



## Call for Papers

**A Call for Papers for the Sunstone Symposium, Lancaster University, October (TBA) 2017.**

**Submission Deadline:** 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2017.

### **FAITH, ART & CULTURE**

The next Sunstone Symposium, hosted at Lancaster University, will explore faith in its cultural expressions, and in particular through its connections with emotions and aesthetics. We invite proposals and suggestions for papers and panels that will address this theme covering literary, film and media studies, musicology, visual studies and art history, theology and religious studies, philosophy and the social and political sciences. We also welcome personal, non-academic proposals. Topics could include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Religious expression in literature, art, music, architecture, etc.
- Faith in relation to feeling/aesthetics/the senses.
- Critical analyses of cultural responses to Latter-day Saint (Mormon) and other faith traditions, faith, doubt and secularity.
- Faith in society.
- Responses to material religion and religious objects.

This symposium event pursues these questions through a series of encounters between scholarly discussion, artistic intervention, and personal journeys of faith and doubt.

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and the wider restoration movement is a vibrant religious tradition with a diverse membership that has widely differing needs.** For many Latter-day Saints, one of these needs is free and frank exploration of gospel topics as they relate to the complexities of today's society. Some crave stimulating discussions of contemporary scholarship, literature, and social issues. Others find great comfort being able to read, hear, and share personal faith journeys, including all their twists and turns and occasional uncertainties.

Through its many forums, Sunstone serves these Latter-day Saints and many others for whom life and faith is a wonderful but unique adventure. Sunstone brings together traditional and non-traditional Latter-day Saints, promoting an atmosphere that values faith, intellectual and experiential integrity. This symposium will seek to bring people together from a broad range of religious traditions, including those whose interest is purely academic, and those who take a non-traditional approach.

Sunstone is an independent organisation, and does not have any official ties to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Please email proposals for 20 minute, 45 minute and panel presentations to:

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