



AFRICA BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION NETWORK



On Mission
Matthew 28:19-20

21-23 JUNE 2023

Brackenhurst Conference Center
Tigoni, Kenya

Wednesday, 21 June

All times Nairobi (GMT +3)

- 8:00 - 9:00** **Worship**
Speaker: Erick Waweru
 Kweli Translation Trust
 Nairobi, Kenya
Music: Rev. Clayton Alexander
 Mauritian Bible Training Institute
 Coromandel, Mauritius
- 9:00 - 10:00** **Missions—*What Are We Talking About?***
Dr. Chuck Lawless
Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary
Wake Forest, North Carolina, USA
- 10:00 - 10:30** **Chai**
- 10:30 - 11:30** **Theology That Informs Missiology**
Dr. Rodney Masona
Principal, Zambia Baptist Theological Seminary
Lusaka, Zambia
- 11:30 - 12:30** **Reconceiving Teaching as Missional Practice**
Dr. Michael Aidoo
Northern Ghana Baptist Theological Seminary
Tamale, Ghana
- 12:30 - 1:30** **Lunch**
* **Librarians—Table Talk Luncheon in Dining Hall**
- 1:30 - 2:30** **Revisiting a Missional Curriculum**
Dr. Kennedy Mulenga
Cape Town Baptist Seminary
Cape Town, South Africa
- 2:30 - 3:30** **Producing African Mission Resources for the Church**
Dr. Kevin Rodgers
Theological Education Associate, IMB / Convener, ABTEN
Nairobi, Kenya
with Kepha Sakwa, ACTS Bookstore, Nyambura Kamau, Langham,
Mwangi Kiara, Ekklesia Afrika, Malele Nganu, Oasis International
- 3:30 - 4:00** **Chai**
- 4:00 - 5:00** **Thinking Missionally in Context**
Dr. Stuart Sheehan and Associates
World Hope Ministry International
Houston, Texas, USA
- 5:00 - 7:00** **Regional Meetings**
- 6:00 - 7:00** **Steering Committee Meeting (location to announced)**
- 7:00 - 8:30** **Supper**

Thursday, 22 June

All times Nairobi (GMT +3)

- 8:00 - 9:00** **Worship**
Speaker: Mark Rutuna
SOS Ministries
Luweero, Uganda
Music: Rev. Clayton Alexander
Mauritian Bible Training Institute
Coromandel, Mauritius
- 9:00 - 10:00** **Moving from Receivers to Senders**
Dr. Chuck Lawless
Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary
Wake Forest, North Carolina, USA
- 10:00 - 10:30** **Chai**
- 10:30 - 11:30** **Schools Equipping Healthy Churches that Send**
Dr. Moses Audi
Baptist Theological Seminary
Kaduna, Nigeria
- 11:30 - 12:30** **From Theory to Practice: Seminaries Doing Missions**
Rev. Clayton Alexander
Mauritian Bible Training Institute
Coromandel, Mauritius
- 12:30 - 1:30** **Lunch**
* **AB316 reserved seating in Dining Hall**
- 1:30 - 2:30** **Beyond Ministry Preparation: Teaching Missionaries and Evangelists**
Dr. Ebele Adioye
Séminaire Baptiste de Formation Pastorale et Missionnaire de Toumodi
Toumodi, Côte d'Ivoire
- 2:30 - 3:30** **Training African Bible Translators**
Dr. Grant Lovejoy
International Mission Board
Richmond, Virginia
- 3:30 - 4:00** **Chai**
- 4:00 - 5:00** **African Diaspora and Missions**
Dr. Mitch Hamilton
International Mission Board
North Africa
- 5:00 - 6:00** **Addressing the Challenges of Sending**
Dr. Nirintsoa Mamtiana
Shema Madagascar Ministries
Fort Dauphin, Madagascar
- 6:00 - 7:00** **Regional Meetings**
- 7:00 - 8:30** **Supper**

Friday, 23 June

All times Nairobi (GMT +3)

8:00 - 9:00 *Worship*

Speaker: Adam Haroun
Community Transformation
Theological School
Sudan

Music: Rev. Clayton Alexander
Mauritian Bible Training Institute
Coromandel, Mauritius

9:00 - 10:00 *The Power of Missional Theological Education: Relying on the Spirit*

Dr. Chuck Lawless
Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary
Wake Forest, North Carolina, USA

10:00 - 10:30 *Chai*

10:30 - 12:30 *Missional Curriculum Development Workshop*

Dr. Anna Daub
Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary
Wake Forest, North Carolina, USA

10:30 - 12:30 *Library Resources Workshop [Location to be announced]*

Ms. D'Anna Shotts
Baptist Theological Seminary
Kaduna, Nigeria

12:30 - 1:30 *Lunch*

*** Librarians—Table Talk Luncheon in Dining Hall**

1:30 - 3:30 *Business Session*

Election for a new Steering Committee and other business

3:30 - 4:00 *Chai*

4:00 - 6:00 *Resource Fair*

ACTS Bookstore, Oasis International, Ekklesia Afrika, Langham, AB316,
World Hope Ministries International, ACTEA, GTI SEBTS, Librarian Booth

5:00 - 6:00 *New Steering Committee Meeting [Location to be announced]*

6:00 - 7:00 *Closing Session*

7:00 - 8:30 *Supper*

Presenter Biographies



ERIC WAWERU is part of the pastoral staff team at Redeemer Bible Church, and the Founder and Editor in Chief at Kweli Translation Trust (a ministry that seeks to translate sound theological resources from English to Swahili). He is a husband, a father of three, and a MABC graduate from Central Baptist Theological Seminary, MN.



CHUCK LAWLESS is Dean of Doctoral Studies and Vice-President of Spiritual Formation at Southeastern Seminary in Wake Forest, NC, where he also serves as Professor of Evangelism and Missions. He is the author of several books, including *Spiritual Warfare in the Storyline of Scripture*, co-written with William Cook. Dr. Lawless was awarded an MDiv and a PhD in Evangelism/Church Growth from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY., where he also served as professor of evangelism and church growth for sixteen years. He and his wife, Pam, have been married for more than 30 years, and they live in Wake Forest, NC.



RODNEY MASONA is Principal of the Baptist Theological Seminary of Zambia where he also serves as a Lecturer. He has also served in pastoral ministries. Dr. Masona is the Vice Chairman of the Ambassador International University Council and an ABTEN Committee Member. He earned a Bachelor of Theology from the Baptist Theological Seminary of Zambia, a Master of Divinity from Nairobi International School of Theology (now International Leadership University), a Master of Theology from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, USA, and a Doctor of Philosophy in Preaching from the same institution.



MICHAEL SEBASTIAN AIDOO is the Principal of Northern Ghana Baptist Theological Seminary in Tamale in Ghana. He was a Dean of the School of Theology and Ministry of Ghana Baptist University College in Ghana. He holds a Post Graduate Certificate in Baptist History and Theologies. He is currently the Senior Pastor of Nkunim Baptist Church at Nkawie in Ghana. He has served the Ghana Baptist Convention in several capacities. He has been teaching theology for over twelve years with specialisation in Practical Theology. He is married to Rebecca and has seven children.



KENNEDY C. MULENGA has served the Cape Town Baptist Seminary since 2011 as Director of External Studies, Student Dean, and currently Acting Academic Dean. He has a PhD in Practical Theology from the University of Pretoria. He is a fully accredited minister of the Baptist Union of Southern Africa. He is married to Elizabeth, and they are blessed with a son, a daughter-in-law, two grown daughters, and a grandson. Kennedy and his family originally hail from Zambia.



KEVIN RODGERS and his wife, Suzie, are from North Carolina in the U.S., but they have lived and served in Africa for 26 years. Kevin served in pastoral ministry in the U.S. prior to coming to Africa. He has worked as a church planter, seminary lecturer and mission leader across Central and Eastern Africa. Kevin holds a M.Div. from Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary, and a Ph.D. in Missions from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He and Suzie have 3 children and live in Nairobi, Kenya.



STUART SHEEHAN is a theological educator and mission strategist. As President and CEO of World Hope Ministries International (WHMI), he works to help catalyze movements to make theological education globally accessible to every pastor and ministry leader. WHMI is currently working in 26 nations across Africa (50 nations around the world). Stuart earned doctorates from the University of Aberdeen, Scotland (PhD-Divinity) and The University of Texas at Austin (DMA). He is a member of the Evangelical Theological Society (ETS), the Evangelical Missiological Society (EMS), and has been a Praxis Scale Fellow. His research interests include global theological education, historical theology, worship, and Baptist history. Before serving with WHMI, he ministered in the local church for more than 30 years. He is married to his best friend, Amy. They have three grown children and together share the joy of being grandparents.



SWORO ELIKANA is a graduate of Bachelor of Theology from Baptist College of Theology, Lagos, and has Postgraduate Diploma in Religious Studies from University of Ibadan, Nigeria and Diploma in Accounting from YMCA, Kampala and several other profession training from Business Management Institute in Berlin, Germany. He is currently the Senior Pastor of Glory Baptist Church, Juba, South Sudan, the Regional Coordinator for World Hope Ministries International, South Sudan and a non-executive member of the Baptist Convention of South Sudan, he works closely with the executive, especially the president on key leadership and operations matters. Sworo has several years of working experience with several international organizations with the current one as Consortium Finance Coordinator (EMPOWER Project) at Norwegian Refugee Council Juba, Country Office. He is the founder of a voluntary Charity called Raja for Children initially Friends of Juba Orphanage that provides majorly Education support to the children of Juba Orphanage Home and other orphanage centers within. Ellie is also a writer/author and has written several articles and books.



KONTINE KAMBIRÉ ("DAVID") is currently the Regional/Area Coordinator of WHBI in Ivory Coast in West Africa. Born into an animist family in Northeast Ivory Coast, he was a shepherd of his father's livestock after his elementary school studies. He was a shepherd for three and a half years and after that he began farming the land. In the year 2000, he met the Lord by reading a Gideon New Testament that he received from his uncle, Jean-Paul, now his spiritual father. In 2002, while working on the cocoa plantations and praising the Lord with hymns, the Lord called him to share the gospel with those who do not know Jesus. In 2004, he was hired as an evangelist with a team from the CMA (Christian and Missionary Alliance) church and participated in several evangelism and church planting campaigns. After two years of Biblical training, he was sent on a mission to the Yowlè people in the Bouaflé region in Angovia from 2008-2009 and planted a church in Angovia. In 2010, he married Suzanne. Together, they have 4 wonderful children. He served in Yamoussoukro, Ivory Coast as the President of Council coordinating 500 students leading to 320 graduates in August 2017. David has shared WHBI all over Ivory Coast and started over 20 new locations throughout his country with over 1000 additional students/pastors and has reached 900 qualified graduates with several graduations on the horizon. He has vetted, trained and organized a dozen WHBI graduates in Ivory Coast who are competent, qualified and gifted to be faithful WHBI instructors. He has been instrumental through leading WHBI in Ivory Coast in bridging many gaps between various local evangelical denominations to work together to train their most isolated and underserved leaders. He has started new WHBI locations in several surrounding countries including Burkina Faso, Niger, Benin, Guinea, and Senegal with over 400 additional church leaders/pastors being trained.



MARK RUTUNA serves as the Deputy Principal of Shepherds Training College, a ministry of Sufficiency of Scripture Ministries. He also is the Preaching Professor. Rev. Rutuna earned the BABS from Louisiana Baptist University and an M.Div. from the Master's Seminary. He is married to his wife Margaret for almost 22 years now and blessed with three children (Stephen, Stephanie & Stefan).



MOSES AUDI is a Theologian and Missiologist who has committed thirty years to the Nigerian Baptist Convention's Theological Institutions and Missionary ministry at home and abroad. He is a scholar, researcher, and missionary. Two of his recent publications are *Hamartiology: A Christian Response to the Life of the Corrupted and Corruptible*, 2022; and, *Separation of the Church and State: African Evangelical Reflection*, jointly published with Dr. Foluke Ola, 2023. He serves currently as the President of the Baptist Theological Seminary, Kaduna. He is married to Denise Audi and their marriage is blessed with children.



CLAYTON ALEXANDER joined Cape Town Baptist Seminary and was soon after appointed as Youth Pastor at the Northpine Baptist Church, where he served for approximately 7 years. Clayton was appointed as Registrar at Mukhanyo Theological College in KwaMhlanga, Mpumalanga. Clayton served as Dean of Administration and Quality Assurance at the Cape Town Baptist Seminary. He later managed the International Student Services Office and the Head of Examinations and Graduations at the University of the Western Cape. Currently, Rev. Alexander serves as Principal of the Mauritian Bible Training Institute where he hopes to be of service to the Church on the Island and in the region by leading MBTI to provide sustainable and credible Theological Training in the region. The Lord was pleased to bless Clayton in marriage to Lauren and they have a daughter, Isla, and a son, Iain.



EBELE ADIOYE is the President of Séminaire Baptiste de Formation Pastorale et Missionnaire de Toumodi (SBFPM Toumodi). He serves as pastor of Église Baptiste Missionnaire Discipolat Yamoussoukro, and is involved in church planting and discipleship ministry. Adioye earned a Baccalauréat série D Lycée Classique et Moderne Daloa, Côte d'Ivoire, a BA from the University of Ibadan, Nigeria, a BTh Nigeria Baptist Theological Seminary, Ogbomosho, Nigeria, an MDiv from Mid America Baptist Theological Seminary, Memphis, TN, USA, and a PhD from the same. He is married to Marie and they have three sons and a daughter.



GRANT LOVEJOY has been Director of Orality Strategies for the International Mission Board of Southern Baptists (IMB) since 2004. Previously he and his family served in Africa and Asia, and he taught homiletics at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Texas. Grant co-edited *Biblical Hermeneutics and Making Disciples of Oral Learners*, plus three books on contextualizing theological education for oral cultures. Don Barger and Grant are co-hosts of "That Reminds Me of a Story," a podcast that discusses orality, missionary strategy, and storytelling. He and his wife, Donna, live in Glen Allen, VA. They have two married daughters and three grandchildren.



MITCH HAMILTON is a diaspora missiologist and migration strategist for the International Mission Board, Faith-Based Organizations, and church leaders. Prior to transitioning to the Sahel in 2015, he served as a senior pastor in urban contexts in the United States for nearly 30 years. His focus is on diaspora research among sub-Saharan African peoples in their places of origin, transition, and destination. He and his wife, Teresa, have a passion for gaining a deeper understanding of the challenges faced by migrants and creating opportunities to empower those who can directly engage them with the hope and gospel of Christ. Dr. Hamilton has served in leadership positions across his own denomination for over four decades and continues to write, lead conferences, and teach in globally diverse academic settings. He holds advanced degrees (Ph.D., D.Min, M.Div) in World Christian Studies, Missiology, and Biblical Studies. Currently, he and his wife divide their time between Africa and Europe, making their home along the Mediterranean Rim.



NIRINTSOA MAMITIANA is a native of Madagascar. He is an ordained minister of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Dr. Mamitiana is married to Toky and has four children (three daughter serve in Madagascar as indigenous missionaries. Dr. Mamitiana and his wife Toky started Shema Madagascar Ministries, an indigenous ministry focusing on training servant leaders of Jesus Christ through biblical teaching for local and global missions and discipleship. He has been the Senior Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Fort Dauphin, Madagascar since 2020. He is currently a lecturer and the pioneer of the Fort Dauphin Baptist Theological Bible School, running conferences and seminars to train pastors and church leaders who have a lesser educational background with the hope of enabling many to attend the Baptist Seminary of Madagascar. Dr. Mamitiana earned an MDiv and a Ph.D. in Missiology and World Christian Studies from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Texas. He earned his bachelor's degree from the University of the Nations of Hawaii with Youth With A Mission (YWAM), where he served as Discipleship Coordinator and a church planter for over 18 years. Together with his family, he has traveled extensively all for the sake of bringing the gospel of Jesus Christ to the nations and making disciples.



ADAM HAROUN ABDELJABAR grew up as a Muslim but Jesus saved him in 2007. God called him to preach His words among the Muslims in Sudan. Adam obtained his first degree in the Theology of Art in 2019. He started Community Transformation Theological School in Sudan where he serves as the principal of the school. Haroun also leads the Baptist Convention of Sudan.



ANNA DAUB is the Director of Special Projects and Partnerships for Global Theological Initiatives at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. She holds a PhD in Applied Theology from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, North Carolina and an MDiv in Missiology from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. She has also served overseas in South Asia and worked with international students in the United States. She earned a BS in Biology from Howard Payne University, and MDiv in Missiology from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and a PhD in Applied Theology: Missiology from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.



D'ANNA SHOTTS is an IMB missionary who has served for 26 years as the Seminary Librarian at Baptist Theological Seminary, Kaduna, Nigeria. She holds a B.S. in Education from Eastern Illinois University, an M.S. in Library Science from the University of Illinois, and has also studied at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. She worked at several public and university libraries in the US before coming to Nigeria, and also for three years at the Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary, Ogbomosho, Nigeria. Ms. Shotts is a member of the American Library Association, the American Theological Library Association and the Nigerian Library Association, and has presented papers at several national and international library meetings. She is also a Certified Librarian of Nigeria.

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