The Adventist Society for Religious Studies invites Seventh-day Adventist scholars (and graduate students) to participate in its annual meetings, which will be held in Chicago, Illinois, November 15-17, 2012.

The theme for this year’s meeting is: “Ordination?”

At the last General Conference Session, church leaders committed to a church-conducted comprehensive study of the issue of ordination. In light of this forthcoming consideration, the Adventist Society for Religious Studies invites proposals for scholarly papers that will examine all aspects of the topic of ordination. Accepted paper proposals will be presented at the meeting and be considered as part of a book to be published on the topic shortly after the November meeting. Priority will be given to those papers which discuss all aspects associated with ordination. Topics may include (but are not limited to): biblical, historical, theological perspectives, and/or church practice and policy. Papers from all disciplines are elicited.

The format allows for a 20-minute oral presentation with additional time for questions and discussion, though the actual paper itself can be longer than the time scheduled for the oral presentation. This will allow more complex topics to be addressed within a publishable paper of greater length than the typical 8-12 pages necessary for the oral presentation. A 200-word abstract should accompany the proposals.

Proposals and abstracts should be submitted in MS Word format to Carl Cosaert at carl.cosaert@wallawalla.edu by April 1, 2012. Due to publication efforts, final versions of all papers are due September 1, 2012. For further information, please contact Carl Cosaert at the email address given above.

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