



# CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

## Longing for Home: The Prophetic Witness of Henri Nouwen in a Wounded World

A Conference to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the death of Henri Nouwen  
May 14-16, 2026 - University of St. Michael's College, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Organized by the Henri Nouwen Society [www.henrinouwen.org](http://www.henrinouwen.org)

**Henri Nouwen**, a brilliant educator, priest, psychologist, and author, was one of the most significant 20th century influencers on how to live a spiritual life. His work continues to engage people across the religious, cultural, and political spectrum.

To mark the 30th anniversary of Nouwen's death and celebrate his continuing impact, his thought and work will function as a prism through which to reflect on how to develop a healing response to the many challenges facing us in this, the third decade of the 21st century. In the face of global crises — political, environmental, mass poverty, migration, and health (mental, emotional, physical) — Nouwen's lifetime of spiritual and psychological exploration offers rich paths for consideration in our own life journeys.

The conference theme will be explored through four streams of focus:

*Spirituality and Theology; Art and Culture; Ministry and Caregiving; Global Challenges.*

The conference format will include: plenary sessions, workshops, discussion panels, and times for worship or quiet contemplation. The content will include both scholarly work on Nouwen and topics that will appeal to a broad audience.

Our goal is to encourage attendees in their spiritual journeys, as well as introduce new voices and insights on the immeasurable impact that Henri Nouwen had, and continues to have, on the spiritual lives of people around the world.

### Session formats include:

1. **Scholarly Papers** designed for brief presentation in panel format with Q&A.
2. **Workshops** designed to involve interactive participation incorporating adult learning strategies and/or small group discussion.
3. **Guided Meditation/Prayer Sessions**, particularly those using Nouwen's own writings as a framework for prayer and meditative reflection.

**Please note:** Amount of presentation time will be communicated once the schedule of presentations is confirmed.

**Proposals** of no more than 300 words and a short biographical statement (one to two sentences) should be submitted by **August 1, 2025** by e-mail attachment to [info@henrinouwen.org](mailto:info@henrinouwen.org) or by mail to:

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