

Oakham Conference 2018

The theme for the conference was '**Facing the life and death issues**', a phrase from a letter of Merton to Dorothy Day in 1961. Both our keynote speakers,



Pat Gaffney(r) and Gordon Oyer (l) addressed the issue of peacemaking in our modern world. Gordon examined Merton's engagement with social movements and how his witness might inspire us today; and Pat encouraged us to 'revitalise the tools of active nonviolence',



informing us of a whole host of worldwide initiatives .



A further 14 speakers included (clockwise from right) Ric Stott—artist in residence, Gary Hall & Farai Mapamula, Paul Pearson, Fiona Gardner, Kathleen Tarr,



Fernando Beltrán Llavador & Sonia Petisco, and James Cronin. Also (not shown), Stephen Dunhill, Peter Ellis, Daniel Horan, David Golemboski, and a panel



presentation of new Merton work chaired by Maureen Pickering.



We also found time to share ideas, renew old friendships and forge new ones.

