

Theology & Peace: Subverting the matrix of violence:
*A gathering for all Christians, including pastors, lay leaders, theologians,
and others, to develop the insights of mimetic anthropology,
toward a theology, community and practice of peace.*

Theology & Peace 8th Annual Conference
COMPASSIONATE ECONOMICS: CAN IT GO VIRAL?
May 27-29, 2015 • Techny Towers, Northbrook, IL (Chicago)
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Planning Overview

- **Schedule:** The program begins at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, May 27, and ends at noon on Friday, May 29. Daily plenary presentations by keynote speakers are followed by large and small group discussions. On Thursday evening, May 28, we will gather for worship and a communion service. Visit our website at www.theologyandpeace.org for program updates, detailed information and announcements as they are made available.
- **Pre-conference Mimetic Theory Overview:** A free 3-hour pre-conference program is offered Wednesday morning, May 27. It is a popular feature of Theology & Peace conferences, providing an immersion in Mimetic Theory, the anthropological understanding at the heart of Theology & Peace. It includes a continental breakfast.
- **NEW this year! Pre-conference Advanced Mimetic Theory Seminar.** We are delighted to announce that in addition to our annual MT 101 Pre-conference offering, we will also host a free Advanced Mimetic Theory Seminar during the same pre-conference time (Wednesday morning, May 27). Led by Theology & Peace Contributing Theologian, the Rev. Paul Nuechterlein, we will discuss and reflect on new work in the area of Mimetic Theory and Economics in preparation for the conference. If you would like to participate, please indicate so on your registration form, and we will send you any relevant materials and/or information.
- **Program Theme and Keynote Speakers:** The 2015 Theology and Peace Conference theme, “Compassionate Economics: Can it go viral?,” centers on economics, social justice and mimetic theory. Theology and Peace as an organization is focused on the value of all human beings, as informed by the Good News of God in Jesus and Rene Girard’s mimetic theory. 2015’s Conference seeks to explore traditional and contemporary economics through the lense of mimetic theory. Currently, how value is assigned both to and by people sets up the possibility for escalations of rivalry, violence and inequality. How do we -- informed by the Gospels, compassion and mimetic theory – begin to challenge the current notions of value so that all people and our created world are seen as invaluable and not reducible to money? With speakers Brian McLaren and Andrew McKenna confirmed and more to be announced, we look forward to this conference furthering the work of Theology and Peace and the Good News of God’s love for humanity.
- **Location:** This year’s conference will be held in the Chicago area at Techny Towers Retreat Center in Northbrook, IL, located 12 miles from Chicago’s O’Hare Airport and 20 miles from downtown Chicago on the Society of the Divine Word campus. Driving, taxi and public transportation details are posted on this website. We’re happy to report that there is plenty of free parking at Techny.
- **Accommodations and Meals:** Single or double rooms in Techny Towers are available. (please see the registration form for more details). The conference fee includes meals, beginning with lunch at noon on Wednesday, May 27 and ending with breakfast on Friday, May 29. If you plan to stay off campus, please register as a Commuter.
- **Early birds:** If you are traveling from a distance, night-before lodging and dinner at Techny Towers is available on Tuesday, May 26.