

# ABSTRACTS

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## **Csilla Lakatos – Tünde Pál: *Family Resilience***

This article advances a systemic view of resilience in ecological and developmental contexts. It presents the concept of family resilience, attending to interactional processes over time that strengthen both individual and family hardiness. Extending our understanding of normal family functioning, the concept of family resilience offers a useful framework to identify and strengthen key processes that enable families to surmount crises and persistent stresses.

There are many pathways in relational resilience, varying to fit diverse family forms, psychosocial challenges, resources, and constraints. Shared beliefs and narratives that foster a sense of coherence, collaboration, competence, and confidence are vital in coping and mastery. Spirituality and religion can be significant resources in fostering individual and family resilience. A spiritual or religious worldview provides beliefs, values, practices, and relationships that can strengthen resilience.

The concept of resilience, the ability to withstand and rebound from crisis and adversity, has valuable potential for research, intervention, and prevention approaches aiming to strengthen couples and families.

**Keywords:** adversity, crisis, family, intervention, prevention, psychology, relations, resilience, stress, surmounting stress

## **Csaba Tódor: *Liturgy in a Theological Context***

This article explores ways in which faith influences our church's liturgy in its contact with the broader spectrum of religious rites in an age of "religious disenchantment". It is relevant even in the context of a conservative structure like the Hungarian Unitarian Church.

In our technological society it appears increasingly important to develop a relevant concept of God, which is essential in interpreting religious rites. One of the reasons for this increasingly more obvious difficulty is the transition from an exterior, naive, objective concept of the cosmos to an internal, sensual, and per-

sonal concept of God. Increasingly more claims are directed towards creating personalized liturgies, which feeds itself from the foundations of individualization. Concepts like modernity, immanence, and development need reinterpretation, even though they are right there for theological students' first course catalog as they are accepted into the curriculum for becoming ministers of this faith community. Since this transition between objective and subjective is not procedural, not linear, and mainly not homogeneous, gaps arise within the essential influence on liturgy which traditionally dealt with this transition. Yet concepts like globalization and fundamentalism, loaded with tension, become entangled with each other within the rite, and need to be acknowledged and interpreted. Therefore, this article is merely an exploration. It contains neither grounded research, nor detailed analysis, both of which will be essential to the further study of ritual structure.

**Keywords:** faith, fundamentalism, globalization, immanence, individualization, liturgy, modernity, rite, ritual structure, theology, Hungarian Unitarian Church

### **Miklós Kocsev: *Contextual Preaching***

This article presents contextual homiletics within the Hungarian Protestant homiletic trends of the present times. It enumerates the possibilities given by contextuality upon homiletics, showing how contextual psychology can help create a sermon that touches listeners.

**Keywords:** contextual psychology, contextuality, homiletics, preaching, psychology

### **Dávid Gyerő: *Dilemmas of Religious Freedom as a Fundamental European Right***

This article presents some of the current dilemmas around religious freedom as a fundamental right in the European Union, and contributes to its appreciation as one of the main values of European cultural heritage. 2018 was a good year for this research, as it offered the 450<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the oldest European declaration to promote religious tolerance and diversity: the Edict of Torda.

In the religious context of the churches, the terms religious freedom, religious tolerance, and freedom of conscience and thought are often joined together.

er, or even mixed up sometimes; their legal meaning is, however, distinct or even incompatible. Today, the social and political relevance of these terms is nevertheless consistent and consonant, and gives a chance to consider their inquiry as timely and even necessary.

In the 21<sup>st</sup> century, religious freedom is, in theory, not only acknowledged as part of the European culture, but also recognized by the European Union as a fundamental right. At the same time, the social and political impacts on Europe challenge the unconditional expressions of religious freedom. In European communities we are witnesses to new forms of violation of this right. The religious map of the continent is more diverse than ever, and the coexistence of many nations and religions is growing. Therefore, the terms and conditions of this symbiosis ask for new forms of regulation as well. As a foundation of everyday life, religious freedom needs to be included in new initiatives in education, promotion, and protection.

**Keywords:** European Union, Freedom of Conscience, Fundamental Rights, Religious Diversity, Religious Freedom, Religious Tolerance

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