



International Council of Christians and Jews  
2021 Virtual Conference  
When all this is over, how do we want the world to be different?

## WORKSHOP

Tuesday, June 22, 12:00 noon UTC:

### HEALING OUR WORLD: ENRICHED BY THE VOICE OF THE "OTHER"

*Pavol Bargár, Celia Deutsch, Patrick Morrow, Ulrike Offenberg, Michael Trainor, Debbie Weissman*

Over the past year, the world has suffered in a way that most of us would never have imagined. COVID has brought with it suffering and death. It has also provided us with an invitation to look for new ways to be community, despite isolation, and communicate, despite the lack of personal touch. The slow roll-out of vaccines offers us pause for thought. With it comes the desire for physical and spiritual healing.

The conversation in this workshop, *Healing our World: Enriched by the Voice of the "Other"*, will occur in four phases:

- First, workshop presenters, Celia Deutsch, Ulrike Offenberg and Patrick Morrow will briefly explore Jewish and Christian perspectives that speak to the deeper meaning of what social healing might look like after the present crisis is over.
- A second phase will identify, through respondents Debbie Weissman and Pavol Bargar, what contribution the voice of the "other" tradition makes to one's original insights. It will explicate how the voice of the "other" can enrich one's own perspectives on social healing.
- In the third phase, facilitated by Michael Trainor, small group discussions via breakout room will explore the themes that surface in the first two phases.
- The fourth and final phase will pull the discussion threads together in a concluding discussion.

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#### **Bargár, Pavol**

Czech Republic, Dr Pavol Bargár, researcher at the Protestant Theological Faculty of Charles University in Prague, Board member of the CCJ in the Czech Republic, Second Vice-President of the International Council of Christians and Jews (ICCJ)

#### **Deutsch, Celia**

USA, Dr Celia Deutsch is Sister of Sion, teaches Bible at Barnard College in New York City and serves on the USA Christian Scholars Group on Christian-Jewish Relations

#### **Morrow, Patrick**

Great Britain, The Revd Patrick Morrow, member and secretary of ICCJ's Theology Committee, Anglican Prison Chaplain (part of a multifaith team), and also active in parish ministry in the East of England

#### **Offenberg, Ulrike**

Germany, Rabbi Dr Ulrike Offenberg, liberal rabbi ordained at the Hebrew Union College, Jerusalem, in 2016 she became rabbi of the Jewish community of Hamelin, Germany

#### **Trainor, Michael**

Australia, Rev Dr Michael Trainor, senior lecturer, School of Theology and Philosophy, Australia Catholic University, member of the ICCJ Executive Board

#### **Weissman, Debbie**

Israel, Dr Debbie Weissman, former President of ICCJ, ICCJ consultant