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Theme: What to Do with D.E.I.?

Various entities use diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) to accomplish varying goals. We have a theological imperative to “eat the meat and spit out the bones,” adapting and executing DEI in a manner that is consistent with our credal commitments, confessional vision, congregational values, and evangelical mission that the Gospel’s promises are intended for all people (*panta taethne*). Nunes will lead a conversation in which we name, reclaim, and frame DEI in ways that are pastorally faithful to our particular contexts for ministry.



Main Speaker : Rev. John Arthur Nunes, PhD.

The Rev. John Arthur Nunes, PhD, is a Lutheran pastor in Santa Monica, California and a Senior Fellow at the Center for Religion, Culture, and Democracy. He has served as the President of Concordia College New York, as the President and CEO of Lutheran World Relief, and as a professor at Valparaiso University. Recent books are, with Alberto Garcia, *Wittenberg Meets the World: Reimagining the Reformation from the Margins* (2017) and *Meant for More: In, With, and Under the Ordinary* (2020). Born in Montego Bay Jamaica, raised in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, John is a graduate of Concordia College, Ann Arbor MI (BA), Concordia

Seminary, St. Catharines, ON, Canada (MDiv), and the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago (ThM and PhD). He also has three honorary doctorates. John is married to Monique Nunes, a graduate of Concordia University Ann Arbor (BA) and Webster University, St Louis (MA). She is the Director of Diversity and Student Success Coaching at Concordia University Irvine, California. They have six children and twelve grandchildren, and together lead the consulting group Nunes and Associates.