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**Invitation to a Zoom Colloquium on  
Receptive Ecumenism  
with Rev. Assoc. Prof. Vicky Balabanski**

**Friday, July 15, 9-10 am**

In June 2022, the fifth International Receptive Ecumenism Conference was held in Sigtuna, Sweden, with the participation of circa 100 Church leaders from various traditions, including Roman Catholic, Orthodox, Evangelical and Reformed, Pentecostal and free churches. Key leaders from the WCC Faith and Order commission were present and engaged in the conference. Participants from African, Korea, Ukraine and Russia, as well as from elsewhere in Europe, the United States and Australia met together over four days to learn more about this distinctive approach to ecumenism, to discuss the most pressing issues of our time and to pray together.

At the heart of Receptive Ecumenism is a two-fold dynamic. On the one hand, it invites reflection on the specific deficiencies in one's own ecclesial tradition and the desire to heal them. On the other hand, it recognises the graced potential of another Christian tradition as a source of learning and healing.

This session will provide an overview of key ideas that were raised during the conference, and give opportunity for discussion of the implications of Receptive Ecumenism for the future of the ecumenical movement.

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