

Edinburgh 2010 Youth writing contest

We invite you to take part in our Youth Writing Contest, in connection with the Edinburgh 2010 Conference, which will be held in Scotland from June 2-6, 2010.

What is Edinburgh 2010?

Over the past few years a group has been working on how to assess the impact of the 1910 World Missionary Conference, and to consider the challenges facing the worldwide Christian mission today. To that end a number of study groups have been working on key themes to do with the nature and meaning of Christian faith in the contemporary world; and others have been working on how the centenary can best be marked around the world, as well as in Edinburgh.

Who can participate?

We invite contributions from a wide range of youth (ages 18-30) from different theological, denominational, confessional, and geographical areas interested in Christian witness in the world today.

Why should you participate?

The papers will be judged by the organisers of the Edinburgh 2010 study process and other invited missiologists. The author of the top paper will receive a sponsored invitation to the Edinburgh 2010 World Mission Conference in June, 2010. Up to ten further papers will be commended by the judges and submitted for publication.

What should you write about?

Essays should engage one of the nine study themes, represent the perspective of youth, and be 3000 (maximum) words in length. They may be submitted in any of the languages of the conference: English, French or Spanish, or in other languages by arrangement with the organizers.

The nine study themes are:

- 1) Foundations for Mission
- 2) Christian Mission Among Other Faiths
- 3) Mission and Postmodernities
- 4) Mission and Power
- 5) Forms of Missionary Engagement
- 6) Theological Education and Formation
- 7) Christian Communities in Contemporary Contexts
- 8) Mission and Unity Ecclesiology and Mission
- 9) Mission Spirituality and Authentic Discipleship

How will this contest be advertised?

This call for papers is being distributed through the networks of Edinburgh 2010, which is inclusive of Protestant, Roman Catholic, Orthodox, Evangelical and Pentecostal churches in all regions of the world. Please pass it on through your networks.

When are papers due?

To submit a paper by the deadline of **15 January 2010**, or for more information, e-mail: **2010youth@googlemail.com** website: **www.edinburgh2010.org**