



The Protestant Theological Faculty of Charles University

Department of Practical Theology

in cooperation with

the Prague administrative district of the Evangelical church of Czech Brethren

invites you to

a symposium held in memory of
theologians Josef Smolík (1922–2009) and Pavel Filipi (1936–2015)

Church Underway

Visions and Perspectives for Navigating the 21st Century

on Tuesday, April 13th, 2021

on-line: <https://cesnet.zoom.us/j/99636822643>

(You can join without any previous registration or prior installation of Zoom.)

The theme of "the church" was a key point of interest for professors Josef Smolík and Pavel Filipi, two theologians who for several decades shaped the profile of practical theology at the Protestant Theological Faculty of Charles University. From their theological legacy, we continue with gratitude to draw valuable insight, orientation, and inspiration. It is their legacy which we would like to commemorate with this collective symposium, and that primarily through the further development and application of their work in relation to contemporary concerns.

The symposium deals with pressing questions the church has encountered in recent years - not only questions of a financial nature, but primarily the fundamental questions of direction and orientation. The church of Christ is a community ever "underway", in motion. Where are we actually heading? What vision or perspective guides us as we navigate the 21st century? And how has this vision of ours been impacted by the Covid-19 epidemic, which has ushered in such a time of closed churches and stifled fellowship?

This symposium focuses on the role of vision in the life and transformation of local Christian churches.

Programme

9.30–11.30 – Session I: VISIONS THAT LEAD US ON THE ROAD THROUGH THE 21ST CENTURY

9.30 Welcome: the Dean of the PTF CHU **Jiří Mrázek**, the senior of the Prague administrative district of the ECCB **Roman Mazur**

9.50–10.30 **Alexander Deeg** – *“I hear a language I had not known” (Ps 81:5) - Finding Words and Discovering the Future of the Church* (in English with Czech translation)

10.30–11.00 **Scott Hamilton Andrews** – *Liberating Limitation: Vision and Values in the Life of the Local Church* (in English with Czech translation)

11.00–11.30 **Tabita Landová** – *“We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture” (Ps 100:3): Liturgy as a Place for Shaping the Vision of the Church* (in Czech with English translation)

11.30–12.30 *Break for lunch*

12.30–14.00 – Session II: VISION IN ECUMENICAL RELATIONSHIPS, CHAPLAINCY AND SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC

12.30–13.00 **Martin Vaňáč** – *Ecumenics as a Part of Practical Theology: The Heritage of Pavel Filipi and Josef Smolík* (in Czech)

13.00–13.30 **Ladislav Beneš** – *Help from Faith as Help for Life: Perspectives in Chaplaincy* (in Czech)

13.30–14.00 **Ondřej Macek** – *Church as Chance* (in Czech)

14.00–14.30 *Coffee break*

14.30–16.00 – Session III: CHURCH MANAGEMENT AND THE SPIRITUAL LIFE

14.30–15.00 **Jiří Bochez** – *Application of Management Knowledge in the Life of the Congregation: Its Possibilities and Limits* (in Czech)

15.00–15.30 **Jana Hofmanová** – *Joint Confession of Sins as Liberation for a New Vision of the Church* (in Czech)

15.30–16.00 Final Reflection and Conclusion

