



IAMS MATTERS JANUARY-MARCH 2018

Dear IAMS Members,

Welcome to the first issue of IAMS Matters in 2018. This year the Exec will begin working towards the conference in 2020 together Australian Association for Mission Studies and with the local committee. A first step will be a few days of intense preparation in April when Paul and Aron will visit the local committee at Morling College, Sydney.

This issue of IAMS Matters also features several call for papers to various upcoming conferences, panels and seminars, some job opportunities, and an interesting new volume from Palgrave Macmillan. If you have any information that you think might be of interest to IAMS members please email me at iams@missionstudies.org.

I would also like to remind you all that it is possible to read *Mission Studies* online by login in to the database at missionstudies.org. While there, it would also be good if you look over your personal page, and if necessary, update your personal details. Since Brill's distribution of *MS* follows the details that you have included in our database, it is necessary that this information is correct and updated in order for you to receive your physical copy of *Mission Studies*.

For those who have not yet found time to pay their membership fees, you can easily do so here: <http://missionstudies.org/index.php/payments/>

I hope you will enjoy this issue of IAMS Matters.

Sincerely,

Aron Engberg

IAMS Secretary



IAMS FACEBOOK PAGE

IAMS has a new Facebook page available at <https://www.facebook.com/International-Association-for-Mission-Studies-IAMS-345324249216792/>. Please sign up in order to get updates on what happens in IAMS, and to interact with other scholars. The Facebook page is administered by Oceania regional representative Darren Cronshaw.

GENERAL NOTICE ABOUT RELEVANT MISSION STUDIES NETWORKS

This notice concerns four evangelical-oriented mission research networks with which IAMS members would at least want to be familiar.

The first is the free online, multilingual journal *Global Missiology*. Dr. Enoch Wan began GM in 2003, and Nelson Jennings have agreed to assume editorial responsibilities for the English portion as of the January 2018 issue.

Second is the WEA Community of Mission Information Workers (CMIW). Click [here](#) to visit their website. If you do not already receive the free quarterly CMIW newsletter, I would encourage you to sign up.

Third is the Lausanne International Researchers group. Click [here](#) for information about the upcoming April 30-May 4 8th Lausanne International Researchers Conference in Nairobi (also [linked](#) on the CMIW website).

The fourth actually operates under the CMIW umbrella. It is an online discussion community (Google Group) called "Knowledge Stewardship for Kingdom Impact" (KSKI). Once a member, you can participate as much or as little as you like. Here are instructions for joining:

If you have a Google (gmail) account, follow these 3 simple steps:

Step 1: Visit <https://groups.google.com/forum/?hl=en#!forum/kski>

Step 2: It will ask you to sign into Google and request an invite.

Step 3: Once you have requested to join the group, you will receive an email inviting you to sign on through your Google account and begin participating.

If you do not have a Google account, visit <https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/kski/join> and follow the instructions.

CALL FOR PAPERS – SPECIAL EDITION OF *MISSION STUDIES*

MISSION STUDIES 36.1. SPECIAL ISSUE: MISSION AND DEVELOPMENT

Christian mission is closely linked to international development. Since Harry Truman proposed a “program of development” in 1949, Christian bodies have been among the largest Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) delivering it. There is a growing recognition of the contribution that Faith-Based Organisations (FBOs) make to development—as shown, for example, by their inclusion in the United Nations consultation process that shaped the 2015

Sustainable Development Goals. And long before the “era of development”, Christian missions were delivering education, health care, and other activities that are now included in the development agenda. However, there is tension among mission practitioners and missiologists about whether or not Christian mission should include participation in development activities. In some contexts mission and development are closely intertwined but in others there is a divide between Christian organizations working with the international development agenda and other bodies that are focused on evangelism and church development. Development itself is challenged on grounds that it is a political tool, creates dependency, distorts local economies, and fails to challenge unjust structures.

The editors of *Mission Studies* invite contributions to a special issue (36.1, April 2019) that explore the relationship between mission and development historically, theologically, and in practice, and the issues it raises from a mission studies perspective. Articles drawing on case studies are welcome. Topics that could be explored include:

- How compatible is “good news to the poor” with the agenda of international development?
- What is a missional assessment of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals?
- To what extent is there historical continuity between international development and colonial missions?
- What is the theology of development in different traditions?
- How do Christian development organisations relate to other development agencies?
- What role(s) do/should churches play in development?
- How do mission agencies negotiate the secular nature of development programs and their funding?

By the usual process of double-blind peer review, five or 6 of the submitted articles will be selected for publication in the special issue. We are delighted that Bryant L. Myers, Professor of Transformational Development at Fuller Theological Seminary, USA, and previously Vice President for International Program Strategy at World Vision International, has agreed to write the lead article.

Mission Studies is the journal of the International Association for Mission Studies (IAMS) and is published by Brill Publishers, Leiden, Netherlands. For further information about the journal, see www.brill.com/mission-studies, and IAMS, see www.missionstudies.org. Articles for the special issue should be submitted at www.editorialmanager.com/MIST/default.aspx. They must be between 6,000 and 10,000 words (including references) and must follow the Author Instructions. Please add a note to your submission requesting consideration for the special issue. The deadline for submissions is **31 March 2018**.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MISSIOLOGY

The American Society of Missiology will meet June 14-17, 2018, at St. Mary’s College, South Bend, IN. The theme for this year’s annual meeting is *Interfaith Friendship as Incarnational Mission Practice*. For a full statement of the conference theme visit the ASM



[website](#). Registration for the annual meeting will open in February 2018. We warmly encourage you to join us.

To submit a **presentation** proposal: <https://goo.gl/forms/VvaWOrkqQ7c1rPtC3>

To submit a **panel session** proposal: <https://goo.gl/forms/SONTMOubhky1uxF62>

To submit a **Korean-language presentation** proposal:

<https://goo.gl/forms/jWYRrpPjD6j7V01F2>

In this era of rising tribalism, tension and fear toward those who are different, Christians are called to live out the Gospel in the way of Jesus: through loving God and loving neighbor. Centered in the divine hospitality of God who first welcomed us that we might welcome others into the Kingdom, interfaith friendships begin with making room for God. Friendship with God enables and enhances friendship with others. Leading missiologists, Frances Adeney, Terry Muck, Evelyne Reisacher and Amos Yong, and a host of “story-tellers” will inspire and facilitate us in conversations around interfaith friendship as a crucial avenue of incarnational mission practice particularly suited to these troubling times.

The **deadline** for all panel, paper, and colloquium submissions is **January 23, 2018**.

Confirmation of accepted panel and paper proposals expected by March 9, 2018.

For questions please contact:

For presentation proposals, contact Arun Jones (ASM 2nd VP; arun.w.jones@emory.edu) and Alison Fitchett Climenhaga (ASM conference coordinator; afitchet@nd.edu)

For the ASM travel pool, contact Robert Danielson (ASM treasurer; robert.danielson@asburyseminary.edu)

For the conference in general, contact Bonnie Sue Lewis (ASM President; BSLewis@dbq.edu)

GOCN FORUM ON MISSIONAL HERMENEUTICS, SOCIETY OF BIBLICAL LITERATURE, DENVER
American Politics and Missional Hermeneutics in Interpreting the New Testament

This session will focus critically on the interaction between the American political context and missional hermeneutics. The Roman Empire played a huge role in shaping the political context of the New Testament documents. What specific hermeneutical questions and challenges does the contemporary political environment raise for missional interpretation of these texts from the Bible? How might the contemporary political context illuminate and inform the nature, presuppositions, content, and/or practice of missional hermeneutics, in light of possible parallels to the Roman political context of the NT? Paper proposals are invited that treat one or more New Testament passages in critical engagement with missional hermeneutics, exploring intersections between those texts and their political contexts, ancient and contemporary.

Please send paper proposals to Michael Barram at mbarram@stmarys-ca.edu

The due date for proposal submissions is March 7.

“Postcolonialism – what next?”

Centenary Conference, 10-12 September 2018, Wuppertal / Germany

At the occasion of its upcoming centenary conference, The German Association for Mission Studies critically revisits postcolonial approaches in Mission Studies. For the past decades postcolonialism has instigated innovative knowledge production in diverse areas such as mission history, inter-religious exchanges, and theories of World Christianity or intercultural theologies. While postcolonial theory opened up horizons in Mission Studies in many respects, academic discourse has also shown certain limits of postcolonial studies. Therefore the call for papers on “Postcolonialism – what next?” invites for promising perspectives of postcolonial studies in Intercultural Theology and Mission Studies.

With this panel The German Association for Mission Studies addresses specifically young scholars. It aims at establishing and supporting strong academic networks. High-profile, interdisciplinary proposals are very welcome.

There will be limited financial support available for panel contributors, depending on funding options. Further details will be announced in the process of panel selection (see also <http://www.dgmw.org>).

Please, submit your proposal in English or German (maximum: 250 words) by email, **latest by 15 March 2018** to panel convenors, Prof. Dr. Andreas Heuser / Dr. Claudia Hoffmann (University of Basel):

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*NORDIC (DE) BRIEFING ON WCC CONFERENCE ON WORLD MISSION AND EVANGELISM:
IMPRESSIONS AND PRELIMINARY ANALYSES OF THE ARUSHA CONFERENCE*

**2018-03-20 Centre for Theology and Religious Studies, Helgonavägen 3, Lund University
LUX building B237**

13:15	Opening of the conference day
13:30	Introduction to the conference theme and contents Mika Vähäkangas, Lund University
14:00	Together towards Life and Arusha conference Eva Christina Nilsson, Swedish Mission Council
14:45	Arusha Conference – a theological analysis Marion Grau, MF Norwegian School of Theology
15:30	Coffee break

16:00	Ecumenical Implications of the Conference (to be announced)
16:45	Interreligious Dimensions of the Conference Arneir Langås, Danmission
17:30	How African was the Arusha Conference? Roar Fotland, MF Norwegian School of Theology
18:15	Conclusion of the conference
19:00	Dinner (personalmatsalen C212)

Note: the conference is preceded by NIME annual general meeting at 11:30 am in B429.

NIME doctoral school on mission studies, ecumenics and related disciplines

9:15 am – 13:00 in B429 followed by lunch.

To present a paper in the doctoral school, contact mika.vahakangas@ctr.lu.se to book you the time and send the paper to him at latest 2018-03-14.

Registrations for the NIME AGM, the conference and the doctoral school

E-mail mika.vahakangas@ctr.lu.se . Mention which of the three events you are going to attend. Dinner and lunch after the doctoral school will be provided only to registered participants. There is no conference fee.

VACANCIES

DIRECTOR OF COMMISSION ON WORLD MISSION AND EVANGELISM

The WCC is looking for its Director of Commission on World Mission and Evangelism, to lead, inspire and direct the work of Mission and Evangelism, sustaining and developing close relationship with CWME and promoting programmatic work conducted within the framework of the World Council of Churches towards the visible unity of church. Deadline for applications : 30 April 2018.

For detail information, see:

<http://www.oikoumene.org/en/get-involved/job-openings/vacancy-director-of-commission-on-world-mission-and-evangelism/view>

PHD POSITIONS IN THEOLOGY, VID SPECIALIZED UNIVERSITY, STAVANGER

VID's PhD Programme in Theology and Religion has a programme profile that focuses on the interaction between the global and the local, in particular on encounters of religions and cultures. Moreover, the programme puts an emphasis on interdisciplinary and empirical methods and power-critical approaches such as e.g. postcolonial, feminist and disability perspectives. The PhD programme wants to strengthen its profile through PhD projects that relate to these core issues. For the current research fellow positions, we therefore invite projects from the various subdisciplines of *theology*, that engage with one or more of the above mentioned themes or frameworks. The project proposal should also relate to one of VID's



[research groups](#), where senior researchers, as well as PhD fellows and master students, will make up a dynamic research environment.

The positions will be located at the Centre for Mission and Global Studies. The work place will normally be located in Stavanger.

The stipulated length of the PhD positions is three years.

For full announcement: <https://www.jobbnorge.no/ledige-stillinger/stilling/147081/phd-positions-in-theology>

Application deadline: 15 March 2018.

PROFESSOR OF MISSION, WINCHESTER UK.

The University of Winchester takes pride from its Anglican Foundation and works closely with the Diocese of Winchester. Working with the Diocese on their teaching programme and mission work, the role will be based for half the time in the Department of Theology, Religion and Philosophy with the remainder on secondment to the Winchester Diocese School of Mission and report to the Canon Principal for the operational work in the diocese.

A key responsibility for the role will be to develop and lead a new MA in Mission, for delivery from September 2019, to make a significant research contribution to missiology, and to work closely with the Diocese in their teaching programme and mission work.

Closing Date: 12 Feb 2018. Interview Date: 9 Mar 2018 in Winchester.

Contact: Revd Canon Mark Collinson on mark.collinson@winchester.ac.uk or Dr. Angus Paddison Angus.Paddison@winchester.ac.uk.

BOOK RELEASE

THE HILLSONG MOVEMENT EXAMINED: YOU CALL ME OUT UPON THE WATERS

Edited by Tanya Riches, Tom Wagner, Palgrave Macmillan

This interdisciplinary volume brings together leading writers and thinkers to provide a critique of a broad range of topics related to Hillsong Church. Hillsong is one of the most influential, visible, and (in some circles) controversial religious organizations/movements of the past thirty years. Although it has received significant attention from both the academy and the popular press, the vast majority of the scholarship lacks the scope and nuance necessary to understand the complexity of the movement, or its implications for the social, cultural, political, spiritual, and religious milieus it inhabits. This volume begins to redress this by filling important gaps in knowledge as well as introducing different audiences to new perspectives. In doing so, it enriches our understanding of one of the most influential Christian organizations of the late 20th and early 21st centuries.