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Dear CTSA Colleagues,

Under this link you will find the “Calls for Papers” for the 2011 CTSA convention, which will be held June 9-12 at the Fairmont Hotel in San Jose, CA. The theme for the 2011 convention is “All the Saints.” You can read the convention theme announcement at this same “General Information” link.

You will find separate links for each of the 16 convention Topic Sessions, which are presented as various areas of theological content. Note that each of these Topic Sessions is administered by a three-person team that will evaluate the submitted proposals and organize the program. The Topic Sessions are a space that all our members can enter in order to try out their ongoing research before a professionally critical and professionally constructive audience.

In our convention structure, Consultations may plan their own program by invitation. But sometimes Consultations issue a general “Call for Papers” too, and this year 3 Consultations have done so: the Black Theology Consultation, the Rahner Consultation, and the Von Balthasar Consultation.

Note too that another interesting convention structure is the “Selected Session.” At each convention there are usually about 6 program spaces for these, which may be organized in a variety of creative ways. Especially if you are planning a panel on a topic or issue, you may want to make your proposal submission under this rubric. All Topic Session coordinators, though, can recommend that proposals refused for their program space be submitted as Selected Session proposals. The due date for Selected Session proposals is about 5 weeks later than the due date for Topic Session proposals.

Please note that the due date for Topic Session and Consultation proposals is Wednesday, September 1, 2010, and the due date for Selected Session proposals is Friday, October 8, 2010. Proposals should be between 200-500 words and include the author’s name, institution, and contact information. A maximum of three papers will be selected for the session. Please articulate in the proposal any audio-visual support required. The CTSA does not provide laptop computers. Authors of accepted papers must submit a 100 word précis. Recall that CTSA policy limits presenters to one speaking role on the convention program, except in the case of members of underrepresented groups. Ordinarily, presenters on the program are members of the CTSA in good standing.

If I can be of any help to you, please do not hesitate to call on me. I look forward to our time together in San Jose next June!

Sincerely,

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