

MISSIO AFRICANUS

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OUR PROFILE

Established in 2014, Missio Africanus is a learning community dedicated to unleashing the missional capabilities of African and other non-Western Christians residing in Britain. Our mission is to enable the UK church to receive and leverage the talents of the diaspora Christian community, while empowering them to effectively disciple their second generation and extend their reach beyond their own communities. To achieve this, we bring together British and non-Western church leaders to engage in mutual learning, enriching the broader church community.

Our organisation was founded in Birmingham with the assistance of the late Reverend Gabriel Diya, a Nigerian RCCG pastor in Charlton. Over the years, we have united a diverse group of mission leaders, representing various denominations, ethnic and cultural backgrounds, and theological perspectives, to envision how we can participate in God's mission in the contemporary world.

TRUSTEES

1. Dr Colin Smith
2. Dr Girma Bishaw
3. Dr Sheila Akomiah-Conteh
4. John Tasker MA
5. Rev Joseph Ola
6. Pastor Modupe Adefala

Dr Harvey Kwiyani - *Executive Director*

WHAT WE DO

Pan-African Theology Roundtable

A Project of Missio Africanus and African Theology Worldwide

Prosperity Gospel and Charismatisation of the Mainline Churches in Dar es Salaam

You are invited to join us for the next Roundtable, where our guest speaker, Rev. Leita Ngoy, will be presenting based on her doctoral research. Her research explores the impact of the charismatisation phenomenon from missional, contextual, and transcultural perspectives, on the mainline churches in Dar es Salaam (the Lutheran Church as an example). Her study proposes a holistic and contextual understanding of the prosperity gospel, referred to as the "mafankiko gospel" (drawing inspiration from the Swahili-speaking community in Tanzania). Her aim is to initiate a paradigm shift in theological discourses surrounding the prosperity gospel, challenging stereotypical criticisms often associated with it as a false and misleading theology. We look forward to having you join us!



Leita Ngoy is an East African theologian and missiologist with a Lutheran background. She is currently pursuing her doctoral studies at Ruhr Universität, Germany, focusing on charismatic Pentecostal movements within the Lutheran Church in Tanzania, particularly in Dar es Salaam. Leita has 14 years of experience as an ordained minister and has served as a pastor in different parishes, as well as the Women Coordinator in the Lutheran Church in Tanzania. In addition to her research, she is passionate about migrant churches and transcultural church plants in Germany.

THE PAN-AFRICAN THEOLOGICAL ROUNDTABLE

Every month, in partnership with African Theology Worldwide, a virtual roundtable of African theologians takes place to discuss and exchange ideas about African Christianity and Theology, both on the continent and in its diaspora.



MOYA CHRONICLES

This is a series of brief critical notes on African Christianity published monthly and distributed through two channels: WhatsApp subscribers and the organisation's website. These notes have gained popularity over the last two years.



MISSIO AFRICANUS: THE JOURNAL OF AFRICAN MISSIOLOGY

This is our periodic publication which offers an analytical and academic perspective on the progress of God's mission in African Christianity, as well as its research, both within Africa and the Diaspora.



AFRICAN THEOLOGICAL SCHOLARSHIP PODCAST

A podcast exploring issues in the field of African Christianity and African Theology both on the continent of Africa and in diaspora. The Podcast is hosted by Dr Harvey Kwiyani.

WHAT WE DO



MA IN THEOLOGY, MINISTRY AND MISSION (AFRICAN CHRISTIANITY)

In partnership with CMS Oxford, we launched this program in 2021 to assist the church in filling the knowledge gap that many Christians have about the African church and its influence on faith, particularly in the UK and the Western world. The programme is now in its third year, with an Undergraduate Certificate route set to commence in September 2024.



MISSIO AFRICANUS PUBLISHING

We are helping upcoming academics making significant contributions in the field of African Christianity get their work published. This provides affordable, high-quality, and scholarly publications to serve the church in Africa and the Diaspora.



CONFERENCES

These events are held periodically to discuss matters related to unleashing the missional capacity of African and non-Western Christians residing in Britain. These are organised around various themes of relevance to African Christianity and missio Dei.



DIASPORA MINISTRY HUBS

We are establishing three Diaspora Hubs (in London, Manchester, and Leeds/Bradford) where diaspora leaders can gather to connect with others who share similar challenges in their lives and ministries.

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Pan-African Theology Roundtable

A Project of Missio Africanus and African Theology Worldwide

"Believe Not Every Spirit!"

The Holy Spirit as the Propeller for Authentic Mission in African Christianity

Join us for the next edition of the monthly Pan-African Theology Roundtable featuring guest speaker Ms Pearl Biyela. Ms Biyela will explore the Holy Spirit's pivotal role in propelling the authentic mission of the Christian Church in Africa. Considering Africa's multicultural context and its historical exposure to colonialism, Ms Biyela will underscore the importance of contextualising missiological efforts and emphasise the discernment of spirits in authentic mission endeavours. Besides, she will explore the relationship between the concepts of "spirit" and "power" and examine how some African churches interpret the Holy Spirit's power in transforming traditional power structures. It promises to be another evening of stimulating conversation.



Ms Pearl Biyela
Speaker

Pearl is a South African Attorney and Accredited Commercial Mediator with an LLB from the University of KwaZulu-Natal. Additionally, she holds a Bachelor of Theology with Honours and is currently pursuing a Master's in Theology, specialising in Practical Theology, focusing on a pastoral theological re-conceptualisation of Pentecostal prosperity gospel to address poverty in South Africa, within the context of Africa's colonial history. Pearl has held leadership roles in organisations like the Black Lawyers Association and the Southern African Development Community Lawyers Association. She contributes to research and writing in both the legal and theological fields.

Venue:
zoom

Register here:
<https://bit.ly/patrs>

DATE: TUESDAY 10 OCTOBER 2023

TIME: 7PM BST

For more enquiries, email Paul at paul@missioafricanus.com



Pan-African Theology Roundtable

A Project of Missio Africanus and African Theology Worldwide

The Role of 'Spiritual Capital' in Social Entrepreneurship in Nigeria

Join us for the next edition of the monthly Pan-African Theology Roundtable featuring guest speaker Dele Osunmakinde. Dr Osunmakinde will be presenting his doctoral research which explores how spirituality, capital, and social entrepreneurship are related to each other within the milieu of African Christianity in general and among Nigerian social entrepreneurs in particular. His research shows that (African) spirituality can be seen as a kind of "capital" that helps social entrepreneurs succeed. Don't miss the presentation on this fascinating interdisciplinary research!



Dele Osunmakinde
Speaker

Dr Dele Osunmakinde is a pastor at The Baptizing Church (TBC) and a Lecturer at De Montfort University Leicester, UK, where he teaches Management, Leadership and Entrepreneurship. After obtaining his MBA from the University of South Wales, he went on to pursue a doctorate degree at DMU, where he researched "The Role of 'Spiritual Capital' in Social Entrepreneurship in Nigeria." Pastor Osunmakinde provides a holistic approach, blending spiritual, administrative, economic, and corporate fundamentals with biblical truths. He is an accomplished author, nation-builder, transformational leader, husband, and father.

Venue:
zoom

Register here:
<https://bit.ly/patrs>

DATE: TUESDAY 12 DECEMBER 2023

TIME: 7PM GMT

For more enquiries, email Paul at paul@missioafricanus.com



THE PAN-AFRICAN THEOLOGICAL ROUNDTABLE

10 Roundtables held with an average monthly attendance of **33 theologians**.

- *The Role of Inculturation for Christian Apologetic Witness and Dialogue in Sub-Saharan Africa* by Benno van den Toren (Netherlands)
- *Trajectories for Decolonial Malawian Church Historiography* by Felix Chimera Nyika (Malawi)
- *The 'Ephesian Moment' in African Pentecostal Churches: A Case Study of Daughters of Zion* by Mary Kihuha (Kenya)
- *Church Growth Factors Among African Diaspora Congregations* by Paul Ayokunle (Nigeria/UK)
- *Prosperity Gospel and Charismatisation of the Mainline Churches in Dar es Salaam* by Leita Ngoy (Tanzania/Germany)
- *Mafanikio Theology: kind of like prosperity gospel and kind of not!* by Tamie Davies (Tanzania/Australia)
- *Christ in African Indigenous Churches: A Case Study of The Celestial Church of Christ* by Damilola Abraham (Nigeria/UK)
- *"Believe Not Every Spirit!": The Holy Spirit as the Propeller for Authentic Mission in African Christianity* by Pearl Biyela (South Africa)
- *Nigerian Christians in Britain: Denominational Switching and Religious Activity Frequency* by Emmanuel Ossai (Nigeria/UK)
- *The Role of 'Spiritual Capital' in Social Entrepreneurship in Nigeria* by Dele Osunmakinde (Nigeria/UK)

AFRICAN THEOLOGICAL SCHOLARSHIP PODCAST

- **2,035** plays/downloads (total)
- Accessed from **55 countries**
- **Top 5** countries: USA, UK, India, Germany, & South Africa
- **2 out of 5** listeners are **female**



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MOYA CHRONICLES

• 8 new episodes

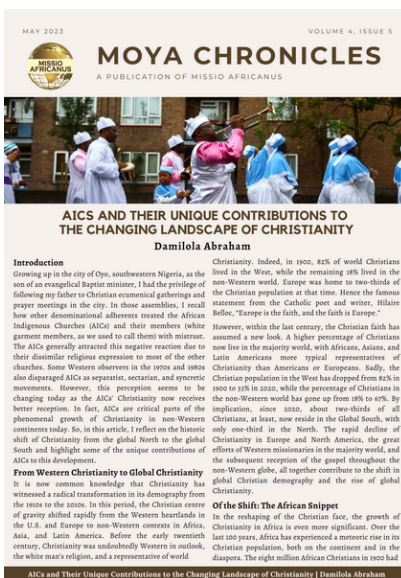
- *A Plea For a Robust African Theology of the Spirit* by Harvey Kwiyani
- *The Implications of Migration for God's Mission and African Immigrant Congregations in the UK* by Paul Ayokunle
- *WAFBEC/WOFBEC: An African Christianity Hub You May Not Know About* by Joseph Ola
- *The Parable of The Driving Test: Leadership and Ministry Lessons for African Ministers in the West* by Dele Osunmakinde
- *AICs and Their Unique Contributions to the Changing Landscape of Christianity* by Damilola Abraham
- *Marriage Mentoring: An African Perspective* by Olumide Agboghoroma
- *An African Christian Response to the Jápa Phenomenon* by Paul Ayokunle
- *The Jápa Syndrome and New Opportunity for Foreign Mission* by Damilola Abraham

• Accessed **712 times in 2023**

• Accessed from **65 countries**

• Most visitors are from **UK, Nigeria, US, Ghana, South Africa, Netherlands, and Germany.**

• **79** WhatsApp subscribers



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MA IN THEOLOGY, MINISTRY AND MISSION (AFRICAN CHRISTIANITY)

- The third cohort (of **9 students**) joined in September, bringing total number of students to 21.
- Students are from **UK, Ghana, South Africa, Kenya, USA, Tanzania, and the Carribeans.**

MISSIO AFRICANUS PUBLISHING

Wash and Pray: African Theological Discourse on COVID-19



In the wake of the global COVID-19 pandemic, Africa faced a unique set of challenges that sparked a profound spiritual response among its people. Wash and Pray: African Theological Discourse on COVID-19 delves into the heart of this response, exploring the intersections of faith, culture, history, and the pandemic that gripped the world from 2019 to 2022. The book demonstrates that for many Africans, the pandemic was not just a medical crisis but also a spiritual battle. As such, the book invites the reader to witness the historicising of the pandemic in Africa through this landmark resource for current and future generations, ensuring that the narratives of African Christianity in the face of COVID-19 and other pandemics are not lost. The chapter contributions offer diverse perspectives from Ghana, Nigeria, Rwanda, Zimbabwe, and the UK, each contextualising the African Christian response to the pandemic. In essence, this monograph paints a rich tapestry of African theological discourse during a global crisis, ultimately affirming that faith and science, when harmonised, can lead to a resilient and thriving community.



Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Missio Africanus

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity (number 1169376) for the year ended 31 December 2023 which are set out on the following pages.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date: 27th February 2024

Khurram Masood Khan FCCA

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RH10 9WE

MISSIO AFRICANUS 2023 ACCOUNTS

1st January to 31st December 2023

		2023 General	2023 Restricted	2023 Total	2022 Actual
		£	£	£	£
Category	Notes				
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE					
Income					
Donations	2	480	12	492	2,380
Fundraising			0	0	0
Grants			5,000	5,000	0
Total Income		480	5,012	5,492	2,380
Expenditure					
<i>Ministry Training</i>					
CMS Course Delivery Contribution	3		2,500	2,500	6,667
Diaspora Network Development	2		480	480	3,900
<i>Operational Costs</i>					
Office and Media Costs	2	321	0	321	418
Travel		0		0	0
Governance Costs		330		330	330
Total Expenditure		651	2,980	3,631	13,065
Result		-171	2,032	1,861	-10,685
BALANCE SHEET					
Balances					
Balance b/f		517	1,336	1,853	12,538
Surplus		-171	2,032	1,861	-10,685
Balance c/f	4	345	3,368	3,713	1,853
Current Assets					
Bank		872	3,358	4,230	5,507
Cash in hand				0	0
Debtors			10	10	10
Current Assets		872	3,368	4,240	5,517
Current Liabilities					
Cheques not cleared		196		196	3,334
Creditors		330		330	330
Current Liabilities		526	0	526	3,664
Net Current Assets		345	3,368	3,713	1,853

Notes

1. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (Charities SORP FRSSE) (effective 1 January 2015) and applicable accounting standards. They are prepared on a receipts and payments basis, and include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which Missio Africanus is responsible.
2. The charity had no employees during the year, and did not pay any trustee to provide services. Donations made to the charity by trustees during the year totalled £492. Normal expenses incurred in the course of the charities activities were reimbursed to trustees - Joseph Ola and John Tasker.

Harvey Kwiyani undertook work for the charity and was remunerated for this on a self-employed basis, and charged the charity for his time on an agreed hourly rate.

3. Missio Africanus committed to contribute £2,500 towards the Year 2 costs of the African Diaspora Christianity programme jointly sponsored with CMS.
4. Restricted funds are held for the African Diaspora Christianity Programme launched in 2021 to build a movement among African diaspora church leaders through the delivery of accredited degree programmes focussing on the needs and gifts of diaspora churches in Britain and through the formation of regional hubs.

These accounts were approved by the trustees on 27 February 2024 and signed by two trustees on behalf of the board.

John Tasker MA
Treasurer



Revd. Joseph Ola MA
Secretary





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