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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. Daniel 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: *Growing in Christ: Healing in the Therapeutic Process*, Lila Amirali, M.D.

Dr. Lila Amirali is a Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist, Director of the Pediatric Psychiatric Care Program, and Clinical Director of the Department of Psychiatry at the Montreal Children's Hospital. She is also an Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at McGill University. She teaches "physician wellbeing" to the medical students at McGill and is Director of the Psychotherapies Module for the Residency Program.

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.