

Call for Papers

Society for Mormon Philosophy and Theology

Annual Meeting

March 2-4, 2017

Claremont Graduate University
Claremont, CA

Theme: “Poured Out Upon Us: The Holy Spirit”

The Society for Mormon Philosophy and Theology invites paper proposals on any aspect of Mormon belief, including its philosophical ramifications. We particularly encourage submissions on this year’s theme.

When Joseph Smith was asked by the President of the United States about the differences between Mormonism and “the other religions of the day,” he responded that “all other considerations were contained in the gift of the Holy Ghost.” Mormons look to the Holy Spirit for both prophetic authority and individual faith, as a source of daily guidance and transformative power. Descriptions of the Holy Spirit in personal terms of speaking, feeling emotion, or acting are sparse in the scriptures, compared with other members of the Godhead. Yet reliance on the functions of this “personage of spirit” (D&C 130:22) is pervasive in Mormon practice.

Topics falling under this theme might include but are not limited to:

- the Spirit’s relation to the Father and Son
- gifts of the spirit
- scriptural descriptions of the Holy Ghost
- the Holy Spirit and the Light of Christ
- the Holy Spirit and the Spirit of the Lord
- the power of the Holy Ghost and the gift of the Holy Ghost
- accounts of the Spirit by figures such as Joseph Fielding Smith or Bruce R. McConkie
- the body as temple of the Holy Ghost (1 Cor. 6:19)
- the role of the Spirit in the plan of salvation
- the baptism of fire
- being quickened by the Spirit (Rom 8:11)
- the promptings of the Spirit
- denying the Holy Ghost

Submission deadline: November 28, 2016

Submission details on reverse

Submission Information

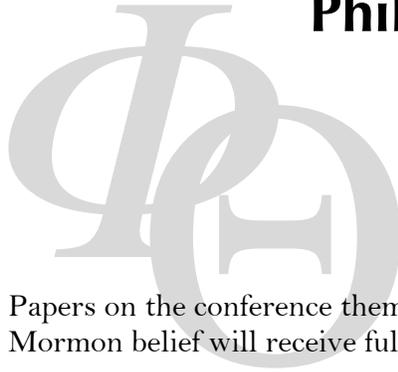
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Papers on the conference theme are particularly encouraged, but proposals on any aspect of Mormon belief will receive full consideration.

Authors may submit either (a) a full paper, or (b) an abstract:

(a) Papers should be suitable for a reading time of 25–30 minutes (3500 words maximum).

(b) An abstract should be 300–500 words in length, and should include both a working thesis and an outline of the reasoning to support it. Descriptions of the topic or methods of the paper are relevant, but not complete by themselves.

Please send submissions in PDF, RTF, or MS Word format, to SMPT Secretary Joe Spencer at <stokiejoe@gmail.com>, by email attachment. The email should include the author's full name and contact information, and title and word count for the paper or abstract.

Presenters are not required to be members of SMPT, or of the LDS church. The Society welcomes submissions by students. Students should indicate their student status in the submission email.

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Authors will be notified of acceptance in early January.

For more information, visit our web site at www.smpt.org, or contact SMPT Secretary Joe Spencer at <stokiejoe@gmail.com>, or SMPT President Daniel Graham at <daniel_graham@byu.edu>.



The Society for Mormon Philosophy and Theology promotes disciplined reflection on Latter-day Saint beliefs, including constructive engagement with the broader traditions of philosophy and theology. All of the Society's publications, conferences, and other forums for discussion demonstrate respect for both the commitments of faith and the standards of scholarship.