



World Forum on Theology and Liberation (WFTL)
In the context of the World Social Forum (WSF)
Montréal, August 8-13, 2016

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Call to contributions

To all interested groups and peoples,

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to submit proposals for contributions to the program of the 7th World Forum on Theology and Liberation (WFTL). In a first for the northern hemisphere, the WFTL will be held in Montréal in the context of the World Social Forum, from August 8th to 13th, 2016.

The WFTL is an ecumenical, dialogical and plural space; it seeks to foster the creation of contextual spiritualities and theologies, in a perspective of liberation, with regard to the crucial issues of our time. This next WFTL is organized by the Réseau œcuménique Justice, écologie et paix (Ecumenical Network for Justice, Ecology and Peace), by a broad committee gathering members of various Quebec-based organizations, and by the WFTL's General Secretariat in Porto Alegre (Brazil), where the first WFTL was held in 2005.

Inscribing itself within the World Social Forum, the WFTL shares its theme: *"Another world is needed. Together, it is possible!"* The theme will be developed through eight areas of focus, which should serve as points of reference for your contributions: (1) Aboriginal peoples, between marginalization and return to power; (2) The challenge of hope in the face of environmental crisis; (3) Peace-building and the struggle against militarization; (4) Land, territories, dispossession and mobilization; (5) Migration, pluralism, tensions over identity and interreligious dialogue; (6) Feminism, gender issues, and intersecting oppressions; (7) Economics and going beyond *homo economicus*; (8) Decoloniality, Engaging Epistemologies from the South. These are the anchor points of our creativity, directing our energies towards a shared goal: that a transformed world become a concrete reality.

The WFTL's program will feature both a forum specifically focusing on theological issues, to be held on two days (Monday, August 8th, and Saturday, August 13th), and, between these two days, self-managed workshops taking place within the scheduled activities of the World Social Forum.

On the next page, you will find instructions providing key information that should be included with your contribution proposals. We ask you to submit them in broad outline by March 31st, 2016. The WFTL's program will be organized in large part on the basis of the proposals we receive and accept; we will then follow up with you. For further information, please consult the documents mentioned on the next page. You can also get in touch with our project leader, Nelson Tardif, at any time: ntardi61@yahoo.ca.

We eagerly await your proposals for contributions to this unique event. We particularly look forward to sharing with participants from abroad the practices and know-how of Quebec-based groups that are committed to building another world, which is both needed and possible.

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Instructions

Please send the following information:

1. A provisional title for your presentation
2. A 250- to 500-word summary of the presentation
3. Names of the organization and of the people participating
4. Format of the activity: “academic” (individual paper or panel), popular education, artistic presentation, other (please specify)
5. Length of the activity (according to your wishes: between 30 minutes and two hours)
6. Language (the WFTL takes place in four languages: French, English, Spanish and Portuguese)
7. Focal Area (see the list above and its description in the attached document entitled “Focal Areas”)

Deadline to submit a proposal for an activity: **March 31th, 2016**

To Nelson Tardif, project leader, ntardi61@yahoo.ca

For more information:

- **Goals, Core Issues and Focal Areas of the 2016 WFTL, Presentation: attached**
- **Charter of Principles of the WFTL** (English, Spanish, Portuguese): <http://wftlofficial.org/quem-somos.html>
- **Charter of Principles of the WFTL** (French): forthcoming
- **Charter of Principles of the WSF**: <https://fsm2016.org/en/sinformer/a-propos-du-forum-social-mondial/>