 and 1995, where he was Associate Professor of Interfaith Dialogue, 1987-2007. He is a Fellow Emeritus of Trinity College. Recent publications include *Social Justice and the Churches: Challenges and Responsibilities* (editor, Adelaide: Australian Theological Forum, 2014) and *Imagining the Ecumenical: A Personal Journey* (Melbourne: Morning Star, 2016).

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