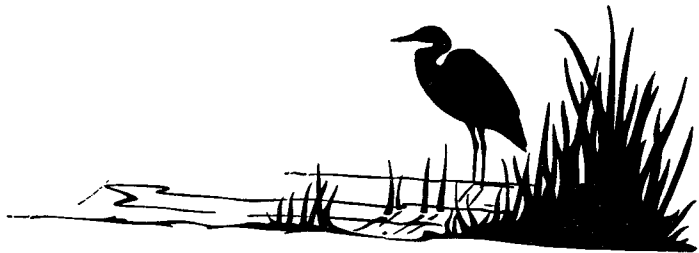
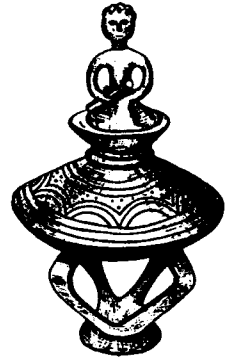
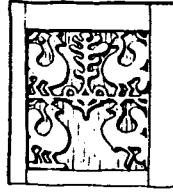




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The editors of the newsletters welcome any contributions and comments. Please submit entries to Gerrie ter Haar or Abdulkader Tayob, or any of the regional representatives who will pass them on. We would prefer, wherever possible, your contributions on computer disk format. E-mail messages may be sent to [tayob@socsci.uct.ac.za](mailto:tayob@socsci.uct.ac.za). The information supplied in the Newsletter is accurate to the best of our knowledge. We, however, do not take responsibility for errors and omissions.



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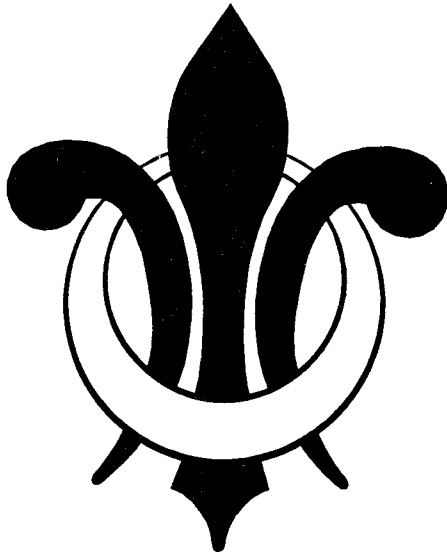
As reported in the first issue of the AASR Newsletter (September 1993), the AASR sub-committee on publication policies has planned to start a new scholarly series, 'Studies of Religions in Africa'. The editors of the series will be the chairperson of the AASR, Jacob Olupona (University of California, Davis), and the chairperson of the AASR sub-committee on publication policies, David Westerlund (Uppsala University). The editorial advisory board will have the following members: Ulrich Berner (Bayreuth University), Louis Brenner (School of Oriental and African Studies, London), Rosalind Hackett (University of Tennessee, Knoxville), Jocelyn Hellig (University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg), Isaria Kimambo (University of Dar es Salaam), Penda Mbow (C.A. Diop University, Dakar), V.Y. Mudimbe (Duke University, Durham, North Carolina), Jan Platvoet (Leiden University), Martin Prozesky (University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg), Benjamin Ray (University of Virginia, Charlottesville).

The series is intended primarily, but not exclusively, for works by African scholars. In principle, studies of all religions found in Africa as well as all kinds of scholarly approaches may be accepted. The authors need not necessarily be older, experienced scholars but works by younger, promising academics, such as doctoral theses of particularly high standard, may also be considered. Books in the series will be published by Hurst in London. Since they have a global market in mind, studies to be considered should be written for a fairly wide circle of readers. Readability and high scholarly quality are key criteria for assessing manuscripts.

An important aim of the AASR is to make sure that books published in the series are distributed to university libraries and other important educational addresses in Africa. At the IAHR conference in Mexico City in August 1995, the plans for the AASR series as well as other publication issues will be discussed. Among other things, there is a proposal that the AASR should support financially and in other ways the publication of

some journals in religious studies which are produced in Africa. Another issue that will be discussed is whether or not the AASR should have a journal of its own.

Scholars who have manuscripts which they would like to have evaluated for possible publication in the series 'Studies of Religions in Africa' are welcome to contact either Jacob Olupona ( University of California, African-American and African Studies Program, David, CA 95616, U.S.A.; fax: 916 752 9704) or David Westerlund (Uppsala University, History of Religions, Faculty of Theology, Box 1604, S-75146 Uppsala, SWEDEN; fax: 18 126875)). Please send us an abstract or summary and/or a table of contents of your work. If your study seems to be of interest to the editors as well as to Hurst, we will then ask you to send us the full manuscript.



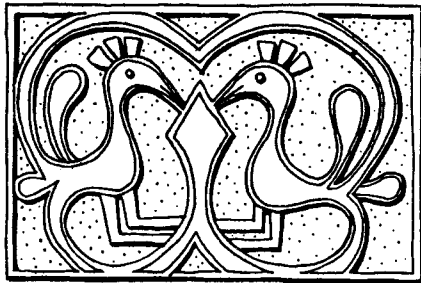
## ON THE NEWS FRONT

**Dr. Teresia Hinga** has moved from Kenyatta University in Nairobi to De Paul University in Chicago where she is attached to the Department of Religious Studies at 2320 North Kenmore Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60614-3298, U.S.A.. Tel. (312) 362-5957.

**Patrick Kaibunga**, lecturer of biblical studies at Kenyatta University in Nairobi, has spent three months of study in the Netherlands to prepare a Ph.D dissertation. He has returned for field research in Kenya and will return to the Netherlands in 1996.

**Dr. Ephraim Mandivenga** of the Department of Religious Studies, Classics and Philosophy, at the University of Zimbabwe, is currently on a teaching exchange with the Centre for the Study of Christianity in the Non-Western World, based in the University of Edinburgh. Dr Mandivenga will be in Edinburgh until 31 July 1995, and will be teaching the course in the Masters of Theology Program on Islam in Africa. He will also supervise aspects of Masters dissertations.

In exchange, Dr. James Cox of the University of Edinburgh will at the University of Zimbabwe from 1 April 1995 to 30 June 1995, and Prof. A.F. Walls, Director of the Centre, will be in Zimbabwe for the second term. Dr. Cox and Prof. Walls will share the course in the University of Zimbabwe on "The Early History and Doctrine of Islam".



**The Centre for New Religions**, King's College London, held its Annual One Day Conference on 10th December 1994, on the theme of African New Religions in the West. The following papers were presented:

- "The divine feminine among Trinidad's Earth People" by Prof. Roland Littlewood (University College London),
- "The Shakers of St. Vincent" by Dr. C. Gullick (University of Durham),
- "The African Diaspora in the Netherlands" by Dr. Gerrie ter Haar (Katholieke Theologische Universiteit at Utrecht),
- "Umbanda" by Tina Jensen (University of Copenhagen),
- "Candomble" by Dr. Peter B. Clarke (King's College London),
- "The Cherubim and Seraphim Church in London" by Hermione Harris (SOAS London),
- "Religious traditions in the African diaspora" by Roswith Gerloff (University of Leeds).

### **Christianity in Africa Project.**

From the 19th to the 21st May last year the Ghana preparatory conference for the September West Africa conference on *Christianity and Nation-building in West Africa - Historical, Religious and Theological Perspectives*, was held at the Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration (GIMPA), Achimota. The conference, which was co-ordinated by the Centre, drew together 15 participants with an interest in the impact of Christianity on Ghanaian society. These were mainly lecturers and a few post-graduate students from a number of tertiary institutions, including the University of Ghana, Legon, the University of Cape Coast and Trinity College, Legon, as well as Akrofi-Christaller Centre. Representatives from the Christian Service College, Kumasi, and the Tamale Institute for Cross-Cultural Studies (TICCS), were unable to attend.

The three-day programme consisted of papers on, and discussion of, Christianity's role in nation-building in Ghana from religious, historical and theological perspectives. The conference generated much lively discussion and concluded with proposals for future action with regard to the issues raised during the programme. Participants identified major areas for investigation in line with the main aims of the Christianity in Africa



project, which is to generate among African scholars sufficient interest and concern for the impact of Christianity in African society so as to lead to renewed activity in academic research in African institutions, and in turn, to create a heightened awareness of the importance of such research into the ongoing impact of Christian Churches in social transformation in Africa and for the understanding of world Christianity.

**A. Malawi Conference.** The first of the Project's Regional Conferences was held from 17-22 December 1993 at St. Peter's Major Seminary in Zomba, Malawi under the local coordination of the Department of Theology and Religious Studies in Chancellor College, University of Malawi. The topic of the Conference was entitled, 'The Role of Christianity in Peace, Development and Reconstruction'. The Conference was organised around four major papers presented by invited guests and around specific case studies from the regions represented. Sixty-eight delegates participated in the proceedings representing the following institutions: University of Fort Hare, University of Botswana, Zomba Theological College, University of Zimbabwe, University of Malawi, St. Peter's Major Seminary, Centro Ecumenico de Ricatla (Mozambique), Kachebere Major Seminary (Malawi), University of Edinburgh, Chishawasha Major Seminary (Zimbabwe), University of South Africa, University of Hull, Dominican Community (Lesotho), University of Stirling, United Theological College (Zimbabwe), Christian Council of Lesotho, Morija Theological Seminary (Lesotho), University of Swaziland, Theological School of the United Methodist Church (Mozambique), Africa University, Murray Theological College (Zimbabwe). Although the majority of participants came from the Universities of Malawi, Zimbabwe and Botswana, the widened participation from other institutions was made possible by the co-sponsorship of the Association of Theological Institutions in Southern and Central Africa (ATISCA).

The main papers were given by Dr. K.J. McCracken of the University of Stirling in Scotland on 'Church, State and Reconstruction in Historical Perspective: The Case of Malawi'; Mr. Romy Tiongco of the University of Edinburgh on 'What Has Theology to Do with Development, Peace and Reconstruction?'; Mr. S. Mokitimi of the Christian Council of Lesotho on 'The Role of the Church in Development in Southern Africa'; and Prof. M.L. Daneel of the University of South Africa on 'African Independent Churches

Face the Challenge of Environmental Ethics'. The aim of the main papers was to present varying perspectives on the theme which could then be explored in detail in the case studies. The full Conference programme is included among the appendices to this report.

Following the Conference, a committee was established in Malawi to review the papers and make suggestions for revisions in the light of a possible publication. The Committee completed its report in May and subsequently each paper presenter was contacted concerning the suggested alterations. The deadline for receiving the revised papers in Edinburgh was set at 1 November 1994. The All African Council of Churches has agreed to publish the manuscript for African distribution. Currently, discussions are under way with Edinburgh University Press and Berg Hahn Publishers for a European/American version. The hope is to have the volume completed and published no later than mid 1995.

**B. Zimbabwe Conference.** The second regional conference was held at the University of Zimbabwe in Harare from 21-24 June 1994 under the title, 'The Interaction between Christian Religion and African Traditional Religions: Focus on Rites of Passage'. The local organisers chose to begin with a keynote address which all delegates attended and then to divide the remainder of the papers into two simultaneous sessions. This provided extended time for discussion while enabling the Conference to accept a large number of papers for presentation. In the end, twenty-one papers were delivered to the Conference.

Fifty-three delegates attended the Conference representing the following institutions or organisations: the University of Zimbabwe, the University of Botswana, the University of Malawi, Eduardo Mondlane University (Mozambique), the University of Fort Hare, the University of Swaziland, the University of Namibia, Venda University, the African Association for the Study of Religions, the University of Manchester, the University of Edinburgh, Chishawasha Major Seminary, United Theological College, Kenyatta University (Nairobi), and Selousi College (Zimbabwe). Utrecht University in the Netherlands sponsored the delegates from the University of Namibia, Eduardo Mondlane University, and Kenyatta University.

The keynote speaker for the Conference was Professor Richard Werbner, Professor of African Anthropology in the University of Manchester. Prof. Werbner's address was entitled, 'Allegory in Christian Encounters' and explored ritual as a process of value identity in the light of the process of inculturation which Prof. Werbner referred to as 'top-down syncretism'. Many of the other papers in the conference addressed aspects of Christian and Traditional rituals in the light of the processes identified in Prof. Werbner's keynote address. The full programme of the Conference is attached in the appendices.

A similar process for publication as followed for Malawi has been undertaken in Zimbabwe. Initial discussions, however, have been established with the Journal of Religion in Africa to publish a special edition containing selected papers from the Conference with a book to follow containing a full record of the papers. This would involve negotiations with Brill and the University of Zimbabwe Publications. A committee headed by Dr. E.C. Mandivenga, Head of the Department of Religious Studies, Classics and Philosophy in the University of Zimbabwe, has been established to explore these possibilities.

C. Ghana Conference. The third regional conference under the auspices of the African Christianity Project in the Centre for the Study of Christianity in the Non-Western World, University of Edinburgh, was held in Achimota (Accra), Ghana from 12-16 September 1994 under the theme, 'Christianity and Nation Building in West Africa: Historical, Religious and Theological Perspectives'. In total, 45 participants attended. Twenty-seven were from Ghana or working in Ghanaian institutions; ten came from Sierra Leone; two attended from Nigeria; one each participated from Cote d'Ivoire and Zimbabwe. From outside of Africa, two represented Edinburgh, one came from the Netherlands, and one attended from the United States. Among the paper presenters (excluding the keynote) three were given by the Ghanaian delegation and three from Sierra Leone. Additional papers were given from participants from Zimbabwe, Nigeria and Cote d'Ivoire. Eight delegates were respondents to papers, five from Ghana and three from Sierra Leone. Pre-conference meetings had been held both in Ghana and Sierra Leone in April to help prepare the participants for the Conference itself.

The official opening occurred on the morning of 13 September under the chair of the Rt Rev Professor Kwesi Dickson. Prof. A.F. Walls delivered the keynote address which challenged a Eurocentric interpretation of Christian history in Africa and endeavoured to identify Africa's place in the redemptive history of the church.

The historical papers focused on specific nations in the region. Dr. Addo-Fenning of the University of Ghana, Legon, discussed Christianity and Nation Building in Ghana. The Sierra Leone situation was presented by Dr Leopold Foullah, Principal of Sierra Leone Bible College. Prof. Ogbu Kalu of the University of Nigeria at Nsukka discussed the topic from a Nigerian

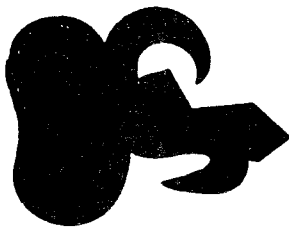
The religious perspectives were approached by Prof. F.J. Verstraelen of the University of Zimbabwe, Canon F. Emerson Thomas of the University of Sierra Leone, and Dr. Elom Dovlo of the University of Ghana, Legon. Each presented different angles on the topic but all raised issues about the mission of the church and its role in nation building in the light of religious pluralism.

The theological papers were delivered by Dr. Gustav Deveneaux of the University of Sierra Leone, Dr. Tite Tienou, Director of the African Theological Initiative in Abidjan, and Dr. Kwame Bediako of the Akrofi-Christaller Memorial Centre. Dr. Deveneaux's paper could be called historical-theological whereas Dr. Tienou and Dr. Bediako drew conclusions about the role of Christianity and Nation Building from a normative theological position.

The final day was devoted to workshops. The conference divided into three groups following the historical, religious and theological tracks. Each group was asked to identify major issues which had emerged from the papers and to propose strategies for action in response. The main suggestions for action were: 1) the creation of a regional bulletin or journal; 2) revival of the African Church History Society; 3) that funding be made available to encourage research and publications in the region; 4) that seminars, workshops and conference be conducted at sub-regional and regional levels; 5) the production of Christian teaching materials and curricula to assist on gender issues, identity and methods of communicating the gospel.

**D. Culminating Edinburgh Conference.** The concluding conference in the African Christianity Project in the Centre for the Study of Christianity in the Non-Western World, University of Edinburgh, has been planned for 21-24 March 1995 in Edinburgh. The conference will be consultative in nature taking Dr. Kwame Bediako's 'manifesto' for an understanding of Christianity in Africa as its starting point. Two representatives from each of the five African institutions linked to the Project will be invited. These include: the Departments of Theology and Religious Studies at the Universities of Malawi and Botswana, the Department of Religious Studies, Classics and Philosophy in the University of Zimbabwe, the Department of Theology at Fourah Bay College in the University of Sierra Leone, and the Akrofi-Christaller Memorial Centre for Mission Research and Applied Theology in Akropong-Akuapem, Ghana. In addition, others in the UK or Europe who have had a direct relationship to the Project or to the Regional Conferences will be invited. The aims of the Culminating Conference are: 1) to draw together the various themes within the Regional Conferences and achieve a summary of their implications for an understanding of African Christianity; 2) to reflect on the Regional Conference approach within the Project; 3) to make recommendations for future action resulting from any of the Regional Conferences or from the Culminating Conference itself.

**The Overseas Ministries Study Center** (New Haven, Connecticut) has announced the 1995 grantees of the Research Enablement Project. Among them are: Dr. Joseph Chakansa, University of Malawi, with a project on "Religious innovation in Malawi - the African initiative;" and Dr. Matthew Ojo, Obafemi Awolowo University in Nigeria, with a project on "Perspectives on missions and missionary enterprise among Nigerians Charismatic Movements."



## FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES

**The Humanities Research Centre**, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia, is organising a conference on Texts for understanding the African past, from 3-6 July 1995.

This major conference will focus on the modern experience of African peoples and the development of their cultures as Africa increasingly interacted with the world outside the continent. Through its emphasis on the more recent texts of cultural transmission (written, oral and material records) the conference will illuminate the subtle dynamics of African cultures. The conference will range widely in methodological problems and controversies in the use of "texts", as broadly conceived, explaining the ways in which Africa's history has been constructed, by whom and to what ends. Among the specialised issues in African history to be considered in the conference sessions will be:

- the shaping of African cultures through modern African writers of drama, poetry and fiction,
- the significance of gender in African texts,
- the power of ethnicity and religion in African cultures,
- the recording and interpretation of oral traditions, especially the voice of peasant Africa.

**The Centre d'Etude d'Afrique Noire** (CEAN) in the University of Bordeaux has a research group on "Dynamiques religieuses en Afrique noire" (Religious dynamics in black Africa).

The following seminars have been scheduled:

8 Mars: Quand le diable lit la Bible, les nouvelles Eglises a Accra/C. Toulabor. Cette seance a eu lieu a pau, co-organisee avec le CREPAO.

31 Mars: Les Oulamas comoriens de Marseille/Said Abasse Alloui (doctorant) presente sa recherche.

19 Mai: Avec le GDR "Pouvoir et societes au Sahel": Islam et identite dans l'emigration

soninke/Mahamet Timera (docteur en sociologie) presente sa recherche.

The Centre of African Studies, University of London, has scheduled the following seminars:

14 March: "Konzo prophets and politics on the Ugandan-Zaire border: some anthropological reflections" by Kirsten Alnaes.

23 March: "Murder, rape and witchcraft: criminal court data for gender relations in colonial Matabeleland" by Terence Ranger.



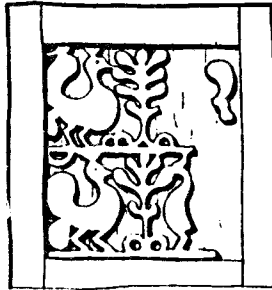
## RESEARCH GRANTS

The Religion Program of **The Pew Charitable Trusts** invites proposals for large-scale projects that will enhance team research and publication in studies of Christian Mission and non-Western Christianity. Grants for two- to three year collaborative projects with costs ranging from \$50,000-\$100,000 (U.S.) per year will be made on a competitive basis for work that will significantly advance understanding of cross-cultural mission or the development of Christianity in the non-Western world. Projects should be directed by one or more established scholars, have access to appropriate research facilities, involve scholars from non-Western cultures and contribute to the intellectual and cross-cultural

vitality of the world Christian movement. Projects that are international and interdisciplinary and that elicit significant contributions from the Two-Thirds World are particularly welcome. Two or three grants will be awarded at the end of 1995, subject to the quality of proposals received and the availability of funds.

Send letters of inquiry (three pages maximum) outlining the main purpose, components and cost of the intended project by May 15, 1995 to:

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**The Leventis Foundation** has extended its £10,000 per annum to support collaborative research between the Centre of African Studies in London and colleagues in Nigerian universities for a third year. The Steering Group welcomes the submission of proposals for research in Nigeria jointly from Centre Members and Nigerian colleagues. There is no special form but a brief outline with dates and proposed budget will be required. Applications are also invited for three-month sabbaticals during the 1995/96 session. Applications should be addressed to the Chairman of the Centre who is also Secretary to the Leventis Research Co-operation Programme, and should be in by 1 March 1995. The address is: Centre of African Studies, University of London, School of Oriental and African Studies, Thornhaugh Street, Russell Square, LONDON WC1H 0XG, United Kingdom.

**East African Visiting Scholarship Scheme.** The Centre is pleased to announce the launch of a new scholarship scheme for East African academics. During the first year of the scheme, Ugandan academics are invited to visit the Centre for a three month period in order to pursue research and/or course development in the broad field of African



studies in the Social Sciences and Humanities. Preference will be given to academics at an early stage in their career. The scholarship may be taken up during either the Autumn (September-December) or Spring (January-April) terms of the academic year 1995/96. Applications in the form of a 1,000 word research proposal and up-to-date curriculum vitae (and optional letter of support) should be submitted to the Chairman of the Centre of African Studies by 1 May 1995. For further information please contact the Centre office.

#### NETWORKING

Dr. Gerrie ter Haar is establishing a research network on African religious communities in Europe. Anybody working on the subject, or interested in doing so, is invited to contact her at: The Catholic University at Utrecht, the Netherlands  
(Address: Heidelberglaan 2, 3584 CS Utrecht).

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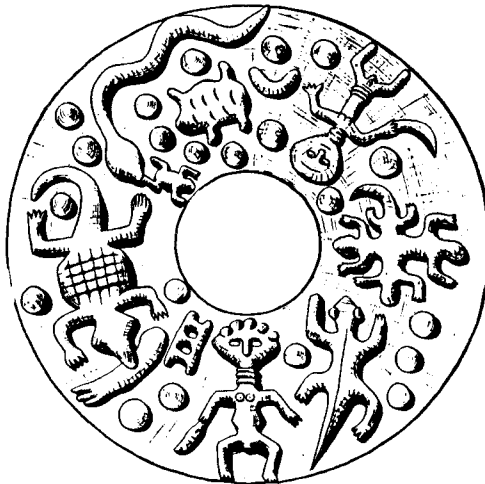
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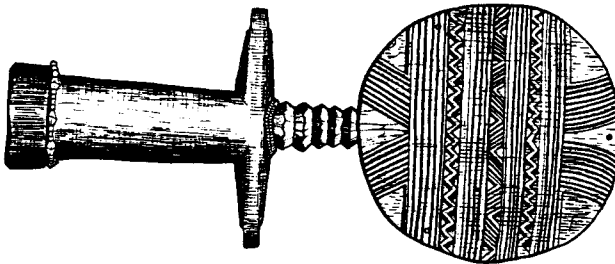
**NEW JOURNALS:**

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## PROFILES OF INSTITUTIONS

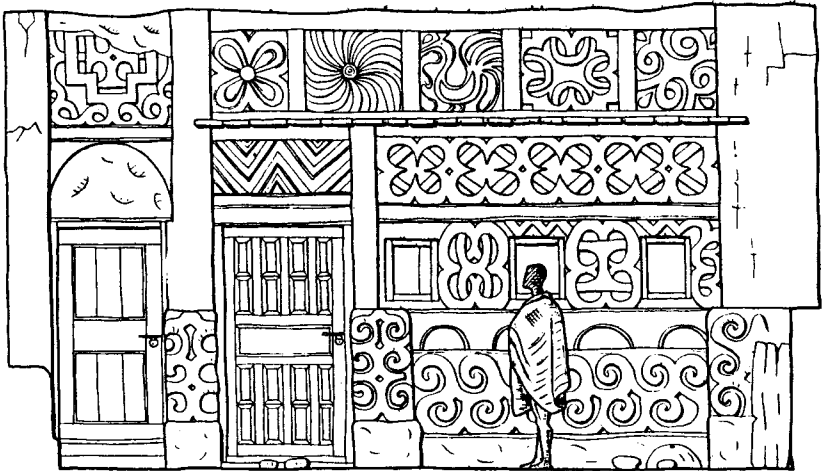
**The Humanities Research Centre (HRC)** of the Australian National University (ANU) in Canberra, Australia, was established in 1973. Within the ANU, the Humanities Research Centre has close links with the Faculties of Arts and Asian Studies, the Research Schools of Social Sciences and Pacific Studies, and the Schools of Art and Music. The HRC interprets the "humanities" generously, recognising that new methods of theoretical inquiry have done much in recent years to break down the traditional distinction between the humanities and the social sciences; recognising, too, the importance of established dialogue between the humanities and the natural and technological sciences, and the creative arts.

The Centre encourages interdisciplinary and comparative work, and seeks to take a provocative as well as supportive role in relation to existing humanities studies in Australia. It aims to give special attention to topics and disciplines which stand in need of particular stimulus in Australia. One of its central functions is to bring to Australian scholars of international standing who will provoke fresh ideas within, and beyond, the academic community. Africa will be the 1995 theme in the Humanities Research Centre.

**The University of London's Centre of African Studies** is the largest centre of expertise on the African continent outside Africa. Founded in 1965 at the School of Oriental and African Studies, where its administration is still based, since 1991 the Centre has assumed formal responsibility for networking Africanist scholarship throughout the University. Its present membership is in excess of a hundred scholars, consisting of about eighty tenured staff of the University of London, a little more than half of whom work at SOAS, as well as Professorial Research Associates, Research Associates and Associate Members, some of whom are affiliated to the Centre in the long-term while others take advantage of its facilities for the duration of a particular research project. The Associates of the Centre valuably augment the

academic range of its full members as well as extending the range of activities into business, finance, government, diplomacy and journalism.

The comparative study of religion and social change in Africa is a major theme of research in the Centre of African Studies. Interest in this broad field of research focuses on all three of Africa's religious traditions: Islam, Christianity and indigenous religions, and includes a particular interest in the study of religious thought and history. Current research includes such topics as the cultural politics of Islam and Christianity; the interaction of the Christian missionaries and the Yoruba in the mid to late nineteenth century and the resultant formation of the "modern Yoruba mind"; the history of the Zionist church of Isaiah Shembe among the Zulu; conversion and Islamisation in sub-Saharan Africa; Islam in North Africa; spirit possession, ecstatic cults and religious syncretism in Africa with special reference to Islam; religion as identity among non-Muslim Hausa, and the Islamic intellectual tradition in northern Nigeria; twentieth-century conversion and the heritage of the Adamawa jihad among the Chamba of Nigeria and Cameroon; religion and society on the Swahili coast.



### **African Studies in Bayreuth** by Ulrich Berner

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Bayreuth University is a centre of African Studies in Germany. The university library now has a collection of about 45 000 volumes and about 240 current journals in the area of African Studies. Research has been carried out in different departments and faculties, including the departments of literature and anthropology. There is also a special department of African languages. The department of Islamic and Arabic Studies specializes on Islam in Africa. The department of Religious Studies (Religionswissenschaft), which was established 1986, has developed a fruitful cooperation with Nigerian Universities. African scholars have been invited to spend their sabbatical year in Bayreuth to pursue their own research and present lectures on African religions in their area of specialization. In this way, students at Bayreuth University have had the opportunity of being taught African religions by African scholars. The following African scholars from Nigeria spent their sabbatical period in Bayreuth: Dr. Maurice O. Ene, University of Calabar (1988/89); Dr. Osmund Anigbo, University of Nigeria, Nsukka (1989/90); Dr. Friday Mbon, University of Calabar (1990/91); Prof. Emefie Ikenga-Metuh, University of Jos (1991/92); Dr. David Olayiwola, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile Ife, Nigeria (1993); Dr. Cyril Imo, University of Jos (1994). Prof. Jacob Olupona, at that time at Obafemi Awolowo University (1989), and Prof. S. Iwe, University of Calabar (1992/93), came to Bayreuth on study leave or spent at least a part of their sabbatical period there. During the next three years the department of Religious Studies will be involved in a research project on "Charismatic religious movements in West Africa". Two Assistant lecturers from Nigerian universities have been invited to Bayreuth for this period of time in order to do their Ph.D. studies in the context of this project. So the cooperation will continue in a modified form.

**Centre for the Study of Christianity in the Non-Western World**, University of Edinburgh.

African Christianity Project coordinated by Dr. James L. Cox

The Centre for the Study of Christianity in the Non-Western World is a postgraduate and research centre within the Faculty of Divinity of the University of Edinburgh devoted to teaching and research on Christian history and theology in Africa, Asia and the Pacific. The Centre was established in the University of Aberdeen in 1982 and transferred to the University of Edinburgh in 1986. It seeks to further the scholarly study of Christian life, thought and history in the non-Western world, to review the nature and history of the Christian mission, and to understand the dimensions of the Christian faith in a religiously plural world.

As a component part of the University's Faculty of Divinity, the Centre cooperates closely with the Theology and Development and Religious Studies programmes. It works also in cooperation with the University's Centre for African Studies, and with the Departments of East Asian Studies, Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies, Sanskrit, and Social Anthropology.

The Centre has been developing its own library and archival holdings since its founding and now possesses extensive published and unpublished sources housed in the Reading Room, most of which have now been entered into the catalogue listings of the University of Edinburgh. In addition, the Centre draws on the resources of the Edinburgh University Library which accommodates the considerable African Studies Collection and the New College Library which possesses the largest single collection in Britain of books on religion. The Centre is a few minutes' walk from the National Library of Scotland (a library of record for the United Kingdom).

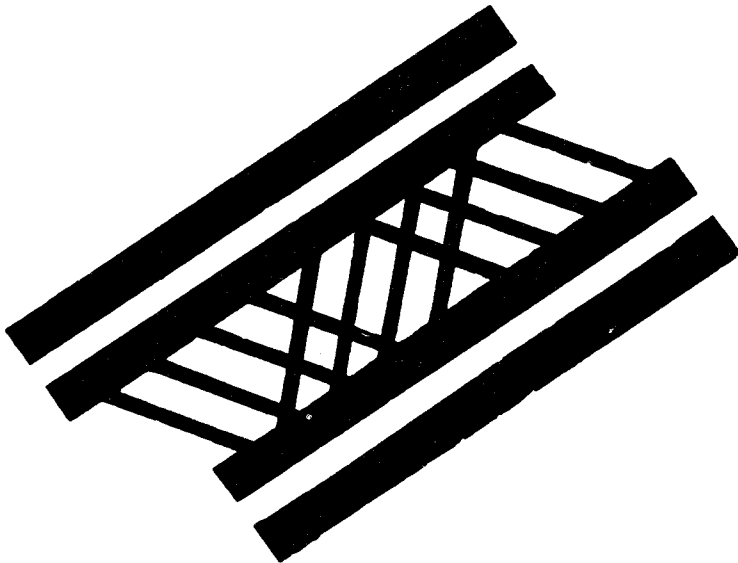
The Centre's principal activities consist of mutually supporting programmes of postgraduate teaching and research, collection of resources, networking with colleagues overseas, seminar and conference promotion, and bibliography, documentation and publication.

Postgraduate Teaching and Research. The Centre offers a unique opportunity for students at the intermediate level to obtain a Masters in Theology with a



specialization in Non-Western Christianity. Numerous students attend the Centre courses from the University's MTh in Theology and Development and its MSc in African Studies. At the advanced level it provides supervision for the higher degrees of MPhil and PhD. A majority of the Centre's students are from Africa and Asia, most of them already serving in or preparing for teaching posts or positions of Church leadership. In 1994-95, 12 students came from Africa, 11 from Asia, 10 from Europe, and 5 from North America.

Collection of Resources. The Centre's specialist library incorporates the mission library of the Church of Scotland. Its holdings include over 2000 periodical titles relating to mission studies or to non-Western Christianity and its various contexts. In addition, over the past six years, the Centre has received and expanded the archives of the Regions Beyond Missionary Union and the United Mission to Nepal. The Butler Christian Art Collection (the library of the late John Butler, iconographer and historian of Asian Christian art) is held at the Centre.



Publications. The Centre produces the quarterly bibliography of the *International Review of Mission*, and recently has completed a computerized cumulative version of all the bibliographical entries in the *Review* since 1912. Regular publications of the Centre include the *Bulletin of the Scottish Institute of Missionary Studies* and an annual *Survey of Current Literature on Christianity in the Non-Western World*.

Cooperation with Overseas Scholars. The Centre welcomes visiting scholars from overseas, an aspect of the programme which has expanded under the African Christianity Project. Through the link institutions and beyond them, the Centre has assisted the research and writing of a network of scholars producing an interchange of information, seminar programmes, and publications.

African Christianity Project. Since its inception in 1992, the African Christianity Project has obtained a high profile in the Centre and, through the Centre's link institutions, in Africa. Three regional conferences have been held in Africa with a culminating conference occurring in Edinburgh. Ten Research Fellows have been sponsored in the Centre for periods from three to nine months. The Centre's African resources have been catalogued and programmes with the linked African libraries have been begun. The African Theology Lecturer has been present each year for one term in the Centre and the Project has contributed regularly to the Centre's weekly seminar series.

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