



Call For Papers!

Lumen et Vita's 2023 Annual Spring Conference presents:

Scripture in the Christian Life: A Source of Inspiration and Conversation March 18, 2023

Abstract Submission: **January 23, 2023**

*Both remote and virtual **attendance and presenting** are welcomed.*

[Conference Registration Link](#)

Register for In-Person Attendance by: March 10, 2023

Register for Virtual Attendance by: March 17, 2023

“For concerning the divine and holy mysteries of the Faith, not even a casual statement must be delivered without the Holy Scriptures.”

-Cyril of Jerusalem, Catechetical Lecture 4, 4.17

The Christian faith is, and has been, bound to Scripture in some form since the earliest communities of believers. The Scriptural texts are sources of healing and solidarity, but also points of contention and controversy. Through Scripture communities are formed, shaped, and sustained; There is no doubt that the Christian faith is perpetually shaped by the Hebrew Bible, the books called Deuterocanonical or Apocrypha, and the New Testament. Cyril of Jerusalem offers a distinct and firm reminder on the importance of Scripture to the Christian Life; that the Scriptures must be at the center of all actions, beliefs, and practices.

How has Scripture informed theology, and how has theology informed views of Scripture? What are some practices and rituals that are centered in Scripture, and how do these practices bring communities together? In what ways has the perception of Scriptural texts changed and adapted over different times? How do believers navigate Scripture as an intersection between different communities, ideas, and times; How can Scripture be an integral part of many different academic sub-disciplines and projects? Where does Scripture become a point of contention between peoples? What are some various ways Scripture is used by believers? What are the deeper meanings of the Scriptures, and how are the texts studied by different communities? How is Scripture accepted and received by diverse groups of people, with differing backgrounds, ideas, and cultural norms?

This conference welcomes paper proposals from the following disciplines and subdisciplines:

- Biblical Studies
- Historical Theology
- History of Christianity
- Ethics/Moral Theology
- Gender Studies
- Feminist Theology
- Pastoral Studies
- Ecumenical Studies
- Ecclesiology
- Liturgical Studies
- Linguistic studies
- Biblical Literature

While this Conference will focus on Scripture, a diverse range of proposals are accepted.

Abstract Proposals should be 250-350 words in length and should include a thesis statement – proposals can also include a short bibliography if desired. Please send proposals to lumenetvita@bc.edu no later than **Monday, January 23rd, 2023**. Please include your institution, name, year and degree program.

The *Lumen et Vita* journal will also publish a spring issue that shares the topic of the Spring Conference. Papers presented at the conference will be considered for publication.

Please direct any questions to lumenetvita@bc.edu.