

THE 6TH AFRICAN CONGRESS ON PASTORAL CARE
&
COUNSELLING

AFRICAN ASSOCIATION FOR PASTORAL STUDIES
&
COUNSELLING (AAPSC)

**Cura Vitae. The Care for and Healing of Life
(Alternatively, Healing for Africa from Africa)**

DATE:

Monday 14 September – Wednesday 18 September 2009

VENUE:

Stellenbosch University, South Africa

PREAMBLE

The African Association for Pastoral Studies and Counseling (AAPSC) was formed in 1985. It seeks to promote the Advancement of Pastoral Studies and Counseling from a distinctively African perspective and worldview.

The AAPSC encourages specialized consultation, researched publications, and training in clinical and counseling education relevant to the African situation.

The first Congress was in Kinshasa, (D.R.C.) the second in 1993 in Accra (Ghana) the third in 1997 in Pretoria (South African), the 4th in 2001 in Yaoundé, Cameroon and the 5th in Abuja, Nigeria in 2006.

MISSION

The Association is to promote the Ministry of Pastoral Care and Counseling throughout Sub-Sahara Africa through:

- I. Developing chapters in each sub-Sahara country and Africans in Diasporas.
- II. Promotion of the training of clergy and laity in the ministry of care and counseling, and
- III. Encouraging the Africans in the Diasporas to assist in the promotion of the ministry of care and counseling in the continent of Africa.

CONGRESS AIMS

- To create a platform in Africa to share and discuss scholarly work done in the field of Pastoral Care and Counseling.
- To further discuss and present research and preliminary research findings amongst African scholars in the field of Pastoral Care and Counseling.
- To reflect on challenges facing communities and people on the African continent from a specific perspective, i.e. pastoral studies and counseling.
- To establish, build and strengthen partnerships between researchers and practitioners in Africa.

Benefit of the conference

This conference provides a place to share research and practices in the field that has relevance to Pastoral Theological scientists, faith communities and faith based organisations, and as such will contribute to the research community. There will be opportunities for networking and establishing collaboration with national and international partners.

It will also be an opportunity for leading role-players both in academia and those in practice to come together to debate crucial issues that will help Africa to heal and care for Africa.

KEY-NOTE SPEAKER

Fr Michael Lapsley, SSM
Director of the Institute for Healing of Memories

INVITED SPEAKERS AND PRESENTERS includes:

Prof. Emmanuel Lartey (Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta)

Prof Daniel J Louw (Stellenbosch University)

Prof Maake Masango (Pretoria University)

Prof. Daisy Nwachuku (Nigeria)

Rev. Dr. Samuel Ayete-Nyampong (Ghana)

SUB THEMES:

- The Care for and Healing of Life
- Healing from the wounds of war
- Healing from violence
- Healing from poverty
- Healing from Hiv/Aids
- Healing from the devastation of global warming

WORKSHOPS

Workshop presenters should come with 20 copies of their papers for distributions.

REPORTS FROM COUNTRIES

Participants are expected to make brief reports on issues affecting their countries and communities.

PARTICIPANTS

Local and international researchers, especially from Africa; Members of organizations such as the: South African Association of Pastoral Care (SAAP) and others. Post-graduate students.

CONGRESS VENUE

Faculty of Theology, Stellenbosch University

ACCOMMODATION

A list of Hotels and B&B's within walking distance of the conference venue is included.

POST CONGRESS TRIP

Two days are set apart for sightseeing tours which are optional and not included in the conference fee (See application form below)

CONGRESS LANGUAGES: English and French

TRANSPORTATION

Please book flights to Cape Town International Airport. Transport will be provided from and to the airport.

AAPSC CONGRESS 2009 REGISTRATION

Name (Title, first name and surname):

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Institution:

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Male: Female

Mailing Address:

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Email:

Tel:

Fax:

Congress Registration Fee: \$60 (ZAR500)

AAPSC Registration Fee: \$30 (ZAR300)

Total Amount:

Cheques should be made out to:

The African Association for Pastoral Studies and Counseling

Sightseeing Tours (Optional)

Please indicate if you are interested to go on the sightseeing tours:

Table Mountain Cableway:
R145.00 pp return fare + Transport fee

Trip around the Cape Peninsula
including visit to the Cape Point Nature Reserve:
(R60pp entrance to the Reserve + Transport fee ± R150-R200, depending on the numbers)

Visit to Robben Island
Tickets are sold at R180 for adults.
The three and a half hour tour includes a return trip across Table Bay, a visit to the Maximum Security Prison, interaction with an ex-political prisoner and a 45 minute bus tour with a guide providing commentary

Boland Wine tasting Tour: Visit a few wine
Along the world-famous Western cape
Wine Route (Costs: Transport and wine tasting)

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