



SOCIETY FOR
HINDU-CHRISTIAN
STUDIES

2024 Annual Meeting Program

San Diego, California, November 22-24, in conjunction with the American Academy of Religion

Friday, Nov. 22

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Hilton Bayfront, Sapphire 410A (Fourth Level)

Session ID: P22-501

Book Panel: Discussion of *Pathways to Hindu-Christian Dialogue* by Anantanand Rambachan, winner of the [2024 Best Book Award in Hindu-Christian Studies](#) (Theology/Philosophy)

Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University, Presiding

Panelists:

Vasudha Narayanan, University of Florida

Reid Locklin, University of Toronto

Patrick Beldio, University of Scranton

Bhakti Mamtara, University of Arizona

Responding:

Anantanand Rambachan, St. Olaf College

Saturday, Nov. 23

7:30 – 8:30 a.m.

Hilton Bayfront, Cobalt 501C (Fifth Level)

Session ID: P23-100

Society for Hindu-Christian Studies Board Meeting

Saturday, Nov. 23

9:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Grand Hyatt, America's Cup CD (Fourth Level)

Session ID: P23-108

Themed Panel: The Role of Context in Hindu-Christian Engagement

Elsa Marty, Institute for Vaishnava Studies, Presiding

Panelists:

Arun W. Jones, Emory University

Indic Kingly Ideologies and the Shaping of Missionary Vocations in 19th Century Rajasthan

Jess Navarette, Boston College

Hindu Integration of Jesus Christ in the United States Contemporary Context

Maharshi Vyas, University of California Santa Barbara

Gathering the Family: A Subaltern Woman's Perspective on Hindu-Christian Conflict Resolution

Charissa Jaeger-Sanders, Graduate Theological Union

A Mayhaw Among the Lotus Blossoms

Jason W. Smith, Mercer University

The Role of Ethics in the Hindu-Christian Engagement Around the Tirukkural

Elsa Marty, Institute for Vaishnava Studies

The Promise and Pitfalls of Context: Hinduisms, Christianities and Contexts

Business Meeting

Kalpesh Bhatt, University of Mary Washington, Presiding

Saturday, Nov. 23

3:00 to 4:30 p.m.

Convention Center 15A (Mezzanine Level)

Session ID: P23-301

Themed Panel: Aging, Death, and Death Rituals in Hindu Christian Contexts

Arun W. Jones, Emory University, Presiding

Panelists:

Stephanie Corigliano, California State Polytechnic University, Humboldt

What do we need to forget? Mystical experience, Kaivalya, and the realities of Dementia

Shruti Dixit, University of St. Andrews

Antyeṣṭi and Catholic Funeral Rites: A Dialogue on Food, Water, and Incense

Jeffrey Long, Elizabethtown College

The Dialectic of Finality and Eternity: Hindu and Christian Funerary Rituals as Catalysts for Acceptance of Death

Viraj Patel, University of Chicago

Did I Burn My Bad Karma? Addressing Physical and Spiritual Pain at Death