Call for Papers for the Sixteenth
Christianity in the Academy Conference

“The Catholic-Evangelical Dialog
after Neuhaus and Colson”

Friday, March 7, 2014
Stephen Olford Center of Union University, 4000 Riverdale Road, Memphis, TN 38115

Father Richard John Neuhaus, founder of First Things, and Charles Colson, founder of Prison Fellowship, played the critical role in establishing a close relationship between Catholics and Evangelicals as they addressed moral and ethical issues facing their world. This close relationship may be unprecedented in the period since the Protestant Reformation. Now that Neuhaus and Colson have died within a short time of one another, we wonder what the future holds and what their legacy will be. We invite papers that consider these men, the issues they confronted, the Catholic-Evangelical dialog, the future of cooperation between Catholics and Evangelicals, and related topics.

As always, you, or your panel, may explore themes and issues at the intersection of Christianity and the academic disciplines unrelated to this year’s theme. Panels are also welcome brought together by a moderator to discuss an important book, theme, issue, or author. Papers should be in the range of 10 to 15 pages to fit a 20 minute presentation. We expect to publish a selection of the papers presented at the conference. Guidelines for consideration of papers for publication will be forthcoming.

The deadline for submission of proposed paper titles and short 300 word abstracts is January 15, 2014. Earlier submissions are greatly appreciated. Please send proposals via WORD attachment to Hal Poe at: hpoe@uu.edu.

Key note speaker for the conference will be Holly Ordway. Dr. Ordway is a poet, university professor, and Christian apologist. She is the chair of the Department of Apologetics and director of the MA in Cultural Apologetics at Houston Baptist University. Her work focuses on imaginative and literary apologetics, with special attention to C.S. Lewis and Charles Williams. As an active Catholic teaching at a Baptist university, she embodies the Catholic-Evangelical dialog.

Registration fee includes the luncheon and keynote address. Advance registration is $40 for adults and $20 for students and those who are retired. These fees go up to $50 and $25 respectively when paid at the door. Checks should be made out to: Union University and mailed to:

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