

# CALL FOR PAPERS

*Communio Viatorum*, in conjunction with the Orthodox Research Group of St John Chrysostom and the Charles University Centre of Excellence Project 204052: Theological Anthropology in Ecumenical Perspective, announces a call for papers for a special issue of our journal.

Articles should focus on the topic

## “HOW TO RESPOND TO CORONAVIRUS FAITHFULLY?”

Though the Christian experience is characterised by faith and hope, trusting that God will be with us, it is also most deeply characterised by love that always includes love for our neighbour, and at this time most especially love for our neighbours who live in fear and trembling before things we do not wholly understand.

As many people have noted, the time of quarantine is occurring in the time of Lent, the forty days of preparation for the celebration of the death, burial and resurrection of the Lord. For many of us church services have been cancelled, and the strength we receive through the gift of the Eucharist and common worship has to be found in a very different way. This is one of the sacrifices that we are called on to make in order to protect the most vulnerable amongst us. For all the stories of panic buying and greed, there are as many if not more stories of kindness and solidarity, of politicians working in many places across their party divides, of people reaching out and thinking not only of themselves but of those in other countries.

This calls on us to think differently. How do we form a community when the churches are closed? How do we live and share love, hope, and faith? How do we support and build on signs of solidarity and outreach across divides? What can we do to contribute to the work of our health services to support people in their spiritual as well as physical health? What is the role of prayer in these times, and which new and old forms of prayer are helpful? Are there theological implications of the coronavirus and if so, what are they?

We would welcome articles addressing these or other related questions, to be submitted by **15<sup>th</sup> May 2020**.

Articles should be **between 5000 and 8000** words, following the guidelines for authors on [https://web.etf.cuni.cz/ETFN-576-version1-cv\\_submission\\_guidelines.pdf](https://web.etf.cuni.cz/ETFN-576-version1-cv_submission_guidelines.pdf)

Please submit to [cv@etf.cuni.cz](mailto:cv@etf.cuni.cz)

Our journal is a peer-reviewed journal, so every article will be submitted in anonymized fashion to two reviewers.

**If you do not wish to write an article** but would like to share your thoughts in a **shorter essay** of between **1000 and 5000** words please submit it the **Orthodox Research Group of St John Chrysostom**, [connect@orthodoxresearchgroup.com](mailto:connect@orthodoxresearchgroup.com) and it will then be shared with others for wider discussion.