



North American Academy of Ecumenists
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The 2009 Student Essay Contest

THE ETHICAL HORIZON FROM AN ECUMENICAL PERSPECTIVE

*Does ecumenical dialogue contribute
anything to ethical analysis?*

*Does analyzing ethical issues contribute
anything to ecumenical dialogue?*

Students in professional or graduate programs in Theology and Religious Studies are invited to probe either or both of these questions and to present their conclusions in a scholarly essay of moderate length (20-30 pages, double spaced). Essays submitted as contest entries can originally have been written for course credit.

June 15, 2009 DEADLINE

Award: The author of the winning essay will receive an award of \$250 and funding to attend the 2009 NAAE conference in Washington, DC, September 25-27, where he or she will be invited to present a précis of the essay. The *Journal of Ecumenical Studies* publishes winning essays of sufficient scholarly merit.

Requirements: The essays will be evaluated on the basis of the following criteria: (1) General content, (2) Scholarly style, (3) Appropriateness to the theme, (4) Use of World Council of Churches references and/or agreed ecumenical statements and official church documents, (5) Advancement of Christian unity, and (6) Publishable quality. Academic background will be taken into consideration. Further information about the essay contest and bibliographical resources can be found at: <http://www.naae.net/>

Submittal: Essays (in English or French) and a brief biographical sketch of the author should be submitted (electronically if possible, preferably in MS Word format) before June 15, 2009 to the Essay Co-ordinator, Dr. Susan Mader Brown, at sbrown@uwo.ca or at the following address:

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Selected Resources

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