



**North American Academy of Ecumenists**  
**Académie des Oecuménistes de l'Amérique du Nord**

***The 2011 Student Essay Contest***

**CALLED TOGETHER: IDENTITY, ACCOUNTABILITY, HOSPITALITY**

Students in professional or graduate programs in Theology and Religious Studies are invited to consider ways in which ecclesial identity, mutual accountability, and hospitality find shape and give sustenance to efforts for unity among the separate churches. Each contestant's conclusions should be presented in a scholarly essay of moderate length (20-30 pages, double spaced). It is permissible for essays written for course credit to be submitted as contest entries.

**June 15, 2011 DEADLINE**

**Award:** The author of the winning essay will receive an award of \$250 and funding to attend the 2011 NAAE conference in Allentown, Pennsylvania September 23-25, 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) awareness of the significance of the topic for the ecumenical movement; (2) soundness of argument (both from a logical and from a theological perspective); (3) use of primary sources (church documents, agreed statements from the World Council of Churches and ecumenical dialogues at the national or international levels); (4) familiarity with the relevant secondary literature; (5) creativity of approach to the theme and (6) scholarly style. In awarding points, readers will take into account the level of studies at which the entrant is currently working. Further information about the essay contest and bibliographical resources can be found at: <http://www.naae.net/>

**Submission:** Essays (in English or French) and a brief biographical sketch of the author should be submitted (electronically if possible, preferably in MS Word format) by June 15, 2011 to the Essay Co-ordinator, Dr. William McDonald, at [mcdonald@twcnet.edu](mailto:mcdonald@twcnet.edu) or at the following address:

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**204 E. College Street**  
**Athens, TN 37303**

## **An Introductory Bibliography:**

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All of these texts are available online

at: <http://www.oikoumene.org/resources/documents/wcc-commissions/faith-and-order-commission.html>