

# THE LUTHERAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE MID-ATLANTIC



## The 2026 Abdel Ross Wentz Prize in American Lutheran History

Abdel Ross Wentz (pictured above on the left) was a leading figure in American Lutheranism. From 1916-1956 he was a professor of church history and later President of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg. Wentz (pictured at left above) also served as the first Vice-President of the Lutheran World Federation. His family established with the Lutheran Historical Society of the Mid-Atlantic an endowment providing prize money for the best history paper on a topic related to Lutheranism in America. The prize is in the amount of \$2,500 and can be awarded in four categories. Read more about Wentz and the prize on the society's web site:

[www.lutheranhistoricalsociety.com](http://www.lutheranhistoricalsociety.com)

Papers for consideration by the prize committee should include a cover sheet which includes the following 1) author's contact information (address, phone, email) 2) institutional affiliation (if applicable) 3) degree program (if applicable) 4) category for which the paper qualifies should be submitted electronically to Kristi Keller at [drkristiakeller@gmail.com](mailto:drkristiakeller@gmail.com)

**Submission deadline is September 30, 2026**



### Requirements:

- Four categories
  - 1) First degree seminarian
  - 2) M.A./PH. D graduate student
  - 3) Post-Graduate: Pastor, Layperson, and/or Faculty member
  - 4) Amateur Historian
- Paper should be 25-35 pages in length, double spaced using Turabian Manual or Chicago Manual of Style
- The identity and the institution of the author (if applicable) along with the category the paper qualifies for should be on a separate cover sheet from the manuscript
- Papers are to be in the **field of history** dealing with some aspect of **Lutheranism in America**
- Open to all writers regardless of religious identification or denominational affiliation

