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Practical Theology and Hospitality

Call for Stories

At this year's conference we are doing things a little differently during the sessions which are not formal papers. Over the last few years we have offered distinct sessions for a variety of reflectors (poets, artists, etc) and we have had worship led from a variety of faith traditions as reflected in our membership. This year, instead of those two distinct offerings, we are inviting you to share with us your stories of hospitality.

We are looking for stories either from your own lived experience, from history, from your imagination or from your particular faith tradition.

Please note: these sessions are not simply a chance to offer a paper! The Whova platform enables us to offer creative, innovative and participatory sessions that explore the stories of hospitality in a variety of ways. We hope that these sessions will enable people to reflect, to see things in a new way or even to learn a new aspect of another life or faith.

The stories should themselves offer hospitality to all those who are present with us. You can use music, video, art, poetry or a variety of voices to share the story with us. Perhaps you have an innovative way of engaging us in the story of the hospitality of Abraham and Sarah or perhaps you want to tell us about the time you found hospitality most challenging (as a guest or a host). Perhaps you have created a story to help others understand what hospitality really means.

We are particularly keen to hear stories from practitioners about their experiences of hospitality in their local contexts.

Stories should be 20 minutes duration.

We welcome 200 – 300 word abstracts for these stories. Please make clear what the source of your hospitality story is and what you might need in order to share it with us most effectively.

Please submit your abstract as a Word document and include your name, institution, geographical location (so we can know your time zone), title of hospitality story and email address, and a brief autobiographical sketch of those involved in telling the story.

Email your proposal to stories@biapt.org

Deadline for submissions is 1 March 2023 by 5pm GMT.

We will inform those whose stories have been accepted by 1 April 2023.