

The Global Forum of Theological Educators

Vision and Viability in Contexts:
Theological Learning and Formation

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Welcome to the second gathering of the Global Forum of Theological Educators!

The GFTE is designed to cultivate mutual learning, encounter, and dialogue among leaders in theological education from the six major Christian ecclesial families: Evangelical, Historic Protestant, Independent, Orthodox, Pentecostal and Roman Catholic. Participants at this, the second meeting of the GFTE, come from all parts of the world.

Participants. Although all participants come from institutions or organizations related to theological education, we are gathering as individuals and not as institutional representatives. We will share times of worship, prayer, Bible study, and presentations followed by table conversations on the education of Christian leaders. We will learn from our varied stories in theological education.

Methodology. The major methodological strategy for this conference is plenary presentations followed by sharing in table groups, with each table group including representatives from different Christian ecclesial families. Because all participants are experts in one or another area of theological education, plenary speakers will not take the majority of the time available and will use their presentations to introduce and encourage discussion. The table discussions will provide opportunity for broad dialogue on current visions and practices of theological education. The final session will be devoted to identifying what has been heard throughout these days. Following the meeting, a summary report will be prepared and shared with participants. This methodology assumes that the wisdom in the meeting belongs to all the participants, not a group of plenary leaders.

Sessions. Each day will begin with worship and prayer, followed by Bible study and conversation at tables. The thematic sessions will focus on issues we all face in theological education and formation for ministry, seen through the experience and wisdom of different Christian families and different locations. Each session will include opportunity for conversation with colleagues from different ecclesial families.

Outcomes. The hoped for results of learning and listening beyond the boundaries of regional and confessional networks, of praying and studying together, and of being open to the work of the Holy Spirit will be increased trust, ongoing mutual dialogue, new friends, and new partners of cooperation among leaders of Christian formation and theological education.

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Agenda

Monday, May 20

	Arrivals	
	Welcoming Convener: Lester Ruiz	
19:00	Welcome from the Orthodox Academy of Crete	
20:00	Evening meal	

Tuesday, May 21

7:30-9:00	Breakfast available	
	Morning Convener: David Esterline	
9:00	Welcome and Morning Prayers Led by participants in the Roman Catholic and Independent traditions	
9:30	Session One Genesis 12-20—What does Abraham learn on the road?	Havilah Dharamraj
10:45	Break	
11:00	Session Two How do our theological and educational methods shape outcomes? - Part 1: Looking for the right images	Willie Jennings
13:00	Lunch	
14:00	Optional tour of Orthodox Academy or Gonia Monastery	

Tuesday, May 21 afternoon

	Afternoon Convener: Daniel Aleshire	
15:00	Session Three How do our theological and educational methods shape outcomes? - Part 2	Oliver McMahan
16:30	Break	
17:00	Session Four Sustainability in theological education	Limuel Equina Marilyn Naidoo
18:30	Break	
19:30	Evening meal	
	Remainder of the evening free for conversation	

Wednesday, May 22

7:30-9:00	Breakfast available	
	Morning Convener: Stephen Bevans	
9:00	Morning Prayers Led by participants in the Orthodox and Evangelical traditions	
9:20	Session Five Luke 24—What do the disciples learn on the road to Emmaus?	Daniel Ayuch
10:30	Break	
11:00	Session Six How do we recognize and foster vocation? - Part 1: How does ACTS College recognize and foster vocation?	Davina Soh-Ng
13:00	Lunch	
14:00	Optional tour of Orthodox Academy or Gonia Monastery	

Agenda (continued)

Wednesday, May 22 afternoon

Afternoon Convener: Rufus Ositelu		
15:00	Session Seven How do we recognize and foster vocation? - Part 2: Context as a key determinant in fostering vocation: Lessons from African Independent churches	Nicta Lubaale
16:30	Break	
17:00	Session Eight Human migration and the churches' response	Liberato Bautista Gioacchino Campese
18:30	Break	
19:30	Evening meal	
Evening	Session Nine Panel on the Global Forum of Theological Educators Retrospective and Prospective	Daniel Aleshire Manfred Kohl Wonsuk Ma Katerina Pekridou

Thursday, May 23

7:30-9:00	Breakfast available	
Morning Convener: Katerina Pekridou		
9:00	Morning Prayers Led by participants in the Pentecostal and Historic Protestant traditions	
9:20	Session Ten Mark 7:24-30—What did Jesus learn on the road?	Laurie Brink
10:30	Break	
11:00	Session Eleven Theological education in China and the Chinese diaspora	Yilu Chen Janet Clark Deborah Gin Ruomin Liu
13:00	Lunch	

Thursday, May 23 afternoon

	Afternoon Convener: Wonsuk Ma	
15:00	Session Twelve How do we further missional fidelity in changing, challenging contexts?: Spontaneous, formal and highly structured	Milton Acosta
16:30	Break	
17:00	Session Thirteen Listening group report: Daniel Ayuch, David Baer, Janet Clark, Gemma Cruz, Kirsteen Kim, Rufus Ositelu, and Zakali Shohe	
18:30	Break	
19:30	Evening meal and closing activity	
	Remainder of the evening free	

Friday, May 24

7:30-9:00	Breakfast available	
	Departures to Chania Airport	

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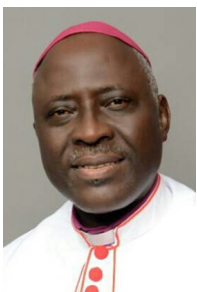
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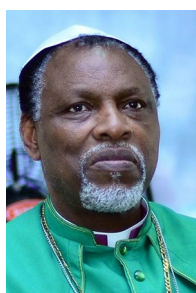
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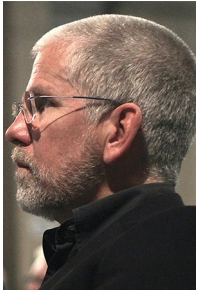
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