

Call for Papers

We invite papers (5000-6000 words) in the area of one of the four main themes of the conference:

- 1) Ecclesiology and Mission
- 2) Church renewal for the third millennium
- 3) Church in cyberspace
- 4) The future of missiology

All proposals for papers will be peer-reviewed by an international committee. Participants with accepted papers will be exempt from paying the conference fee.

Deadlines:

- Proposals (300 words): October 15, 2009
- Acceptance notification: November 15, 2009
- Paper, final draft: January 20, 2010

There will be a publication after the conference. A separate editorial process will decide which papers from the conference will be included. Proposals and final papers must be sent to: cm3@teo.au.dk

Aarhus University and Centre for Contemporary Religion

Aarhus University is the second oldest and second largest university in Denmark. We value the contribution of international students and researchers, which helps to enhance the academic experience. The Centre for Contemporary Religion at Aarhus University is a cooperation between the department for Systematic Theology and the department for Religious Studies aiming to describe, analyze, and interpret the rich and colorful development of the contemporary religious landscape, globally as well as locally. It has over the years been playing a leading role in the Danish and European research on religious pluralism and cultural diversity.



More Information

Conference website and registration:
<http://www.teo.au.dk/churchandmission>

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International Conference
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Globalisation, secularisation and the return of religion have led to pluralisation of the religious landscape, the result of which is the reigning multireligiosity so dominant in Western and other societies. This situation has given a totally new dynamic as to how religions spread and interact and pose questions as to how different societies deal with the reigning religious pluralism. Christian churches have been challenged to adapt to new situations. Because the concept of mission has come under scrutiny from postcolonial studies, and because the study of mission has been renewed in the direction of intercultural studies or studies in global theology and world Christianity, the academic study of mission is entering a new era. In the year 2010 where we celebrate the centennial for the important Edinburgh 1910 meeting we want to look ahead and analyze the actual and future challenges. With this conference we bring together outstanding theologians, missiologists and others from many different contexts. Denmark is ideally located to facilitate a discussion between different traditions, the Nordic, the Continental and the Anglo-American. The conference will highlight the following themes:

- Ecclesiology and Mission
- Church Renewal for the Third Millennium
- Church in Cyberspace
- The Future of Missiology

Initial Programme

Wednesday, January 27

10.00-16.00	PhD workshop (separate registration)
15.00-16.00	Registration (to conference) and coffee
16.00-18.00	<i>2010 and beyond. Church and Mission in the Third Millennium</i> Professor Brian Stanley (UK), The Rt Revd Munawar Kenneth Rumalshah (PA), Director Birger Nygaard (DK)
19.00	Reception at the Mayor's Hall

Thursday, January 28

8.30	Professor Ross Wagner (US): Missional Hermeneutics I
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Theme of the day: Ecclesiology and Mission

9.15	Keynote Speaker: Professor Stanley Hauerwas (US): Offering a Better Story Respondents: Professor Jan-Olav Henriksen (N) and Professor Niels Henrik Gregersen (DK)
11.00	Keynote Speaker: Professor Friedrich Wilhelm Graf (DE): The Church in a Multi-religious Europe Respondents: Professor LeRon Shults (NO) and Professor Arne Rasmusson (SE)
12.30	Lunch
13.30	Parallel Paper Sessions: (1) Ecclesiology and Mission Chair: Professor Tormod Engelsen (NO) (2) Church Renewal for a Third Millennium Chair: Professor Hans Raun Iversen (DK) (3) Church in Cyberspace Chair: Professor Kajsa Ahlstrand (SE) (4) The Future of Missiology Chair: Professor Mika Vähäkangas (FI)

16.30	Panel Discussion: Missional Ecclesiology and Ecclesial Missiology Participants: Professor Darrell L. Guder (US), Professor Bryan Stone (US), Lecturer Martin Reppenhagen (DE)
18.00	Dinner
19.30	Special Evening Programme

Friday, January 29

8.30	Professor Ross Wagner (US): Missional Hermeneutics II
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Theme of the Day: Future Workshop

(1) The Missional Future of Ecclesiology

9.15	The Church in Cyberspace Keynote Speaker: Professor Knut Lundby (NO) Respondent: Professor Göran Larsson (SE)
11.00	Panel Discussion: Church Renewal for a Third Millennium Participants: Professor Pat Kiefert (US), Professor Pat Taylor Ellison (US), Adjunct Professor John Drane (UK)
12.30	Lunch
13.30	Parallel paper sessions

(2) The Future of Missiology

16.30	Panel discussion: The Future of Missiology Participants: Professor Andrew Walls (UK), Professor Ulrich Dehn (DE), Director Darrell Jackson (UK) et al.
18.00	Professor Viggo Mortensen (DK): From the Abundance of the Heart
19.00	Reception and Concluding Dinner

Saturday, January 30: Departure