

## **WCC Essay Competition for Youth Interreligious Dialogue and Cooperation**

### **Announcement**

To mark its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the World Council of Churches' Office of Interreligious Dialogue and Cooperation is announcing an essay competition for young people on the broad theme of "The Future of Interreligious Dialogue."

The aim of this competition is to encourage young people under the age of 30 with interests in the field of interreligious relations and engagement to develop and share their ideas on any of the following broad themes:

- A Christian theology of engagement with other religious traditions
- Some aspect of another religious tradition which is relevant to its relationship to Christianity and/or to religious pluralism more widely
- The theory and/or practice of interreligious dialogue
- Interreligious cooperation for the sake of the common good
- The World Council of Churches and interreligious relations: either analyzing some aspect of the WCC's work in the past 50 years or proposing ways forward

Winners of the essay competition will receive book vouchers worth 500 Swiss Francs. Further, we hope to publish the prize-winning essays in the 2021 issue of *Current Dialogue*, the WCC's journal for interreligious encounter, alongside other commendable entries.

There will be an opportunity for the authors of prizewinning essays to present their contributions in a conference on "The Future of Interreligious Dialogue" (either physically or virtually) that is being planned to be held in 2021 to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the setting up of the WCC's dialogue programme. At this stage it is likely that the participation will take place virtually. It is our hope that the presentation of the prizewinning essays will be a valued part of the conference as participants seek to discern how the churches should move forward in this field. The conference will provide an invaluable opportunity for the participants to share their work with other scholars and practitioners in this field.

All entries, should be 3500 - 5,000 words in length (including notes), and be written in English, following the WCC style guide. These contributions must be the original work of the participants and should not have been published elsewhere.

Essays should be submitted by email as MS Word documents to [media@wcc-coe.org](mailto:media@wcc-coe.org). Along with following the WCC Style Guide generally, submitters should pay particular attention to the directions for notes and scholarly citations. Please also submit the cover sheet with complete contact information, a 150-word abstract of the essay and a one- or two sentence author identification (referencing your affiliation or degree or search interest). The last day on which submissions will be received is 1 December 2020. Winners will be informed by 15 January 2020.