



The Canadian-American Theological Association

Call for Papers **Fall Theology Conference 2026** *“Spirit and Scripture”*

The CATA Fall Theology Conference will be held on **Saturday, October 3, 2026, at Northeastern Seminary at Roberts Wesleyan University in Rochester, NY**. The theme for this year’s conference is **“Spirit and Scripture,”** an invitation to theological reflection on the person and work of the Holy Spirit, the nature and interpretation of Scripture, and the relationship between the two.

CATA encourages submission of high-quality papers on any topic falling within the disciplines of biblical studies; theological readings of Scripture; historical, systematic, philosophical, moral, and pastoral theology; and interdisciplinary theological work that engages with other academic disciplines. Special consideration will be given to papers that broadly intersect with the conference theme. Topics in the broad theological disciplines that fall outside of the specific theme of the conference are also welcome.

Possible areas of focus within the theme include, but are not limited to:

- The person and work of the Holy Spirit in biblical and theological perspective
- Pneumatology in historical and contemporary theology
- The inspiration, authority, and canon processes of Scripture
- Hermeneutics and the role of the Spirit in biblical interpretation
- Spiritual formation, proclamation, and the Christian life
- Pneumatological approaches to theological method

Papers should be scholarly presentations of about 25 minutes, aimed at an audience of students, pastors, and faculty from across the spectrum of theological disciplines.

Proposals should be approximately no more than 250 words in length. The best proposals articulate a clear thesis and include a brief explanation of their plan (and/or method). Please prepare them for blind review and submit as an email attachment. To facilitate anonymous review of proposals, please include your name, institutional affiliation, contact information, and the title of your proposal in the body of your email. All proposals should be submitted electronically as file attachments in *DOC or *PDF format to the address below. Please title your email “Spirit and Scripture.”

Please email conference paper proposals to **Rick Wadholm** at **wadholm@gmail.com** by **June 1** and write **“FALL THEOLOGY CONFERENCE PROPOSAL”** in the subject line. Papers chosen for participation will be notified by **June 15**.

CATA membership is required for presenting a paper at the Fall conference though membership is not required until the date of the conference at the latest. Information about membership can be found at the CATA website (<https://cata-catr.com/>)