



2018 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MISSION STUDIES

THEME
ANSWERING THE CALL: MISSION IN TIME OF TERROR
May 30-June 1, 2018

CALL FOR PAPERS

In recent years, missionaries, faith-based development workers, and Churches around the world are experiencing an escalating threat of violence from various terrorist groups. Some are targeted, not for their faith but because they are easy targets. Religious extremism (e.g. ISIL, Abu-sayyaf, Christian militias, etc.) that emerged in the 21st century has challenged Churches, theologians and missiologists to revisit Christian's understanding of mission.

Our chief aim is to bring together multi-disciplinary scholars working on the topic of mission, religion, violence, and peacemaking from historical as well as contemporary perspectives. In particular, we are interested in papers that examine interaction between mission (conversion, proselytism or Christianization) and people of other traditions in a variety of cultural and regional contexts, the response from extremist groups and how mission groups deal with this emerging challenge. This will be held on May 30-June 1, 2018 at Silliman University, Philippines.

Through keynote presentations and group discussion after each speaker, this conference will provide opportunities to deepen our understanding of Christian mission, inter-religious relations, the patterns of religious extremism and the nature and scope of our moral responses to them.

We plan to publish selected papers from the conference.

Among the topics or questions papers might address are the following:

- Conversion, Proselytism and Mission
- Analysis of religious extremism and violence
- Relationship between religious freedom and religious extremism?
- Fostering interreligious understanding and cooperation
- Non-Muslim minorities in religiously pluralistic context.
- Models of religious responses to violence;
- Religious resources for peace
- How is religion being interpreted, appropriated and reinvented in order to mobilize political change in contemporary society?
- How do notions of citizenship inform interpretations of religious identity?
- Assessments of religious ethical approaches to war and peacemaking;

We welcome contributions from theology, religious studies, biblical studies, philosophy, history, law, politics, sociology and anthropology.

Submission Details: December 15, 2017.

Please send abstracts of approximately 300 words to:

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Sessions will be composed of 20-minute papers with 10 minutes for questions.

The participants will be required to submit a first (full) draft of their papers at least four weeks before the conference.

Registration: P 4,000.00 or \$ 100.00 (inclusive of snacks and lunch)

Accommodation: Participants are requested to make arrangement regarding accommodation. The organizer can assist and facilitate the reservation.

