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Fifth Annual CST Forgiveness Symposium

Forgiveness as Compassion, Justice, and Belonging: Jain and Christian Perspectives

Friday, October 31, 2025

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM (Pacific Time)

Virtual – Zoom Webinar

Keynote Speakers



Dr. Eva De Clercq

Professor of Indian Languages and Cultures, Ghent University

“Jain Narratives of Forgiveness and Compassion”



Dr. Melanie Barbato

Senior Lecturer in History of Christianity, Pasifika Communities University

“Christian and interreligious perspectives on forgiveness and justice”

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Professors' Reflections on Teaching Forgiveness



Moderator

Dr. Nitin Shah

Professor of Anesthesiology & Critical Care, Loma Linda University;
CST Trustee; Chair, JAINA Academic Liaison Committee

Panelist

Dr. Kah-Jin Jeffrey Kuan

Co-President and Professor of Hebrew Bible, CST



Panelist

Dr. Venu Mehta

Bhagwan Chandrababha Endowed Assistant Professor of Jain Studies
Comparative Spiritualities, CST



Opening Remarks



Grant J. Hagiya

Co-President and Professor of Leadership & Innovation, CST

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