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Gentlefolk:

The 2020 annual meeting of the Society of Christian Ethics is scheduled to begin the evening of Thursday, January 9, 2020, at the Renaissance Washington, DC Downtown Hotel. With this letter I am calling for proposals for that meeting. I am delighted to report that the Board of Directors voted unanimously to experiment with a Poster Session. So, this is a call for proposals for papers, panels and posters!

There will be no conference theme for the 2020 annual meeting. You are invited you to reflect creatively on whatever methodological and practical issues in Christian ethics prove most energizing to you and to propose papers, panels and posters to address them. Trust your constructive instincts about critical topics for our corporate reflection and bring to bear on them whatever resources – theological, legal, philosophical, biblical, liturgical, scientific and/or experiential – prove most fruitful to your analysis.

All proposals (from individual members, Interest Groups and Working Groups alike) are **due Monday, March 18, 2019**. Proposals that are submitted after that date will not be eligible for consideration for the 2020 meeting. Proposals will be accepted only from members whose 2019 SCE dues have been paid. (FYI: In order to receive the next issue of *JSCE* 2019 membership dues must be paid by March 1.) All the relevant policies governing proposals for papers, panels and posters are summarized in the document “Submitting Proposals,” which is available on the SCE website along with the array of forms to be used for the online submission of dues payments, proposals and nominations. (See the end of this letter for the full list of documents that are posted at <https://scethics.org/call-proposals>.)

As I mentioned at the 2019 Business Meeting, two of our colleagues have graciously agreed to give plenary addresses in 2020. Emilie M. Townes plans to share with us her reflections on womanist ethics in general and the work of Katie Cannon in particular. James F. Keenan will focus his remarks on the growth of "contingent faculty" in our Society and in the institutions where we teach and work.

I am pleased now to announce as well that our International Scholarly Relations Committee (ISRC) has chosen Dr. Myung Su Yang from South Korea to be the 2020 SCE Global Scholar. Dr. Yang will present a paper during a concurrent session tentatively titled “The Ethical Significance of Luther’s Reformation and His Social Ideas for Korean Church and Society.” (For more background information on all these speakers, see the 2020 SCE Speakers document included among the supplemental documents listed below and posted at <https://scethics.org/call-proposals> .)

It is also my happy task in this letter to call for nominations. Note that Monday, March 18, 2019 is also the deadline for proposing names to the Lifetime Achievement Award Committee. For more information about the selection committee and the submission process, see Diane Yeager’s

letter posted at <https://scethics.org/call-proposals> as “Nominations for Lifetime Achievement Award.” The Nominations Committee also invites your recommendations of well-qualified candidates for the office of vice president and for seats on the Board of Directors. Please know that self-nominations are also welcome. This year the chair of the Nominations Committee is Aana Vigen. She can be reached at avigen@luc.edu or (773) 508-2342. The deadline for members to nominate persons to serve as the **2021** Global Scholar will be October 14, 2019. More complete information about this nomination process, with its fifteen-month timeline, can be found in “Bring a Global Scholar to the SCE” included in the supplemental documents posted at <https://scethics.org/call-proposals>. If you have immediate questions, feel free to get in touch directly with the current chair of the ISRC, David True, at david.true@wilson.edu or (717) 460 8228.

Blessings on your work,

Patti

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Supplemental documents and online submission of forms available at <https://scethics.org/call-proposals>:

- [2020 Annual Meeting Information](#)
- [2020 SCE Speakers](#)
- [Submitting Proposals for 2020 AM: Summary of the Policies](#)
- [2020 Poster Experiment Information](#)
- [2019 Dues Form](#)
- [Concurrent Session Paper Proposal Form](#)
- [Concurrent Session Panel Proposal Form](#)
- [Poster Experiment Session Proposal Form](#)
- [Interest Group Proposal Form](#)
- [Working Group Proposal Form](#)
- [Conversation with an Author Proposal Form](#) (formerly Breakfast with an Author)
- [Volunteer Opportunities Form](#)
- [Nominations for Lifetime Achievement Award](#)
- [Bring a Global Scholar to the SCE](#)