CALL FOR PAPERS

**UNDERSTANDING BONHOEFFER TODAY**

**Monday 15th May 2023**

**10am – 4pm - In the Collier Room**

Since his execution in Flossenburg prison in 1945, the German pastor and theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer has turned into something of an icon. Given his heroic death, which followed his sacrificial involvement in the plot to assassinate Adolf Hitler and prior to that, his outspoken voice against Hitler and critical facilitation of assisting numerous Jews flee from Nazi Germany, Dietrich Bonhoeffer has become a romantic, idealised figure. His ordinary struggle to be human and to be a faithful follower of Jesus living in the world has often been overlooked.

In a world that continues to be fractured by the evils of systemic racism, in which popularist nationalism has grown in many parts of the world and where we are still trying to come to terms with the legacies of slavery and colonialism, it can be argued that contemporary Christian mission and ministry has much to learn from the activism and theology of Dietrich Bonhoeffer. The challenges that faced Bonhoeffer are not the same as those that are confronting us in our present epoch. And yet the challenge to ‘carry the cross’ and being a distinctive presence in the world representing Jesus Christ has not changed.

The Oxford Centre for Religion and Culture is hosting a one day conference on the theological legacy of Dietrich Bonhoeffer as it pertains to contemporary mission and ministry.

We are calling for abstracts of 250 words outlining theological approaches to various aspects of Christian mission and ministry that are informed by the theology, activism and example of Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Papers can address systematic theology, ethics, missiology, ministry, ecclesiology, racial justice, gender analysis, education, worship and liturgy, popular culture etc.

Deadline for submission: Friday 14th April.

The conference will be in hybrid and so presenters can do so in person or remotely if they wish.

Please send paper proposals to Professor Anthony Reddie – anthony.reddie@regents.ox.ac.uk and Revd Dr Timothy Judson - timothy.judson@regents.ox.ac.uk

Zoom Link to join us remotely: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82348916428?pwd=ZnVhcTZWNWc2a244NHhRL2hjcVNoQT09>