

Biblical work

A taste of contemporary professional biblical work

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Worship Service with the Lord's Supper - led by Zvonimír Šorm and
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Zvonimír Šorm support ministers in their parishes
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Sacramental, in other words priestly service in the Catholic Church

prof. PhDr. **Tomáš Petráček** Ph.D., Th.D.

How did it begin in the past? How is it today? What pros and cons are there today? What might it be like in the future? How would it be without priestly service?

Tomáš Petráček is a Catholic theologian, church historian and a priest. He is a university chaplain and vicar at the Church of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary in Hradec Králové, he is a member of the Editorial Board of the Review for Theology and Spiritual Life Salva. He works as Head of the Department of Cultural and Religious Studies at the Faculty of Education at the University of Hradec Králové

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Transformation of minister's vocation in (post)modern times

Dr. **Kerstin Menzel** (translated)

Kerstin Menzel studied evangelical theology in Marburg, New York, Leipzig and Berlin. Since 2020, she has been an Assistant Professor at the Department of Practical Theology at the Theological Faculty at Leipzig University. In her dissertation (2017) on pastoral theology, she dealt with pastoral ministry in the context of the rural areas of East Germany.



Parish ministry - expectations, possibilities and own ideas

Mgr. **Ondřej Macek**, Ph.D.

What is the minister's task? Is it possible to say what a "proper minister" should be like? What does the church and parishioners expect? What is important for parish ministers?

Ondřej Macek - Minister at the ECCB church in Brno I and Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Theology in the Department of Practical Theology. .



What am I ordained for?

Doc. PhDr. **Mireia Ryšková**, Dr. theol., **Pavel Pola** Ph.D., **Pavel Pokorný** etc.

ordained people who have different roles in their churches - a teacher, a theologian, a monk, Synodal Senior, a chaplain, etc. They will share with us which service they feel called to.

The role of a parish minister - a psychologist's view

PhDr. **Ivan Ryšavý**, Ph.D.

What are the expectations associated with the role of a minister? Does a minister have to be able to "fit in"? To what extent does the parish minister (today and in the past) identify with his role? What role does ordination have in all this?

Ivan Ryšavý - minister of the ECCB and a psychologist. As a psychologist, he works mainly with foster families and families who are in the care of the Child Protection Authority. He is also a ECCB supervisor and participates in the education of ECCB supervisors and probationers.



"It doesn't end with departure" / Theater of the Oppressed

Theater of the Oppressed uses life stories, real situations and theatre techniques to work with those whose personal experience is some form of oppression. In this way, it not only tries to reflect the topical situation, but it also aims at social communication, and, ideally, also a change. The outcome is a form of presentation known as theatre-forum, where the audience enters through dialogue into the "performance" which a specific group presents and they all look for alternative solutions to the outlined situations. The play It doesn't End with Departure has this plot: Klára has two young children, a part-time job and a husband who abuses her both mentally and physically. A debt recovery officer is after her for debts she didn't incur. But the moment she gathers enough strength to face it all, she begins to feel like the protagonist of the fairy tale of the Rooster and the Hen: the help she needs is just out of sight...

Panel discussion with auxiliary preachers and chaplains

Michael Waloschek, Eliška Härtelová, Daniel Blažek, Daniel Heller

Auxiliary ministers help parish ministers in their classical role in the pulpit and at the Lord's table. Chaplains work in settings that are mostly non-church - military, hospital, prison, social services, etc. Four people will take part in the discussion.



"And he began to teach them many things" Mk 6,34

Gerard Minaard, (translated)

The ordination text of the German Evangelical Church (EKD) talks about the proclamation of the Word, the Sacrament and teaching. We will take the story of the miraculous breaking of the bread (Mk 6:30-44) and think about how through this story we can understand the Word, the Sacrament and teaching in the ordination text. Subsequently, we will reflect on the narrative about the construction of the Tower of Babel (Gn 11:1-9), about the language of preaching and teaching.

Gerard Minaard is a social educator and reformed theologian. He is Head of the Woltersburger Mühle and co-publisher of the magazine "Junge Kirche". Woltersburger Mühle is a 'peaceful place' where social engagement, biblical spirituality and sustainability shake hands.

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Pavel Pola Ph.D. / Pray with the whole body, mind and spirit

An introduction to Christian meditation, with practical examples

Doc. PhDr. **Mireia Ryšková**, Dr. theol. / **Bibliodrama**

Associate Professor at Catholic Theological Faculty - teaches biblical studies with focus on the New Testament and Bibliodrama, i.e. creative work with the Bible, various seminars, workshops and spiritual exercises.

Jakub Keller and ECCB internal supervisors / Supervision workshop

For those working with people, group supervision is one of the tools we use to improve our working together and make our work well balanced and thus more beneficial and useful. Supervision is a structured way of thinking about work, with a strong emphasis on reflection and self-reflection, and also with high ethical emphasis on respect for others, non-judgmental listening and understanding. There is no conclusion and everything is confidential. Confidentiality is a necessary requirement for trust, in which you can talk even about things you are unsure about. Supervision does not result in giving advice or specific instructions, although this may also happen, but one gains a new perspective of work matters and relationships, a new perception of oneself in one's own profession.

<https://supervize.e-cirkev.cz>

Mgr. **Ráchel Bícová** / **Preacher and mental health**

What are the risks of living in the Manse for your own mental health? What kind of precautions can we take? What helps to cope with the demands of this profession? How to deal with the temptation to be a "saviour"?

You can think about these and other questions with Ráchel Bícová a psychotherapist and supervisor.

Prof. Dr. **Klara Butting**

Called among the witnesses. A workshop on Psalms 129 and 73

Through a conversation with Psalms 129 and 73 we learn that the generation which transcends the community of service holds us and strengthens us, delights us and gives direction to our life.

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Workshops

Mgr. **František Štěch**, Th. D.

Guided visit to the interactive exhibition

"Man, Soul and Artificial Intelligence"

Kampus Hybernská 998/4 (both in Czech and English)

The exhibition was prepared by the Research Group for Theology and Contemporary Culture at the Evangelical Theological Faculty, Charles University in cooperation with the Multidisciplinary Working Group AI in Context at the Faculty of Mathematics and Physics, Charles University, and the Monastery of The Infant Jesus of Prague.

Dr. **Charles A. Wiley III.** / **Manifold gifts**

(translated)

There are many ways to prepare for parish work. If we imagine ecumenism as sharing of gifts within one church of Christ, what gifts do we bring ourselves? A special gift of our ministry is theological education. We don't have to proclaim it as the only or even the best way. However, it is a way that strengthens our belonging and the belonging of others. This, too, is a way to witness to Christ.

Charles A. Wiley is Coordinator for the Office of Theology and Worship of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), v Louisville, Kentucky.

What good is a minister to me?

Miloš Ducho, Hana Pojezdná, Dalibor Titěra, Ester Úlehlová

What are ministers good at? Are they difficult at times? These questions will be discussed by representatives of elders, auxiliary preachers, ministers' spouses and young people.

Will artificial intelligence replace us?/ Mgr. František Štěch, Th. D.

Artificial Intelligence queries the creative competence of humans. If man is made in the image of God, he is also gifted with creativity, thereby (though not exclusively) also acting in line with his being the image of God. AI is gifted with creativity to some extent. However, is it the same creativity as humans have been endowed with? AI can generate sermons, it can prepare a fairly good church service quickly, it can be a companion in the spiritual life of individuals (and possibly communities) in the form of a social robot or chatbot. So will AI replace preachers or ministers? I don't think so. So what is the real essence of ministry? Can AI be of any use to us? Or should we rather be afraid of it? Can it be a companion on the way to a deeper faith? Or does it compete with God and leads us away from him?

František Štěch is a Catholic theologian from South Bohemia, working as a researcher at ETF Charles University. He deals with the relationship between theology and artificial intelligence.

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