

**Call for Papers for the XI. International Bonhoeffer Congress in Sigtuna, Sweden,
June 27-July 1, 2012**

The planning committee of the XI. International Bonhoeffer Congress, to be held June 27-July 1, 2012, in Sigtuna, Sweden, cordially invites you to propose papers. The theme of the Congress will be

A Spoke in the Wheel. The Political in Bonhoeffer's Theology Reconsidered

Conference Theme: On account of its Christology and ecclesiology, Dietrich Bonhoeffer's theology is intrinsically political. On the one hand, his theological convictions make possible opposition to government authority. Already early on in his critical engagement against the Nazi regime, in "The Church and the Jewish Question" (1933), Bonhoeffer expected the church to oppose the state when the rights of those disdained by the state were violated. Ultimately, this stance resulted in Bonhoeffer's participation in the resistance and his violent death. On the other hand, however, Bonhoeffer advocated a conservative non-democratic political order for Germany after the war. How can one explain these seeming contradictions? How should we understand Bonhoeffer's political theology?

The aim of the XI. International Bonhoeffer Congress is to encourage reflections on the continuing relevance of Bonhoeffer's political theology and ethics for the Christian church in a world that is characterized by an increasing gap between the rich and the poor. Is the church once again expected to put up political resistance?

Conference Venue: Sigtuna is the historical place where Bonhoeffer during the war met Bishop George Bell in secret mission. President of the congress is Bishop Martin Lind (Linköping). The congress will be hosted by the historical Sigtuna Foundation (<http://www.sigstunastiftelsen.se>) which is located only 15 minutes from the international airport of Stockholm (Arlanda).

Conference Form: The three working days of the conference will have main speakers in the morning and seminar sessions in the afternoon. The three working days will have the following topics:

Thursday, June 28, 2012

Topic of the Day: Bonhoeffer's Political Resistance

Subtopics:

- Democracy
- Nationalism
- Politics and Oikoumene
- Europe and the Refugees

Friday, June 29, 2012

Topic of the Day: Bonhoeffer on Church, State and Civil Society

Subtopics:

- Human Rights
- Public Theology
- Lutheran Heritage

Saturday, June 30, 2012

Topic of the Day: How do we live responsibly?

Subtopics:

- Religion and Ethics
- Migration and Refugee Studies
- Global Economy
- Climate Change

The subtopics should not be seen as binding for the proposals. We welcome papers discussing other dimensions of the topic of the day than the ones mentioned above.

We especially invite younger scholars, e.g. PhD students, to propose papers. The proposals, which should explain topic, main arguments and conclusions of the paper, should have no more than 500 words. They can be written in German or English. The presentation at the conference can be held in English or German.

Deadlines: The proposals have to be submitted by June 1, 2011, to Bonhoeffer2012@teol.ku.dk.

The decisions, taken by a small committee, as to which proposals are accepted will be communicated via e-mail by the end of August 2011. The afternoon where the accepted papers will be placed is not necessarily connected to the topic of the day.

Registration: Registration for the Congress will be possible from June / July 2011.

Payment: Congress fee including lodging and meals at the venue will be approximately 500 Euro. Information about reduction of fee for students will follow.

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