

ATTENTION ALL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST SEMINARIANS!

We invite you to join with the members of Confessing Christ, a movement dedicated to promoting joyful theological reflection throughout the United Church of Christ, in celebrating the 450th anniversary of the publication of the Heidelberg Catechism. The influence of that document upon the development of the Reformed tradition in particular and Protestantism in general has been incalculable. It directly nurtured the faith of the German and Dutch branches of the Reformed family, and also helped shape the piety of the English-speaking Reformed traditions. In order to explore the legacy of this document and to envision the ways in which its theological riches can inform our future mission and witness, Confessing Christ is offering a \$1,000.00 prize to an essay that critically and creatively probes the Heidelberg Catechism's continuing significance to the church.

Any seminarian who is a member of the United Church of Christ is eligible to submit an essay. The essay must illumine important themes in the Heidelberg Catechism and investigate their on-going relevance for our life together in the Body of Christ. The essay will be evaluated according to the accuracy of its historical and textual analysis, the plausibility of its theological argumentation, and the fruitfulness of its suggestions concerning the life and proclamation of the church. The essay should be 15–25 pages in length, and will be due on October 15, 2013. The title of the most excellent essay will be announced on November 15. The stylistic conventions of the Chicago Manual of Style should be followed.

The essays should be submitted electronically and in paper form to:

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