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Our Profile

Missio Africanus, founded in 2014, is a learning community focused on empowering African and other non-Western Christians in Britain for mission work. Our goal is to help UK churches benefit from the skills of diaspora Christians, while also enabling these communities to disciple their next generation and expand their outreach beyond their own groups. We achieve this by fostering mutual learning between British and non-Western church leaders, which strengthens the wider church.

Our organisation began in Birmingham with support from the late Reverend Gabriel Diya, a Nigerian RCCG pastor from Charlton. Since then, we've brought together a diverse group of mission leaders from various denominations, backgrounds, and theological viewpoints to explore how we can participate in God's mission today.

Trustees



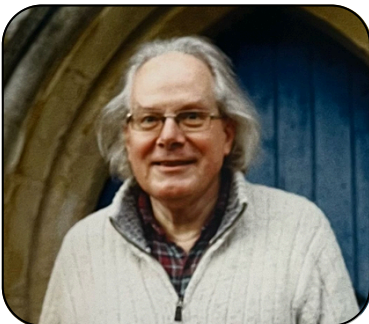
Dr Colin Smith



Dr Girma Bishaw



Dr Sheila Akomiah-Conteh



John Tasker MA

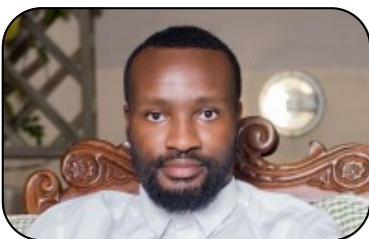


Pastor Joseph Ola



Pastor Modupe Adefala

Other Volunteers



John-Ross Gwaze



Dr Paul Ayokunle

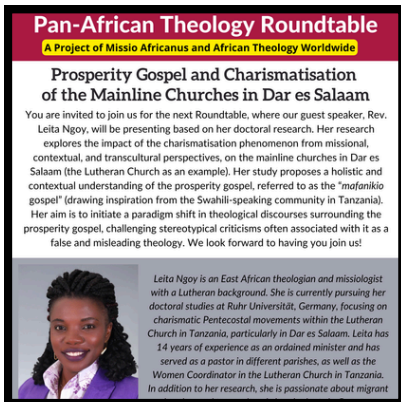


Dr Damilola Abraham



Dr Harvey Kwiyan
Executive Director

What We Do



THE PAN-AFRICAN THEOLOGICAL ROUNDTABLE

In collaboration with African Theology Worldwide, a virtual roundtable for African theologians is held monthly, fostering discussion and idea exchange on African Christianity and theology, both on the continent and within its diaspora.



MOYA CHRONICLES

For the past three to four years, the Moya Chronicles have been a popular resource on our website, offering brief critical insights into African Christianity. Each note is available as a blog post with a downloadable PDF.



MISSIO AFRICANUS: THE JOURNAL OF AFRICAN MISSIOLOGY

This is our journal publication, providing in-depth analytical and academic perspectives on the advancement of God's mission in African Christianity, as well as related research across Africa and the Diaspora.



AFRICAN THEOLOGICAL SCHOLARSHIP PODCAST

Hosted by Dr. Harvey Kwiyan, this podcast delves into various issues within African Christianity and African Theology, examining their presence and impact in both Africa and the diaspora.

What We Do



MA & UG CERTIFICATE IN THEOLOGY, MINISTRY AND MISSION (AFRICAN CHRISTIANITY)

Launched in 2021 in partnership with CMS Oxford, this pioneering programme aims to bridge the knowledge gap many Christians have about the African Church and its influence on world Christianity, particularly in the UK and the Western world. Now in its fourth year, it has not only inspired the addition of an Undergraduate Certificate route in 2024 but also paved the way for a new Asian Christianity stream. All pathways are approved for ordination training within the Church of England.



MISSIO AFRICANUS PUBLISHING

We empower upcoming academics making vital contributions to African Christianity by helping them publish their work. This initiative delivers affordable, high-quality scholarly publications, benefiting the church both in Africa and the Diaspora.



CONFERENCES

We periodically host events focused on empowering African and non-Western Christians in Britain for mission. These gatherings are organised around diverse themes relevant to African Christianity and God's mission.

What We Do



ACTS 11 PROJECT

We're partners with the **Centre for Global Witness and Human Migration** (Acts 11 Project), a unique initiative that fosters ongoing dialogue about human migration and its vital implications for Christian faith and mission.



GLOBAL WITNESS, GLOBALLY REIMAGINED

This is our Executive Director's substack. In this fortnightly newsletter, Dr Harvey Kwiyani explores the shifting landscape of Christian mission in the twenty-first century through the lens of World Christianity. The blog draws on his work with Church Mission Society and Missio Africanus, where he supports learners at all levels—from unaccredited courses to PhDs—in engaging the theological and missiological implications of Christianity's global reconfiguration. Each edition offers a reflective thought, a couple of curated resources, and three thought-provoking quotes on mission—designed to inspire, equip, and energise readers for faithful global witness in today's world.

2024 in Numbers

THE PAN-AFRICAN THEOLOGICAL ROUNDTABLE


9 Roundtables held with an average monthly attendance of **30 theologians**.

- *“One thing God has spoken; two things I have heard” (Ps 62:11)”* by Michael Kodzo Mensah (Ghana)
- *Spirit or Wind? The Septuagint as an Exemplar for Decolonising Bible Translation* by Tyler Horton (UK)
- *“Your Sons and Daughters Shall Migrate...”* by Harvey Kwiyan (Malawi/UK)
- *Science and Religion as a Missiological Frontier for Africa's Next Gens* by Kevin Muriithi Ndereba (Kenya)
- *Online Resource on African Christology* by Diane Stinton, Chukwuemeka Atansi, & David Lewis (Canada/Kenya/Belgium/Nigeria/UK)
- *African and Biblical Spirit-Consciousness* by Father Stephen Oluwakayode Eyeowa SJ (Kenya/Nigeria)
- *Embodying God's Mission in an Unfriendly World* by Boubakar Sanou (Burkina Faso/US)
- *Like Father Like Son* by Gift Mtukwa (Kenya)
- *Addressing Black-White Academic Achievement Gaps* by Chanel Fort (USA)

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.

 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.

Ms Pearl Biyela
Speaker

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 Dr Dele Osumakinde. Dr Osumakinde 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!

 Dr Dele Osumakinde 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 Osumakinde 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.

Dele Osumakinde
Speaker

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

 **African Theological Scholarship Podcast**

Available on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Google Podcasts, and Amazon Music.

<https://anchor.fm/missio-africanus>

AFRICAN THEOLOGICAL SCHOLARSHIP PODCAST

- **2,196** plays/downloads (total)
- Accessed from **57 countries**
- **Top 5** countries: USA, UK, India, Germany, & South Africa
- **1 in 4** listeners are **female**

2024 in Numbers

MOYA CHRONICLES

- **38 episodes** in total
- Accessed **1724 times** in 2024
- Accessed from **65 countries**
- Most visitors are from **UK, Nigeria, US, Ghana, South Africa, Netherlands, and Germany.**
- **Top 10 Episodes in 2024:**
 - *WAFBEC/WOFBEC: An African Christianity Hub You May Not Know About* by Joseph Ola
 - *A Cow That Has No Tail: An African Theological Reflection on African Christianity* by Joseph Ola
 - *The Emergence of Afro-Gospel and Its Implications for Christian Theology of Music* by Akpe Okuchukwu
 - *African Christian Parents and the Task of Parenting in the West* by Paul Ayokunle
 - *The Ubuntu Philosophy and African Christianity: Personhood and Community* by Josiah Oyeyemi Oyekan
 - *AICs and Their Unique Contributions to the Changing Landscape of Christianity* by Damilola Abraham
 - *Marriage Mentoring: An African Perspective* by Olumide Agboghroma
 - *The Japa Syndrome and New Opportunity for Foreign Mission* by Damilola Abraham
 - *A Plea For a Robust African Theology of the Spirit* by Harvey Kwiyani
 - *Moya - Speaking Truth to African Christians* by Damilola Abraham

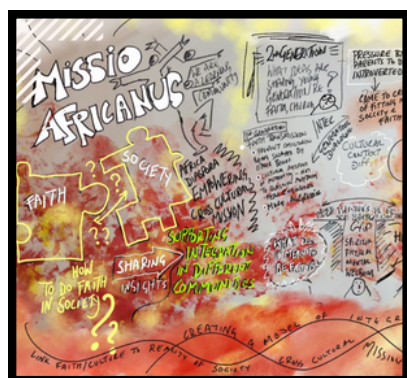


2024 in Numbers



MA & UG CERTIFICATE IN THEOLOGY, MINISTRY AND MISSION (AFRICAN CHRISTIANITY)

- The fourth cohort (of **14 students**) joined in September.
- First graduation (of 6 students) took place in December 2024
- Over the years, students are from **UK, Congo, Ghana, South Africa, Kenya, USA, Tanzania, and the Caribbeans.**
- Current total number of students: **24**



JOINT RESEARCH WITH UNIVERSITY OF ROEHAMPTON (THE EDGY LEARNING PROJECT)

- We embarked on a joint research project with the University of Roehampton to examine how first- and second-generation African diaspora Christians live out and pass on their faith.

Ongoing Project

MISSIO AFRICANUS PUBLISHING

Pioneering African Women in Ministry and Mission in the Diaspora A Case Study of 5 Nigerian Women



Pioneering African Women in Ministry and Mission in the Diaspora brings to light the untold stories of five Nigerian women who led transformative ministry and mission efforts in England between 1997 and 2017. Challenging gender bias in mission history, this book uses storytelling to document their struggles, sacrifices, and spiritual resilience. It highlights their leadership, entrepreneurial drive, mentoring, and deep reliance on prayer—showing how their contributions are vital to understanding the changing face of World Christianity.

MISSIO AFRICANUS 2024 ACCOUNTS

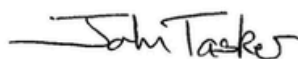
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	2024 General	2024 Restricted	2024 Total	2023 Actual
	£	£	£	£
Category				
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE				
Income				
Donations	1,431	0	1,431	492
Grants		0	0	5,000
Total Income	1,431	0	1,431	5,492
Expenditure				
<i>Ministry Training</i>				
CMS Course Delivery Contribution		2,500	2,500	2,500
Diaspora Network Development		0	0	480
<i>Operational Costs</i>				
IT and Media Costs	586		586	321
Governance Costs	30		30	330
Total Expenditure	616	2,500	3,116	3,631
Result	815	-2,500	-1,685	1,861
BALANCE SHEET				
Balances				
Balance b/f	345	3,368	3,713	1,853
Surplus	815	-2,500	-1,685	1,861
Balance c/f	1,160	868	2,028	3,713
Current Assets				
Bank	1,239	858	2,097	4,230
Cash in hand			0	0
Debtors	127	10	137	10
Current Assets	1,366	868	2,234	4,240
Current Liabilities				
Cheques not cleared	206		206	196
Creditors			0	330
Current Liabilities	206	0	206	526
Net Current Assets	1,160	868	2,028	3,713

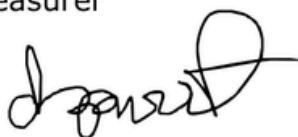
Notes

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 £609.50 (Last year £492). Normal expenses incurred in the course of the charities activities were reimbursed to trustees - Joseph Ola and John Tasker.
3. Missio Africanus contributed £2,500 towards student bursaries for 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 2 June 2025 and signed by two trustees on behalf of the board.



John Tasker MA
Treasurer



Revd. Joseph Ola MA
Secretary



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