

Call for Papers for the Twenty-first

Christianity in the Academy Conference

“*Mere Christianity* in the Post-Christian West: Where We Stand 80 Years after the Radio Talks”

Saturday, February 5, 2022

Union University, 1050 Union University Drive, Jackson, TN 38305

In August 1941, C. S. Lewis went to London each week to deliver four radio broadcasts to the nation over the BBC. In January and February of 1942, he gave a second set of broadcasts. By July 1942, the Centenary Press of Geoffrey Bles published the two series of talks in a little volume entitled *Broadcast Talks*. Ten years later, Lewis published an expanded volume that included a third and fourth series of BBC talks which he named *Mere Christianity*. Eighty years after those first broadcasts, we will consider the state of mere Christianity in the Post-Christian West from the perspective of a variety of disciplines.

Keynote Speaker:

Drew Trotter holds a doctoral degree from Cambridge University in New Testament studies. For twenty-two years, he served as the Executive Director and President of the Center for Christian Study in Charlottesville, VA. He then founded and led the Consortium of Christian Study Centers for a decade. He now serves as Senior Scholar of the Consortium. From his involvement and vantage point, he is uniquely suited to address the status our theme.

Papers may address the theme, or they may explore themes and issues at the intersection of Christianity and the academic disciplines unrelated to this year's theme. We also welcome panels brought together by a moderator to discuss an important book, theme, issue, or author. Papers should be in the range of 9 to 10 pages to fit a 20-minute presentation. We expect to publish a selection of the papers presented at the conference.

The deadline for submission of proposed paper titles and short 300-word abstracts is December 15, 2021. Earlier submissions are greatly appreciated. Please send proposals via WORD attachment to Hal Poe at: hpoe@uu.edu.

Registration fee includes the luncheon and keynote address. Advance registration is \$60 for adults and \$30 for students and those who are retired. These fees go up to \$70 and \$35 respectively when paid at the door. Checks should be made out to INKLINGS FELLOWSHIP and mailed to:

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