



**November 17-19, 2016
Chicago, IL
Holiday Inn Chicago Mart Plaza**

Call for Presentations

Deadline: Wednesday, June 15, 2016

You are invited to submit an abstract for a presentation during the 2016 Huether Lasallian Conference that will address the conference theme:

The Good Samaritan: Confronting New Poverties in the 21st Century

The parable of the Good Samaritan has been interpreted in many ways and the story has proved to be a popular one for homilies, meditations and retreats. The General Council invites Lasallians to re-read this parable in the light of our personal and collective responsibility to respond to the poor in our midst. This is a journey that requires us to embrace the condition of the poor with mercy and compassion. This is a journey of understanding what it means to be human in a world that is increasingly consumerist and commercial.

(The Parable of the Good Samaritan, Luke 10: 29-37)

WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR

The 2016 Huether Planning Committee is accepting abstracts of presentations of 75-minutes in length that will take place during concurrent sessions on Friday and Saturday, November 18-19, 2016. Presentations should focus on how Lasallian communities or ministries are addressing the theme, "The Good Samaritan: Confronting New Poverties in the 21st Century."

Topics may include how we as Lasallian communities respond and deal with cyberbullying, race issues, LGBT issues, unaccompanied minors, teaching respect and non-violence, and global malnutrition. In addition, topics may be expanded to include:

- Who, today, are our neighbors and how do we value our neighbors who has been devalued by society?
- How do we strive to ensure that our educational centers become a powerful instrument of showing mercy and compassion to our neighbor and at the same time challenge the unjust structures and policies that dehumanize the poor, migrants, and youth?

- How do we address the poverty of isolation and abandonment; the poverty of the excluded, who live on the edges of rich and opulent cities, those branded the society's failures; the poverty of the victims of a culture of identity that refuses to accept what is different?
- How have our responses followed the documents in Bulletins 247 (The Rights of the Child), 248 (Educational Innovations), 249 (Educating in Justice), and 253 (Children and Youth at Risk); and MEL Bulletins 7 (Priority of the Poor), and 20 (Educational Service of the Poor)?
- What specifically can we do to address the commodification of migrants, the urban poor, and the youth?
- How do we collaborate with other organizations "together and by association" to deal with present forms of poverty?
- What actions can we undertake "together and by association" with Lasallians, policy-makers, and non-governmental organizations to advocate for a just distribution and share of resources on behalf of our neighbors?
- In my educational or religious community, what do we propose to do as a concrete response to the appeal of Pope Francis for every Catholic community to reach out in support of migrants?

ALL ABSTRACTS MUST INCLUDE

1. Lead Presenter's Information (Each session may have no more than two presenters, one lead presenter and one co-presenter):

1. Name
2. Ministry or institution
3. Job title/position
4. Work phone number/alternate phone number
5. Email address

2. Co-presenter's Information (if applicable):

1. Name
2. Ministry or institution
3. Job title/position
4. Work phone number/alternate phone number
5. Email address

3. Presentation title (10 word maximum - 58 characters including spaces)

1. Preferred presentation format (multi-media presentation, interactive presentation, facilitated discussion, lecture-style, open forum, etc.)
2. Intended audience (A-All educators; E-elementary school faculty and staff; M-middle school faculty and staff; H-high school faculty and staff; C-college/university faculty and staff; YFS-youth family services)
3. Objectives/intended outcomes for participants
4. Program abstract (no more than 200 words)
5. A/V needs (LCD projector, screen, lectern, and Internet for presenter will be provided; presenter must provide own laptop)
6. Dates available to present

7. Willingness to repeat session
8. Willingness to present to a small audience (less than 10)

Note: You will be notified by email of acceptance of your presentation. Accepted presenters (limited to two per session) will receive a \$100 reduction of the 2016 Huether Lasallian Conference registration fee. **All accepted presenters must be registered and paid in full by Friday, November 4, 2016 in order to present.**

Link to the Call for Proposals submission form:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CPXXM2D>