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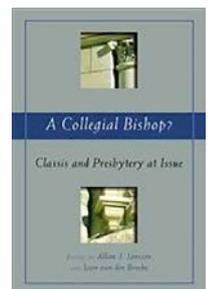
The Classis and Presbytery at Issue

'The Collegial Bishop Revisited: The Classis and Presbytery at Issue'. Academic conference (two days) that allows you to explore the range of questions that are raised in the context of the classis/presbytery continuing to exist and function in a central way.

The classis/presbytery faces growing pressure both from "below" and "above." What role does this "middle judicatory" have within the presbyterial/synodical system when faced with congregationalism on the one side and centralization of ecclesial authority on the other? Does the classis/presbytery indeed function in an episcopal role? Can we continue to think of classes/presbyteries as fundamentally gatherings of office-bearers when the notion of office itself is in question in some quarters?

Moreover, classes find themselves faced with challenges presented by ecclesiological expressions (e.g., "missional church," "priestly community"). Classes/presbyteries have historically been formed geographically. New expressions challenge such arrangements.

In spring 2008 an international conference on the classis/presbytery was organized. After ten years it is time for an update. What are its current status, developments and issues?



MAIN SPEAKERS



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