

# THE REDEEMED CHRISTIAN BIBLE COLLEGE

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# THE REDEEMED CHRISTIAN BIBLE COLLEGE (RCBC) IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE RELIGIOUS DEPARTMENT, UNIVERSITY OF IBADAN ORGANISES

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### International Conference on African Pentecostalism

# CALL FOR PAPERS

### Theme:

# Globalisation of African Pentecostalism: The Changing face of World Christianity.

The twenty-first century has heralded a new dawn in the political map of Christianity with the proliferation of Pentecostalism across the globe. The shift in the centre of gravity of Christianity from the Global North to the Global South is predicated on the dynamic growth of Pentecostalism in Asia, Africa and Latin America. Consequentially, Pentecostalism has been described as the fastest growing Christian tradition in the world. The portable practices and transposable messages of the movement contributes to its appeal to its adherents across various cultural frontiers which often times resonates within the socio-cultural contexts where it is situated.

In the light of the forces of globalisation, migration and technological advancements, African Pentecostalism is no longer geographically delineated. The moral economy of corruption of African leaders, poverty, socio-economic and forced migration have paved the way for many African Pentecostal adherents to travel with their religious idiosyncrasies to various parts of the world. The declining fortunes of Christianity in the West and North America coupled with the fact that religion is consigned to the private space. This provides the missional motivation for the reconversion of former Christian heartlands to the Christian faith by African Pentecostal denominations. In the light of the associated challenges of migration and acculturation in a new cultural frontier, African Pentecostalism provides various opportunities for recreation of Africaness in Diaspora as well as identity negotiation in the host communities.

Attention has been drawn to the social, economic, political dimensions of African Pentecostalism generally. However, the urbanisation of African Pentecostalism across the globe necessitates critical engagement with respect to the changes that has taken place with the redrawing of the Political map of World Christianity.

Therefore, the Redeemed Christian Bible College in collaboration with the Religious Studies Department of the University of Ibadan, have jointly organised the 2016 International Conference titled "Globalisation of African Pentecostalism: The Changing face of World Christianity."

## **Keynote Speakers:**

- Professor Afe Adogame, Princeton Theological Seminary, New Jersey, United States. Maxwell M. Upson Professor of Christianity and Society.
- Professor Deji Aiyegbonyin, Head of Department, Department of Religious Studies, University of Ibadan, Nigeria.
- Professor Olufunke Adeboye, Department of History and Strategic Studies, University of Lagos, Nigeria.
- Professor Kwabena Asamoah-Gyadu,
  Director of Graduate Studies, Trinity Theological Seminary, Legon, Ghana.
- Professor, Folorunso Dairo, Head of Department, Department of Christian Religious Studies. Redeemers University, Ede. Nigeria.

To give attention to these issues and engage recent conversations on the subjectmatter in order to get some rewarding responses, the theme of the conference will be addressed with, but not limited to, the following sub-themes:

- African Pentecostalism and Globalisation
- African Pentecostalism-Migration and Cultural Identity within and outside Africa.
- African Pentecostalism and Politics
- African Pentecostalism and Music
- African Pentecostals and the challenges of Religious Identity.
- African Pentecostalism and Ethics within and outside Africa
- African Pentecostalism and Mission within and in diaspora
- Migration Within and Across Africa's Borders and the Laws.
- African Pentecostalism and media within Africa and Diaspora
- African Pentecostalism and space contestation in Africa and Diaspora.
- African Pentecostalism and Development within Africa and Diaspora
- African Pentecostalism and political map of World Christianity.

#### Venue:

Redeemed Christian Bible College, KM 46 Lagos Ibadan Expressway, Redemption Camp, Mowe, Ogun State Nigeria.

#### Conference dates:

**Arrival:** 19th of July 2016 (from 2pm). Programme commences with the welcome

address by 5pm

Conference days: 20th & 21st of July 2016.

**Departure:** 23<sup>rd</sup> of July 2016

#### **Submission of Abstracts:**

Interested participants are requested to submit abstracts of not more than 300 words with at least 5 keywords to <u>callforpapers@siconference.rcbc.edu.ng</u> and <u>enquiry@siconference.rcbc.edu.ng</u> on or before February 20, 2016. If abstract is accepted for presentation at the conference the paper should be submitted on or before 15<sup>th</sup> of June 2015. Interested participants that might want to form a panel should submit at least four abstracts for their panel. The Conference provides outlet(s) for publication; submitted papers will be peer-reviewed after the conference and published. Conference Registration fee: N 5, 000.00 (Nigerian delegates); \$200 (Foreign Delegates). For further details of the conference, please visit <u>www.siconference.rcbc.edu.ng</u>

#### Accommodation:

There are various facilities that participants can utilise during the conference at the Redemption Camp. However, the College Guest House is a 46 self-contained apartment which is available on first come first serve at a reasonable rate.