

Wider Ecumenism – A Pilgrimage
towards
Cosmic Christ Consciousness

**Heeding the Spirit: New Horizons in Receptive
Ecumenism"**

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- Context – Father a Catechist – Missionary
- Marthoma Church from Thomas Christians
- India – Land of Religions
- Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, Sikhism
- From Outside Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Zoroastrianism
- Spiritual Underpinning in the Culture
- From non – being to being, from darkness/ignorance to light/wisdom, from death to eternity –
- Bruhadaranyaka Upnishad

Integrating Theory and Praxis

- Information -> Data
- Knowledge-> theoretical and practical applications through association
- Wisdom-> Experience deriving principles for future course of action
- Action – Lived Experience
- Empathetic Transformation of the Society

Dialogue with Religions

Christian Humanism

Vatican II – Extra Ecclesia Nulla Salus

Nostra Aetate – what is positive in all religions

Unknown Christ in Hinduism – Raimundo Panikkar

Anonymous Christians – Rhaner -Value Systems

Transformation of the Society with Values of Christ

Communicating the Love and Empathy of Christ

Guru – Bodhisattva

Receptability, Reciprocity, Hospitality, Rational

Fellowship – Through Dialogue Process

Dialogue with Churches

Redemptive Discipleship

- Radical Obedience & Discipleship to Christ
- Emptying Oneself – Kenosis
- Enriching the Other through self Emptying
- Fellowship, Conciliarity, Communion
- Redemptive Discipleship
- Mystical Body of Christ
- Orthodoxy and Orthopraxis Integrated

Cosmic Christ Consciousness

- Romans – Chapter 8 No condemnation – Spirit
- 22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.
- There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit
- Pneumáticos – Xarchicos - driven by the spirit and not of the flesh.
- Children of God – God as Creator – Christ as Redeemer – Holy Spirit as Sanctifier – Sat-Chit -Ananda – Being – Consciousness – Bliss
- Relationality to the whole creation , humanity,
- Recapitulating Everything in God - Justin the Martyr, Maximus the Confessor
- Eph1.10: "This his good pleasure he [the Father] purposed in him [Christ] to be dispensed in the fullness of the times: to re-establish all things in Christ, both those in the heavens and those on the earth."
- Eph 1.22: "And all things he made subject under his feet, and him he gave as head over all the Church, which indeed is his body, the completion [πλήρωμα] of him who fills all with all." Not an apocalyptic expectation, but here and now – as stewards, guaridans
- permanent eschatological transformation of creation – Cosmic hope and scope
- solidarity of humanity with nature

- reconciliation, relationship, and communion