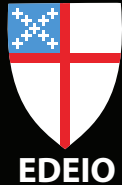


Seminarian Essay Contest

Ecumenism in the 21st Century



Ecumenical networks need you!

Win a \$500 scholarship and a trip to the National Workshop on Christian Unity!

The National Workshop on Christian Unity is pleased to announce a coordinated essay contest to encourage seminary students to engage contemporary ecumenical issues. Every year, the Workshop brings together four networks of ecumenical partners:

Catholic Association of Diocesan Ecumenical and Interreligious Officers (CADEIO)

Episcopal Diocesan Ecumenical and Interreligious Officers (EDEIO)

Lutheran Ecumenical Representatives Network (LERN)

Ecumenical Colleagues from other communions (ECCO)

Each of the networks will conduct a separate contest using the same question and select a winning entry from among its own constituents. Those who participated in previous years are encouraged to do so again.

All entries should be submitted by email to the contact person in your tradition's network:

Catholic: Bob Flannery, rbflan@globaleyes.net

Episcopal: Art Geissler, ajgeissler@aol.com

Lutheran: Scott Cady, stptr@netzero.net

ECCO: Michael Nelson, michaellenelson@gmail.com

Topic: "The Significance of Ecumenical Activity in Congregational Life"

Eligibility: full time, MDiv students preparing for ministry

Length: 1000-1500 words

Deadline: October 31, 2006

In 1000-1500 words, using the "Baptism" section of *Baptism, Eucharist, and Ministry* (Geneva: WCC, 1982), consider "The Significance of Ecumenical Activity in Congregational Life" in terms of the following:

- 1) How does Holy Baptism provide a foundation for ecumenical engagement in congregational ministry?
- 2) As a congregational leader, what would you do to promote and live out such an engagement in the life of a congregation?

Reflecting on parish congregational life as you know it, propose a plan of action for a local congregation to live out the mandate of Christian unity in congregational and parish ministry. Base the plan on personal experiences, case studies, field education, research, theological study and reflection, offering constructive advice to religious leaders about the present and future needs of fellowship and unity in congregational parish life.

Please see your network's announcement for further details.