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THEME:

**MIGRATION AND THE CHURCH IN AFRICA: FACING UP TO A
CONTEMPORARY CHALLENGE IN CHRISTIAN MISSIONS.**

One of the hot news on the airwaves and the news media generally today is the worldwide migration crisis. Thousands of mostly young people travel dangerously by land, sea, and air to seek greener pastures in Europe, North America, and Asia. The international media have shown many footages of such migration attempts by young Africans including women and children, many of whom fall in the hands of human traffickers and end up as slaves, sex workers, or in refugee camps.

A significant number also die in the process. It is quite important that the voice and contributions of the Church in Africa are not lost in the midst of the many efforts being put into addressing this dehumanizing and depressing situation. What are the specific perspectives, contributions, and input of Africans both on the continent and in the diaspora? What is the place of Christian Mission in this human predicament of our time? Contributors to this call for papers may approach the subject from various perspectives, including but not limited to the following:

1. A biblical perspective of migration.
2. Mission response to human crisis situation.
3. Migration as opportunity for mission.
4. Networking and collaboration in dealing with migration challenges.
5. Christian advocacy for rehabilitation of migrants.
6. Exploring Christian ministry among migrant groups.
7. Cross-cultural orientation for mission to migrants.
8. Mission methodology for migration studies.
9. Mission in the African context.
10. Mission fields in Africa.
11. The "Great Commission" and migration.
12. Christian mission in multi-religious environment.
13. Mission and culture/cross-culture.
14. Missionary adaptations in a new context.
15. Prospects and challenges of mission in foreign lands.
16. Orientation for missionary work.
17. Mission to the marginalized.
18. Mission to people with special needs.
19. Mission financing.
20. Sustaining mission in foreign lands.
21. Domestic mission and migration.

Deadline for Abstracts: Submit a 300 word abstract by March 31, 2019.

Abstracts Selection: Selected abstracts to be notified by April 15, 2019.

Submission of full draft of paper: Submit full draft paper by June 30, 2019.

Submission of final paper by August 31, 2019.

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