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Keynote Address:

Holy Confession and the Freedom to Be

Fr. Stavros Kofinas, D.Min.

Fr. Stavros Kofinas is the Coordinator of the Network of the Ecumenical Patriarchate for Pastoral Health Care. He serves as the celebrant at the Holy Monastery of St. Meletios of Kitherona in Greece. He received his D.Min. in clinical psychology and psychiatric and pastoral care from Andover-Newton Theological School. He is well experienced in the field of psychotherapy and pastoral care and is well known for his writings in these areas.

Plenary Speakers:

Medical Perspective: *Becoming a Healthy Presence*, Daniel B. Hinshaw M.D.

Dr. Hinshaw is a Professor of surgery at the University of Michigan School of Medicine. He is the founding director of the Palliative Care Consultation Service at the Veterans Administration Medical Center (VAMC) in Ann Arbor, Michigan. His clinical research interests are focused on care at the end of life, spiritual distress in advanced illness, and the use of complementary medicine in the relief of pain. He is the author of *Suffering and the Nature of Healing*.

Psychological Perspective: *Healing and Divine Compassion*, Kyriaki Karidoyanes FitzGerald, Ph.D.

Dr. FitzGerald is a licensed psychologist, theologian and educator and serves as Adjunct Professor in Theology at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology. She is the author of *Persons in Communion: A Theology of Authentic Relationships*, and is recognized as a leading expert in the subject of Orthodox deacons and the theology of ministry more generally.

Theological Perspective: *Mission of the Health Care Worker in a Culture Hostile to Health*, Fr. Vasileios Thermos, M.D., Ph.D.

Fr. Vasileios Thermos is a psychiatrist and priest in the Church of Greece, Diocese of Viotia, near Athens. His Ph.D. is from the Theological School of Athens University. He has been a Visiting Scholar at Harvard Divinity School, Boston College, and Andover-Newton Theological School, and is a member of the Church of Greece's Committee on Marriage and Family.