



**November 16-18, 2017
Denver, CO
Grand Hyatt Denver**

Call for Presentations

Deadline: Friday, June 16, 2017

You are invited to submit an abstract for a presentation during the 2017 Huether Lasallian Conference that will address the conference theme:

One Call, Many Voices: Dialogue, Inspire, Transform

“Now the body is not made up of one part but of many. If the foot should say, ‘Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,’ it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body.’ And if the ear should say, ‘Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,’ it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. If they were all one part, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body” (1 Corinthians 12-12-20).

WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR

The 2017 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 17-18, 2017. Presentations should focus on how Lasallian communities and ministries are addressing the theme “One Call, Many Voices: Dialogue, Inspire, Transform.”

Breakout session presentations will focus on the critical role that Lasallians play in helping the young people entrusted to their care “understand one another and discern the one call of God.” The theme for the breakout sessions will focus on three Lasallian dialogues referenced in Lasallian Reflection 2: dialogue with the poor, dialogue with the Church, and dialogue with the culture and various religious traditions.

Dialogue with the Poor

Our call as Lasallians is to be the voice for those “outside the encampment” and to recognize the presence of God in the poor. This breakout session should include the sharing of best practices of how our educational communities have been in active dialogue with the poor by responding to the call to represent the needs of society’s most vulnerable. In addition, topics may be expanded to include:

- In our ministries that serve an affluent population, how can dialogue with the poor become a lived part of the curriculum?
- How are we going “beyond our borders” to respond to the needs of the poor in our local realities?

Dialogue with the Church

As Lasallians, we share our word and witness with the world. Topics for this session should include best practices of how our educational communities have been in active dialogue with the Church to assist in “deepening our shared understanding of how our educational and evangelizing mission shares in the wider ecclesial mission.” In addition, topics may be expanded to include:

- On the local, diocesan, national or international level, how does your Lasallian ministry participate and contribute to the life of the Church community?
- How do we bring our word and witness to the world through engaging in the realities of our daily lives?

Dialogue with the Culture

This session will focus on dialogue that will help us understand the culture in which we live. “Lasallian spirituality does not seek to proselytize or impose, but rather seeks inventive ways to share the ‘reason for our hope’ (1 Peter 3.15).” Topics should include best practices of how our educational communities offer presence and generous service through focus on the human person. In addition, topics may be expanded to include:

- How does your Lasallian ministry listen with care and respect to questions proposed by people of other faiths?
- How does your Lasallian ministry seek common ground with the culture in order to build educational bridges that promote human dignity and/or genuine concern for others?

ALL ABSTRACTS MUST INCLUDE

1. Lead Presenter’s Information:

1. First and last name
2. Name of 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. First and last name
2. Name of ministry or institution
3. Job title/position
4. Work phone number/alternate phone number
5. Email address

NOTE: Each presentation may have no more than two presenters, one lead and one co-presenter.

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, panel, 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 and 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 (Friday, November 17 or Saturday, November 18)
7. Willingness to repeat session
8. Willingness to present to a small audience (just over 10 people)

9. **NOTE:** All presenters are required to bring their own laptop. If you are using a Mac computer, please bring the appropriate adaptor.

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 2017 Huether Lasallian Conference registration fee. **All accepted presenters must be registered and paid in full by Friday, November 3, 2017, in order to present.**

Link to the Call for Proposals submission form:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MN8G6NF>