

Cura Vitae. The Care for and Healing of Life

SECOND CALL FOR PAPERS

The 6th African Congress on Pastoral care and Counselling of the African Association for Pastoral Studies and Counselling (AAPSC)

Dates: Monday 14 September – Friday 18 September 2009

Venue: Stellenbosch University, South Africa

The 6th Congress of the AAPSC follows on the 5th Congress that was held in Abuja, Nigeria, 22-29 July 2006.

The theme of the Congress will provide an opportunity to explore aspects of a theology of life and the healing of life from the viewpoint of Christian spirituality. *In the words of Daniel Louw, professor on Pastoral Theology, Pastoral care and Counselling at Stellenbosch and author of the book Cura Vitae Illness and Healing of Life in Pastoral Care and Counselling (2008:11):* "Cura vitae is about the question how the perspective of the resurrection in Christ, and the indwelling presence of the Spirit, can contribute to the empowerment of human beings; it is about hope and care and the endeavour how to give meaning to life within the reality of suffering, our human vulnerability, and the ever existing predicament of trauma, illness and sickness".

You are hereby invited to submit a proposal for a paper related to this theme.

Previous themes were:

5th Congress, Abuja (Nigeria), 2006 - Beyond HIV/AIDS: Health, Poverty Alleviation and Pastoral Care in Africa

4th Congress, Yaounde (Cameroon), 2001 – Doing Pastoral Counselling in a time of crisis in Africa

3rd Congress, Pretoria (South Africa), 1997 – Pastoral Work in Africa – A different approach

2nd Congress, Accra (Ghana), 1992 – Reconciliation

1st Congress, Kinshasa (Zaire), 1988 – Men and Women in Relationships

Papers on topics other than the conference theme will also be considered for small group sessions.

In addition, please note the following:

Any person may participate in the programme. You do not need to be a member of the AAPSC. Scholars and post-graduate students are warmly encouraged to submit proposals. Works in progress may also be presented

The AAPSC cannot support speakers financially, e.g. to cover costs for transport, accommodation or conference fees.

Proposals may be submitted in English or French.

Please send the title of your proposal, a short abstract of 100-200 words describing the content of the proposed paper and your personal contact details to the secretary at the address mentioned below.

- Final date for submission of paper proposals: **31 March 2009**
- Confirmation of accepted papers and pre-final draft of the AAPSC programme: **30 April 2009.**
- Final conference programme will be distributed after **31 May 2009.**

We are looking forward to welcoming you at the 6th Congress of the AAPSC.

Sincerely,

Llewellyn LM MacMaster (AAPSC secretary)

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