

## Essay competition

The prize will include £250 in cash, a free place at the Modern Church annual conference, reasonable travel expenses from anywhere within the United Kingdom, and a year's subscription to *Modern Believing*.

It is a condition of accepting the prize that the winner presents his or her paper, or conducts a seminar, on the subject of the essay at the conference. The Editor will publish the winning essay in *Modern Believing*.

The competition is open to anyone under the age of 35 at the time of the conference at which the winner is required to make a presentation, and the title and content of the essay must develop the conference theme.

See the full terms and conditions at [www.modernchurch.org.uk/publications/mb/essay.htm](http://www.modernchurch.org.uk/publications/mb/essay.htm)



*Present your prize-winning paper at the Modern Church annual conference*

## About Modern Church

Modern Church is a membership organisation that promotes liberal theology. It encourages open, respectful debate and discussion of matters relating to Christian faith. It offers:

- conferences
- a theological journal *Modern Believing*
- a members' newsletter *Signs of the Times*
- an extensive website
- occasional other publications.

Modern Church was founded at the end of the 19th century as a Church of England society. Now it welcomes all who share its ethos.

### Further information

For subscription options, resources in liberal theology, or to find out more about Modern Church visit:

[www.modernchurch.org.uk](http://www.modernchurch.org.uk)



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# Publishing in Modern Believing

## *the Journal of Theological Liberalism*

[www.modernchurch.org.uk](http://www.modernchurch.org.uk)

## What is *Modern Believing*?

It is the journal of Modern Church. It is *the* Journal of Theological Liberalism.

### What does it publish?

It publishes articles in Modern Theology, Practical Theology, Theological Ethics, and in any academic area which promotes Liberalism in Theology and Church.

*Modern Believing* has a century long record of contributions from church leaders, established theologians, and newly-emerging theological minds.

### What are its aims?

It aims to promote

- high academic standards and high accessibility
- a critical, creative and constructive spirit in theological enquiry
- new interest in Modern Church and all its activities
- opportunities for new voices in the Academy and in the Church to become heard.

### Who can write for it?

Anyone who can fulfil the aims of the journal. In practice you will probably have a degree in Theology, and also have completed, or be completing, a postgraduate degree as well.

## Writing for *Modern Believing*

Because Modern Church is keen to encourage newly-emerging theological minds, particular encouragement is being given to younger, less experienced writers.

### Starting with a book review?

You might like to start your publishing profile by writing a review of a book for *Modern Believing*. If you want to try this, you need to write to the Reviews Editor

**reviews.mb@modernchurch.org.uk**

saying you would like to be a book reviewer, and indicating the areas of liberal theology in which you think your expertise lies. Your review would then be reviewed by the Reviews Editor before being published.

### What about an article?

You can discuss your plans with the Editor **editor.mb@modernchurch.org.uk** who will advise you about the suitability of your proposal. Or you can write an article without prior consultation, knowing that it will be reviewed in the normal way, and feedback provided.



## Presenting your material

When you write your article, you will need to read carefully the *Invitation to Authors* at **[www.modernchurch.org.uk/publications/mb/authors.htm](http://www.modernchurch.org.uk/publications/mb/authors.htm)**

and make sure it conforms to all the guidelines found there.

### How are articles reviewed?

Reviewers are asked to advise the Editor against three criteria:

- the promotion of liberal Theology in the Church and in the Academy;
- originality and academic integrity; and
- accessibility to all the readers of *Modern Believing*, in academic and church life, and beyond.

Rigorous review protects the reputation of the journal, and provides valuable feedback to authors. Most articles are improved by going through the review process.

### The *Modern Believing* essay competition

The competition aims to encourage research and innovation in liberal, Christian, accessible theology; to enhance the reputation of *Modern Believing* among a new generation of scholars and readers; and to promote the Modern Church annual conference as a key annual event in the development of liberal theology.

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