

Higher Purpose Forum: A Contemporary Theology of Human Spirituality - Oct 9

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Presentation & Discussion Series

**A Contemporary Theology of
Human Spirituality**

(Revised Date)

Thursday, October 9 @ 7:00 PM EST via ZOOM
(Registration Required)

Co-Hosted with



Presenter

Dr. Theodore Shimmyo

Professor Emeritus of Theology

HJI Graduate School of Peace & Public Leadership

Author of soon to be released:

An Exploration of Unification Theology and the Christian Tradition

- see book cover below -

Respondent

Pastor Miilhan Stephens

Pastor of the Boston Family Church

[ZOOM Registration Link \(New\)](#)

Dear,

We encourage you to register and mark your calendar for this presentation and discussion meeting on human spirituality, co-hosted with HJI Graduate School of Peace and Public Leadership.

The diversity of New Testament Christian theologies are prone to criticism, especially by non-believers, as being individualistic, otherworldly, belligerent to other faith systems and therefore incompatible with creating a world of peace. In the post-Protestant world, contemporary theologies must respond to such critiques to offer formulations that build harmony rather than boundaries.

Theodore Shimmyo, the leading theologian of Unificationism, will offer a simple but scripturally rooted understanding of human spirituality that is responsive to the expectations of imperative of creating a world of peace.

Please join us on October 9 to learn and discuss a contemporary understanding of human spirituality.

Sincerely,
James B. Edgerly
Director, [Higher Purpose Forum](#)

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Presenter

Theodore Shimmyo, Ph.D.

Emeritus Professor of Theology



Dr. Theodore Shimmyo is

Professor Emeritus of Theology at HJ International Graduate School and former President of HJI (1994-2000). With over fifty years of theological study, he has expertise in the full expanse of practical Christian theology and promotes universal elements across traditions. Dr. Shimmyo has published widely, including *Explorations in Unificationism* (1977). His most recent book, titled ***An Exploration of Unification Theology and the Christian Tradition***, will soon be available for purchase on Amazon Books. Dr. Shimmyo holds degrees from the University of Tokyo, Unification Theological Seminary, and a Ph.D. from Drew University.

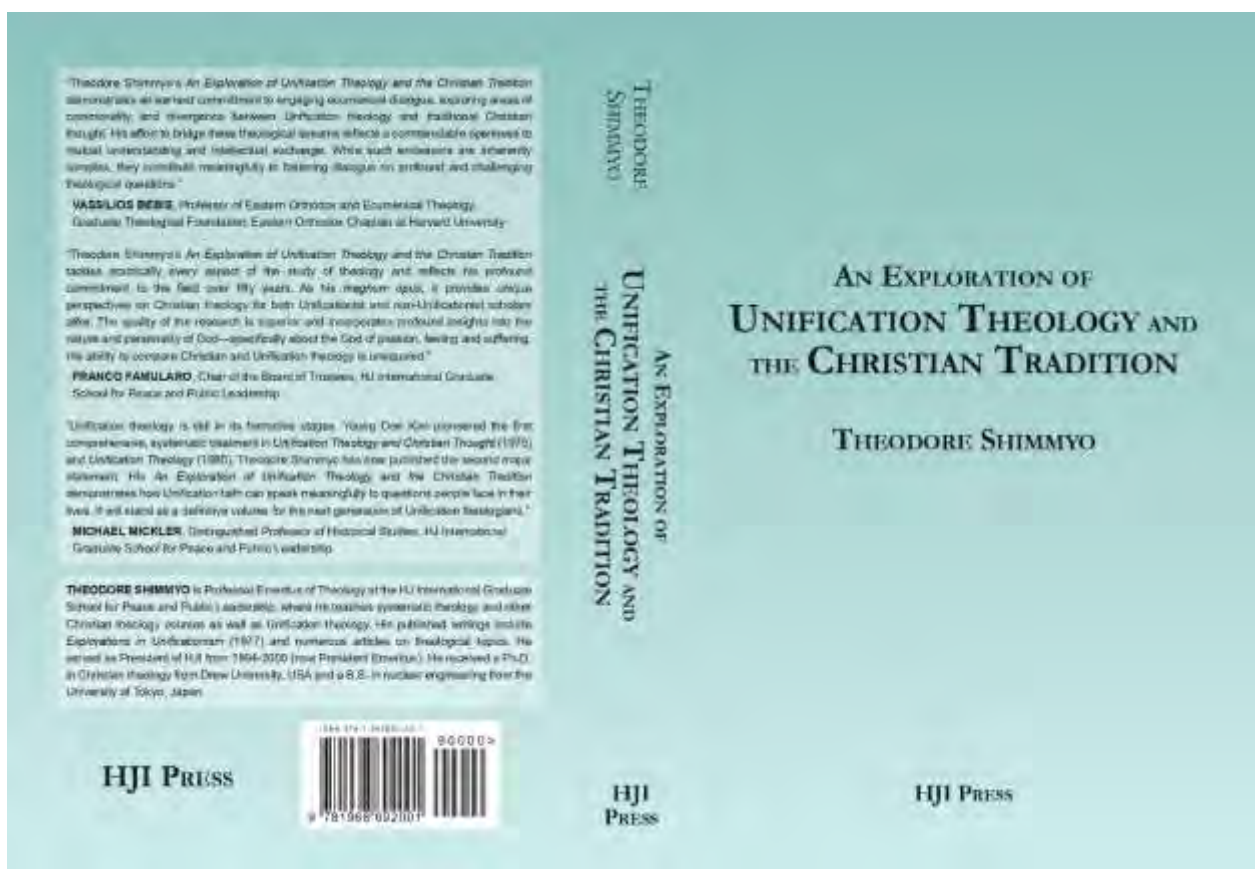


Respondent

Miilhan Stephens

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Millhan Stephens is the newly recruited pastor at Boston Family Church, leading outreach, education, and small group initiatives to support community growth. He earned a degree in Food Science from the University of Maryland and started his career at the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Millhan has since served as pastor in Maryland, Vice President of the U.S. Family Federation, and pastor at Manhattan Family Church. He earned an MA from the Unification Theological Seminary. He is married with three children.



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