

CALL FOR PAPERS
16TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CHILDREN'S SPIRITUALITY

QUESTIONING THE RELATIONSHIP
BETWEEN CHILDREN'S SPIRITUALITY AND TRADITIONS

Laval University, Quebec – Canada
Tuesday 24 July – Friday 27 July 2018

The International Association for Children's Spirituality and the faculty of theology and religious sciences of Laval University are pleased to welcome proposals for papers, workshops and short symposium from academics and practitioners from various disciplines, which engage with children and young people from birth to age twenty, and address children's spirituality and traditions.

These include, but are not limited to, those involved in research and practice in education, social work, health care, counselling, psychology, chaplaincy, religious education, practical theology, the arts and humanities.

The conference will explore the ways in which children's spirituality is conceived in and across cultures, how cultures influence spiritualities, and how spirituality may affect children's cultures. The conference will provide an international, inter-disciplinary and multi-cultural forum for those involved in research and development of children's and young people's spirituality.

Key questions of the conference include:

- What influences children's spirituality and how is that influence exerted?
- Why and under the influence of whom do children develop their own set of specific values?
- In a world in which changes occur at an ever increasing pace, where do children find the "marker beacons" on which to refer to in order to build their (spiritual) identity? (Or can they develop spiritually without those markers?) (...)



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- Which foundations are available to them?
- How does transmission take place?
- What is actually transmitted to children?

Please consult a complete version of the problematic.

We also welcome proposals on wider topics related to children's, adolescents' and young adults' spirituality.

SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS

The types of presentations available are:

- **Paper** – 25 minutes talk with 20 minutes for discussion;
- **Workshop** – 45 or 90 minute practical workshop with an interactive process;
- **Panel** – 10-15 minute briefs by each of the three to five panelists discussing and answering questions on a specified topic for a total duration of 90 minutes;
- **Symposium** – 90 minute pre-organised symposium typically two to three presentations sharing a common theme;
- **Poster Paper** – a theory or research paper to be posted on a board with presenter(s) available for discussion at specified times

To submit an abstract, please complete the form on the next page and send it to chaire.spiritualite@gmail.com by February 15th, 2018.

Closing date for abstracts: 15 February 2018

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