

CALL FOR ENTRIES

"Pray Without Ceasing"

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The Centenary Committee for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity invites artists to submit two-dimensional works of original art for the 2008 theme "Pray without ceasing" (I Thessalonians 5:17). One work will be selected for the Centenary poster and catalog, which will have an international distribution, and will receive a cash prize of \$500. A selection of the submitted works will be viewable in online exhibitions and features at civa.org and ecva.org beginning in Fall 2007.

JURORS

The jurors for 'Pray Without Ceasing' exhibition

Thomas W. Lollar

Director of Visual Arts, Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, Inc.

Ena Heller

Executive Director, Museum of Biblical Art

BACKGROUND

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity began in January 1908 with a small group of Anglicans led by Father Paul Wattson. Together they began an annual observance at Graymoor in Garrison, NY, called the Church Unity Octave. Their idea was based on the prayer of Jesus at the Last Supper, "that all may be one ... that the world may believe" (John 17:21). They set aside a period of eight days (January 18-25) at the beginning of each year to pray as Jesus did for unity among Christians – Catholic, Orthodox and Protestant. Over the years as the annual observance continued, it attracted the support of the Vatican and the World Council of Churches, and its name was changed to the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. As the Christian churches worldwide anticipate this centenary of prayer for Christian unity, the Vatican and the World Council have endorsed "Pray without ceasing"

(I Thessalonians 5:17) as the 2008 scriptural focus.

Additional resources and information are available online at www.centenary.ecva.org/centenary.html.

SUBMISSIONS INFORMATION

- 1. We are seeking original works of art, 2D, on paper, canvas or panel, including digitally created images.
- 2. Artists are eligible to submit one entry form with up to 3 images.
- 3. Image formats that will be considered: jpg or gif format, 300 dpi, 500 pixels for the longest dimension. Other image formats, sizes and resolutions will not be considered.
- 4. Each image must be noted on the entry form with title, medium, size, and date created. A brief artist's statement for each work of art is encouraged.
- 5. Complete the entry form with artist's name, desired contact information, and brief biographical information.
- 6. Send the completed entry form with attached images to: centenary@ecva.org Deadline for submissions: April 15, 2007.

Date of Notification to Artists: June 15, 2007.

SUBMISSIONS FORM: Pray Without Ceasing CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

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• Title 2: Medium: Size: Date Created: Statement:	
• Title 3: Medium: Size: Date Created: Statement:	

Artist Statement /Biographical Information

The Centenary Week of Prayer Arts Exhibition and Poster are sponsored by Graymoor Ecumenical and Interreligious Institute, The Museum of Biblical Art, Christians in the Visual Arts, Episcopal Church and Visual Arts, and the Cathedral of St. John the Divine.

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