An Outline of the Theology of Reconciliation

0.0. Vertical and horizontal reconciliation

1.0. Biblical texts supporting the theology of reconciliation
   1.1. Romans 5:1-11
   1.2. 2 Corinthians 5:17-20
   1.3. Ephesians 2:12-20

2.0. The five distinctive characteristics of Christian reconciliation
   2.1. It is God who reconciles; we participate in God’s reconciling activity
   2.2. In reconciliation, God begins with the victim
   2.3. In reconciliation, God makes of the victim and the wrongdoer a “new creation” (2 Cor 5:17)
   2.4. We place our suffering in the story of the passion, death and resurrection of Christ (Phil 3:10-11)
   2.5. Reconciliation will not be completed until God will be “all in all” (1 Cor 15:28)

4.0 Secular equivalents of the five distinctive characteristics of reconciliation

5.0. Some consequences of such thinking
   5.1. No offense is isolated or is only what it appears to be; it is rooted in a wider social history
   5.2. The mystery of evil haunts the work of reconciliation
   5.3. Healing is about change, not restoration
   5.4. Reconciliation is a spirituality and an act of the imagination
THE SPIRITUALITY OF RECONCILIATION

1.0. Contributions and perspectives from other traditions
   1.1. Muslim traditions
   1.2. Jewish traditions
   1.3. Buddhist traditions
   1.4. Secular traditions

2.0. Christian spirituality in the process of reconciliation
   2.1. Recollection and contemplative prayer as spiritual disciplines
   2.2. The role of wounds in the process of reconciliation
   2.3. The role of memory and the “dangerous memory” of Jesus Christ
   2.4. The creation of spaces of safety and hospitality
   2.5. Imagining peace

3.0. Where is God in the midst of all of this?
   3.1. Theodicy and images of God
   3.2. God and the question of meaning

4.0. The use of the psalms of lament (e.g., Ps 6, 13, 22, 27, 102, 130, 142)
   4.1. Cry to God: finding voice
   4.2. Lament: what has happened to me? Why did this happen, O God?
   4.3. Oracle of salvation: confession of trust
   4.4. Petition: regaining agency
   4.5. Vow of praise: a new beginning