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The Centennial Celebration Academic Conference

Montego Bay, Jamaica
August 8-9, 2025

Call for Abstracts

Submission deadline: December 8, 2024

Conference Theme: "Redemptive Reset: The I Am, The AI and Christian Scholarship for the Empowerment of Community and the Future.

Conference Overview: The New Testament Church of God celebrates 100 years of ministry in Jamaica at a significant moment in human history during which the missional role of the church universal has never been more urgent. The redemptive power of the gospel - as a theological, spiritual, and practical reality - is needed by individuals, communities, and nations.

"Redemptive Reset" has an ambitious but timely mandate. The conference theme invites an exploration of what redemption can and should mean contemporarily.

The Centennial Academic Conference Committee (CACC) is excited about the potential of this exploration, with a particular focus on God's self-declaration as the "I Am" in a world celebratory of manufactured solutions to (essentially) man-made problems. Using AI - generative machine learning - as emblematic of possibility and threat, we invite researchers, theologians, academics, technologists, students, ministry leaders, and community development specialists to join us on this inspiring journey.

We welcome topics and sub-themes (non-exhaustive) as follows:

A. The I Am and Redemption

1. The meaning of “I Am” - exegesis and everyday life
2. 100 years of walking with the “I Am”
3. Theology, evangelism and missions
4. Willing God, (un)willing servants

B. Technology as “solution” - the case of AI

1. Technology as a solution - macro-social opportunities and threats
2. Technology as ideology - AI the new “messiah”
3. A theology of man and machine
4. AI and the rise of digital cultures
5. AI as a tool in church work, evangelism, and missions

C. The Academic and Redemptive Reset

1. Is there a contemporary “Christian” scholarship or a scholarship of and by Christians?
2. Scholarship and Kingdom advancement - exemplars and approaches
3. Mentorship, intellectual pursuits, cultural shifts
4. Fostering inter-professional and generational collaborations
5. Funding opportunities, publications and research

D. Community Development, Empowerment, and Engagement

1. Vision, Culture, and Strategy - engaging Community Service Organisations (CSO), collaborations and partnerships, varying community research methods
2. Bridging the generational divide - intergenerational priorities, clarity, consistency, creativity
3. Growth, outreach, and impact - fostering healthy communities (spiritual, mental, emotional, and physical); political, financial, and environmental health.
4. Say, “The I Am sent me to you” (Exodus 3:14b)

Submission Guidelines:

- **Abstract Length:** 300-500 words
- **Format:** Please include a brief overview of the research, key findings or arguments, and relevance to the conference theme.
- **Submission Deadline:** December 8, 2024
- **Submission Email:** conference2025@ntcog.org
- **Review Process:** All abstracts must be submitted electronically and will undergo a peer-review process. Selected abstracts will be invited for podium

or poster presentations at the conference. Only complete submissions will undergo a review. A confirmation email will be sent to the primary author.

Criteria for Selection

Abstracts must include all the following to be considered:

- **Background:** clear articulation of context for research study, project, or innovation, including relevant literature
- **Objectives:** substantive, clearly stated purpose of the research study, project, or innovation
- **Methods:** a clear description of how the research study, project, or innovation was conducted and implemented, with sound and appropriate project/study design
- **Results and Improvements:** definitive statement of changes, how these occurred, and explanations
- **Significance/Implications/Relevance:** implications of the research study, project, or innovation beyond the local setting

- **Podium or poster presentations:** must be complete original research, quality improvement/evidence-based practice projects, or programmatic innovations.
- Systematic literature reviews, research studies, projects, or innovations in progress may be submitted as poster presentations only.
- Abstracts presented or published elsewhere within the past 12 months must be updated to correlate with the conference theme.

Abstract Author Policy

- Details of accepted abstracts will be included in the conference proceedings, including abstract title and information, author name/degree/affiliation, and abstract content.
- No changes can be made to the accepted abstract after confirmation of acceptance for presentation at the conference.
- The primary author:
 - is the point of contact for all communication with the CACC and must share all necessary information with co-author(s).
 - must register for the conference and present the abstract. If an emergency calls for a replacement presenter, the CACC must be notified in writing via email at conference2025@ntcog.org. Presenting co-authors must also register for the conference.

Conflict of Interest

Presenters must disclose any potential conflict of interest related to the content to be presented, including, but not limited to, profitable or non-profitable interests or affiliation,

and affirm that their abstract presentations will not be used to sell or promote a particular product or service. The CACC reserves the right to rescind abstract acceptance based on any conflict of interest discovered after the fact.

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