



IAMS MATTERS JULY-SEPTEMBER 2017

Dear IAMS Members,

Some time has passed since the last IAMS Matters and much has happened since then. As most of you will know, we have a new Executive Committee consisting of Paul Kollman (President), Bokyoung Park (Vice President and Asia Regional Representative), Valentin Kozhuharov (Treasurer), Kirsteen Kim (*Mission Studies Editor*), and the regional representatives: Norbert Hintersteiner (Europe), Darren Cronshaw (Oceania), Reggie Nel (Africa), Diane Stinton (North America), and Mariel Deluca Voth (South America). My name is Aron Engberg and I serve as the general secretary. As a part of this transition, the secretariat has also moved from CMS in Oxford, UK, to Lund University, Sweden.

A few weeks ago, the new Exec met face-to-face for the first time in Moreau Seminary at the University of Notre Dame, US. We spent several intense days discussing the administration of IAMS, the budget and finances, the organization of the study groups, the various regions (and the role of the representatives) and we started planning for the next general assembly. It was a very good and constructive meeting and I think I speak for the whole Exec when I say that it feels like we have several exciting years ahead of us.

Below follows some important news from the Exec, news about two upcoming conferences as well as one job announcement (please note that the deadline for this is fairly soon). If you have any information about conferences, meetings, new book releases or vacancies of interest to IAMS members please email me at iams@missionstudies.org.

Sincerely,

Aron Engberg

IAMS Secretary



IAMS CONFERENCE 2020

POWERS, INEQUALITIES AND VULNERABILITIES: MISSION IN A WOUNDED WORLD

The 15th Assembly of the International Association for Mission Studies will be hosted **9th-14th July, 2020** at Morling College, Sydney.

After considering several interesting proposals for the venue of the next IAMS general assembly the Exec decided to accept the invitation from the Australian Association of Mission Studies to host the conference at Morling College Sydney. Conference planning is already well underway and some members of the Exec will make an initial visit to Sydney in 2018 in order to meet with the local committee and to continue to work towards the conference. The Exec looks forward to working with AAMS in organizing the conference and invites all members, and other scholars interested in Mission Studies and Global Christianities to the event in 2020. Please mark the date in your calendars.

NEW 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

Call for Papers

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**.

CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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>.

CONFERENCE ON AFRICAN PENTECOSTALISM



First Conference on African Pentecostalism (CAP-2017) is to be held at the Pentecost Theological Seminary (PTS) at Gomoah Fetteh, Ghana. The PTS is on the same premises as the Pentecost Convention Centre (PCC), Kasoa, Ghana. The conference would be held from the 20th to 23rd November, 2017.

The main objective of CAP-2017 conference is to offer a platform for Pentecostal scholars and practitioners to engage and reflect on critical issues of their faith and practice and also offer their contribution to the global mission process. It will provide an opportunity to examine, assess and reflect on evolving praxis, theories and horizons on Pentecostal/Charismatic movements that will contribute to advancements in global understanding and appreciation of the movement. The second objective is to promote research and scientific data interchange between academics, ecclesial practitioners and students working in and around the world on the Pentecostal/Charismatic movement. The conference will be held bi-annually to make it ideal for people to share views and experiences on Pentecostalism and related areas.

For those who would be interested in presenting papers, we suggest you submit a paper on a relevant topic of your choice. Your submitted paper should be an original research, not published elsewhere or submitted/under consideration anywhere in other conferences/journals. It should be in MS Doc, point 12, double-spaced. All papers will be peer reviewed and accepted papers will be published in the *Pentecost Journal of Theology and Mission*.

Please note the following

Abstract of the Paper	15 th October, 2017
Notification of Acceptance	20 th October, 2017
Paper Submission (Full Paper)	1 st November, 2017
Arrival Date for Conference	20 th November, 2017
Conference Proceedings	21 st -22 nd November, 2017
Closing Date/Departure	23 rd November, 2017

We look forward to hearing from you and hope that you will be part of this important gathering.

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JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

SHORT-TERM LECTURER IN THEOLOGY AND ETHICS, PACIFIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE, FIJI

Pacific Theological College (PTC) is looking for full-time short-term lecturer for its Theology and Ethics Department. This is to cover sabbatical leave of the current Head of Department, Dr Vaai. The period to cover will be from mid-April (Semester 1B begins 16 April 2018) to the beginning of September (Semester 2A ends 7 September 2018). Actual start and finish dates will be negotiated with successful candidate.

PTC is located on the coast in Suva, Fiji. PTC's compound has housing for students and staff and faculty, administration building, chapel, lecture rooms, library, Mission Centre and sports facilities. PTC is a short drive to Suva's CBD, shopping centers, cinemas and churches.

Please send enquiries and applications for this position (full academic CV and letter of application) to:

Dr Upolu Vaai, ulvaai@ptc.ac.fj and Dr Richard Davis, richard.davis@ptc.ac.fj

Applications must be received by **31 July 2017**.

For more information see:

http://ptc.ac.fj/wp/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/ShortTermLecturer_2018.pdf