Call for Proposals

We invite proposals for paper and panel sessions for the Third International Receptive Ecumenism Conference, “Receptive Ecumenism in International Perspective: Contextual Ecclesial Learning.”

Individuals or groups are invited to submit paper, panel or roundtable proposals for consideration for the two 90-minute parallel paper sessions. Individual papers will be allotted a twenty-minute period with ten minutes for discussion. Panels and roundtable sessions may be proposed that would occupy the entire 90-minute period.

Paper or panel proposals may be on any aspect of receptive ecumenism, but proposers might like to consider the following list of possibilities:

- Receptive Ecumenism and Critical Theory
- Church Decision-Making and Receptive Learning
- The Role(s) of Receptive Ecumenism in Particular Geographical Locations
- Receptive Ecumenism and Theological Education
- Women and Ecumenism
- Ethical Discernment and Receptive Learning
- Receptive Ecumenism in Relation to One or More Specific Traditions
- Receptive Ecumenism and the Bilateral Dialogues
- Scripture and Receptive Ecclesial Learning
- Receptive Ecumenical Learning around Local and Universal Church

Guidelines for Proposals

Submissions
Submissions are to be made online through Digital Commons using the link below. Digital Commons is an institutional repository software platform that will be utilized by the IRE Conference to manage proposal submission, house the full conference program and session descriptions, and make conference papers available for download after the conference.

Note: the system will prompt you to create an account and login before reaching the submit form itself. You will need to create a Digital Commons account whether you use the direct link to the submit form above or click on “Submit Event” on the conference page’s “Author Corner”.

Online submissions begin July 1, 2013 and will be due by 5pm EST on March 15, 2014.

Submit a proposal
Eligibility
All are welcome to submit a proposal. Upon acceptance, each presenter and co-presenter must register for the conference and pay the registration fee.

Number of proposals per person
Individuals may submit up to two proposals for conference sessions, but may be the primary presenter for only one of these sessions (listed as co-presenter on the second session.)

Submission Components
Proposals must include:
- Session Title
- Presenter(s) information (name, institution, email)
- Session Type (paper, panel or roundtable)
- Session Topic (from the list above)
- 250 word abstract
- Presenter bio(s)
- Media/Audiovisual Needs

Review of Proposals
All proposals will be reviewed by the conference planning team. Authors will be notified if their proposals are accepted as-is, accepted with revisions, or rejected.

Proposal Criteria

1. Is the proposal clear?

2. Does the proposed presentation have a significant potential contribution to research, theory, and/or practice in the field of receptive ecumenism?

3. Does the proposal fit the conference theme and does it balance or complement rather than replicate the keynote sessions?

4. Does the proposal match one of the proposed topics or make a good case for an additional topic?

5. Will the session attract participation from our attendees?

Conference Program
The conference program can be viewed at http://digitalcommons.fairfield.edu/ire/. It will be updated on an ongoing basis as proposals are accepted and sessions are confirmed.

Other information on the conference, including registration information, can be found at www.fairfield.edu/ire.