Word & World Essay Prize for Doctoral Candidates—2015-2016
Submission Form – Essays Due by November 1, 2015

Name_____________________________________________________

Mailing address _____________________________________________

City/State/ZIP _____________________________________________

E-mail address ______________________________ Telephone________________________

Institution at which I am currently enrolled as a student in good standing in an accredited PhD or ThD program in theology or religious studies (or equivalent research degree program):

_______________________________________________________________________

(Finalists will be asked for verification of student status.)

Field of study______________________________Projected year of completion________

Title of submitted essay_________________________________________________________

Word count, including footnotes or endnotes (see criterion #7, below)________________

Deadline for entries is November 1, 2015. Submit three hard copies of your essay (double spaced) and a signed hard copy of this submission form, plus an electronic copy of your essay via e-mail to fgaiser@luthersem.edu (WordPerfect or MSWord format). DO NOT INCLUDE YOUR NAME ON THE HARD COPY OF THE ESSAY ITSELF, ONLY ON THE SUBMISSION FORM AND ON THE ELECTRONIC COPY. Late essays cannot be considered. Essays and disks cannot be returned. Entrants may not submit more than one essay for this competition.

Essays will be read blind by members of the Word & World Editorial Board and staff and evaluated according to the following criteria:

1. Presence and clarity of idea
2. Appropriateness to the purpose and mission implied in the journal’s title and subtitle: Word and World: Theology for Christian Ministry
3. Accessibility to the Word & World audience
4. Cogency and development of argument
5. Creativity and writing style
6. Demonstration of scholarly competence
7. Adherence to length limits (3500 words, plus or minus ten percent, including notes) and the Word & World style sheet (see www.luthersem.edu/word&world)

I warrant that I am the sole author of the essay submitted, that the essay has not been previously published in any form, and that I have included complete citations for all material quoted or paraphrased from other sources. I grant Word & World full rights to the publication of my essay, at its discretion, in print, online, or other forms, including the right to edit for style, length, and clarity. If a winner, I further grant Word & World full rights to use my name and essay (or excerpts therefrom) for promotional purposes. I understand that Word & World will own the copyright of all material published by it.

____________________________________________                        __________________
(Signature)                                                                           (Date)