

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

CONFERENCE ON CHRISTIANITY & LITERATURE

Mideast Region

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The Deeds of Love in the Service of Peace

In Christian tradition love is not an attitude, a relation, a feeling, or a condition sufficient unto itself. Love requires action, deeds. Sometimes, great deeds and other times, small ones, hidden from view, invisible but effective no less. No one can live a human life without love; it brings no shortage of joy and causes us no shortage of sufferings. Where there are humans, there is love. St. Paul places love at the highest of all forces of human action and agency. Love is the source of Jesus' self-emptying on the cross. Christian tradition also promises a messiah who will bring peace, whose kingdom is the most peaceable. While this implies a kingdom ordered by love, Jesus is still the Prince of Peace and not the Prince of Love--at least in the prophet Isaiah.

For the Fall 2011 Mideast Regional meeting of the Conference on Christianity and Literature we invite papers that address the relation of love and peace in literature, and we welcome proposals engaging a variety of perspectives, periods, critical approaches, and religious traditions.

We also welcome proposals for papers on any aspect of the relationship between literature and Christianity. Proposals to read creative writing are invited as well.

To propose a paper, please submit a 250-word abstract. Proposals for creative readings should include a 250-word description of the work and a 3-page sample. All proposals should be sent by e-mail to molly.sexton@notes.udayton.edu by ~~May 1, 2011~~ July 1, 2011 (Deadline Extended).

Participants must be active members of the Conference on Christianity and Literature. They may join the CCL when registering or at the conference. Graduate and undergraduate students are encouraged to participate. Undergraduates submitting proposals for contributions to student panels should identify themselves as such.

Featured speakers will be announced soon.

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