



## IAMS MATTERS CHRISTMAS 2017

Dear IAMS Members,

Welcome to an extra Christmas issue of IAMS Matters. For the IAMS Exec 2017 has been an exciting and stimulating year where we have worked to live up to the responsibility that we accepted when we agreed to serve the IAMS community for four years. As I have previously informed you, in June the Exec met in Notre Dame, USA in order to plan the coming four years and also to begin planning towards the next general assembly which will take place at Morling College in Sydney between 9<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> July 2020. During 2017 we have also improved our internet platforms (missionstudies.org, our membership database, the new Facebook page) and our administrative systems; we have expanded our academic scope by accepting two new study groups; a few of us have met in London for preparatory work towards the conference; and we have welcomed around 25 new members to IAMS from different parts of the world. All in all, it has been a good year for IAMS and we look forward to the coming years.

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As always, if you have any information that you think might be of interest to IAMS members please email me at [iams@missionstudies.org](mailto:iams@missionstudies.org).

I would also like to remind you to regularly login to the database at missionstudies.org in order to 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*.

Finally this will be the last IAMS Matters in 2017. Since IAMS membership fees follow the calendar year, I would like remind you to pay your membership fees for next year if you have not yet done so. You can pay your membership fees here: <http://missionstudies.org/index.php/payments/>

The IAMS Exec wishes you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Aron Engberg  
IAMS Secretary

## NEW JOURNAL

The *Journal of Global Catholicism* is a peer-reviewed scholarly journal dedicated to fostering the understanding of diverse forms of lived Catholicism with attention to their significance for theoretical approaches within and across multiple academic disciplines. For more information or to read the latest edition, visit <http://crossworks.holycross.edu/jgc/>.

The *Journal of Global Catholicism* is part of the Catholics & Cultures initiative of the [Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J. Center for Religion, Ethics and Culture](#) at the College of the Holy Cross. The Journal welcomes the interest of scholars of a variety of affiliations, including independent scholars and advanced graduate students.

Articles and essays in the *Journal of Global Catholicism* may address:

- classical topics in the study of lived Catholicism, such as devotion to Mary and the saints, pilgrimage, and popular visions and apparitions;
- modes of secularity and post-secularity as they relate to lived Catholicism;
- race, class, gender, sexuality, ethnicity, and indigeneity;
- lived Catholic theologies;
- various types of movements involving lay Catholics, including but not limited to healing, liberation, post-colonial, and Charismatic movements;
- Catholic charitable service and economic development;
- religious formation in the lives of Catholic laypeople;
- migration, travel, tourism, and shrine cultures;
- Catholic material cultures; and
- methodological discussions in the study and pedagogy of lived Catholicism.

Lived Catholicism is an intentionally broad designation that encompasses the various ways Catholicism is expressed and embodied through practical human activity. Within this rubric, submissions are encouraged that explore the ways Catholics are developing a global sense of what it means to be Catholic today by considering the implications of Catholic expressions and embodiments in relation to issues of global concern. Studies that are broadly comparative in scope are encouraged as are specific case studies. Articles that draw upon ethnographic, historical, or theological methods are all appropriate; photo essays and articles that examine issues in the teaching of global Catholicism are also welcome. All publications in the *Journal of Global Catholicism* are intended to be of interest to professional audiences in academic disciplines where religion is studied, including anthropology, history, sociology, media studies, psychology, theology, and philosophy.

The *Journal of Global Catholicism* is part of the Catholics & Cultures initiative, to explore the religious lives and practices of Catholics around the world. It is administered by the Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J. Center for Religion, Ethics and Culture at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts, USA. Learn more at [catholicsandcultures.org](http://catholicsandcultures.org) or email the editors at [JGCEditors@holycross.edu](mailto:JGCEditors@holycross.edu).



## 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.

## 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](http://www.brill.com/mission-studies), and IAMS, see [www.missionstudies.org](http://www.missionstudies.org). Articles for the special issue should be submitted at [www.editorialmanager.com/MIST/default.aspx](http://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**

### *INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CATHOLIC MISSIOLOGISTS & NIJMEGEN INSTITUTE FOR MISSION STUDIES*

In collaboration with the European Section of the International Association of Catholic Missiologists (IACM), the Nijmegen Institute for Mission Studies (NIM) invites you to contribute to a conference and a book to commemorate the 75th anniversary of Henri Godin and Yves Daniel's book, *La France. Pays de Mission* (Paris: Spes 1943).

#### **Topic**

In 2018 it will be 75 years since the French theologians Henri Godin and Yves Daniel published their book *La France. Pays de Mission* (Paris: Spes 1943). The book came as a shock to many. Was France, the heartland of Catholicism, really a territory for missionaries? It signified a breakthrough in European missiology. For scholars of European mission history the shock came as a surprise, as overseas mission was derived from European mission, and certainly not the other way around. It took until the Second Vatican Council before Godin and Daniel's ideas became more accepted. According to Karl Rahner the Second Vatican Council was the first manifestation of the World Church. After the Council, concepts such as 'mission in six continents' and 'mutual missionary assistance of churches' became widely accepted, at least in theory. In practice, dominant mission thinking retained the notion that Europe was the sending church and the rest of the world received. However, since the beginning of the third millennium this model has no longer been tenable. Ongoing secularization in the Catholic heartlands on the one hand, booming Catholic migrant communities and an influx of foreign priests in Europe on the other, blur the ideas of a 'sending' and 'receiving' church.

#### **Themes**

The conference and the book seek to do justice to the new situation as a *locus theologicus*, read the signs of the time and develop a contemporary European missiology. Proposed themes to be elaborated on are: Propagation of faith or missionary presence; mission in six continents and mutual missionary assistance of churches; mission to Europe or the reversal of 'sending' and 'receiving' church; local or global church and the role of extra-ordinary synods; secularism and de-churching in Europe; Catholic migrant communities and foreign missionaries in Europe; the presence of Islam in Europe and the challenge of inter-faith dialogue, and the changing place of European churches in the context of the World Church.

**Organization**

The conference will be hosted by the Nijmegen Institute for Mission Studies during the World Mission Month (October 12, 2018).

The book which has 'European Handbook of Catholic Missiology' as a working title will be edited by Wojciech Kluj, Klaus Vellguth and Frans Wijzen.

Please submit abstracts in English (max. 300 words) to [f.wijzen@ftr.ru.nl](mailto:f.wijzen@ftr.ru.nl) before 1 Jan 2018.

After selection by the editors, prospective authors will be invited to elaborate on their abstract before 1 Feb. 2018. The deadline for submitting papers will be 1 July 2018.

*"CHRISTIANITY UND MEDIATION: IMPLICATIONS - OPPORTUNITIES - CONFLICTS"*

March 14-16th, 2018 at the Phil.-Theol. Hochschule Sankt Georgen, Frankfurt/Main, Germany

The contemporary era is often perceived as an age characterized by significant changes in media and processes of mediation. The transition from "Gutenberg galaxy" (McLuhan) to "network-society" (Castell) has also initiated a reflection on the role and meaning of media and media change. Against this background, the upcoming conference sets out to explore the role and meaning of media and media change within the history of Christianity from an interdisciplinary and global perspective.

We'd be delighted, if you would save March 14-16th, 2018 for our conference and we are looking forward welcoming you in Frankfurt next year.

For more information, please visit our website:

<http://iwm.sankt-georgen.de/en/meetings/int-con/international-conference-2018/>

Conference languages are German and English. Simultaneous translation will be provided.

*ANSWERING THE CALL: HEARING GOD'S VOICE IN METHODIST MISSION PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE*

Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church and Candler School of Theology of Emory University will co-sponsor a conference entitled "Answering the Call: Hearing God's Voice in Methodist Mission Past, Present, and Future," April 8-10, 2019, in Atlanta, GA. A call for papers is available at <http://bit.ly/2rAMEQw>.

**OPEN POSITIONS**

*DOCTORAL POSITION IN GLOBAL CHRISTIANITY AND INTERRELIGIOUS RELATIONS*

Lund University joint faculty of humanities and theology will announce four-year doctoral positions in the beginning of February 2018. The announcement will be available on the faculty

website <http://www.ht.lu.se/en/> . The deadline of the applications will be the end of February 2018. The positions are salaried and full-time according to Lund University salary scale.

Global Christianity and Interreligious Relations (GCIR) will be one of the disciplines available. The eligibility criteria are a suitable master's degree and a sufficient command of English. The GCIR doctoral program is run entirely in English.

The doctoral positions are filled on a competitive basis with the quality of previous theses and the research proposal as the primary material of assessment. Other academic merits like publications, conferences, teaching etc. are an advantage.

For further information on the GCIR program, contact prof. Mika Vähäkangas, [mika.vahakangas@ctr.lu.se](mailto:mika.vahakangas@ctr.lu.se)