JTS 2017 Theology Conference Schedule

Friday, September 8 – Free Public Lecture

The Zenas Gerig Memorial Lecture 7:00 p.m. Dr. Steed Davidson – “The Hazards and Opportunities of Sola Scriptura for Caribbean Biblical Interpretation”

Dr. Garnett Roper – Response to Steed Davidson

Saturday, September 9 – Conference Registration Required

Registration 8:00 a.m. Dr. J. Richard Middleton

Welcome & Introductions 8:30 a.m.

Session 1 Papers – Scripture, Politics, and the Church 9:00 a.m. Ms. Erica Campbell – “The Parable of the Good Samaritan: A Political Reading from a Caribbean Perspective”

Mr. David Pearson – “The Anatomy of a Church Healing”


Session 3 Papers – The Bible and Rastafari Hermeneutics 11:30 a.m. Dr. Christopher J. Duncanson-Hales – “Word, Sound, and Power: The Religious Imagination of Rastafari” Hermeneutics

Dr. Delano Palmer – “Chiastic Contours, Caribbean Hermeneutic, and the Book of Acts”

Lunch 12:45 p.m.

Session 4 Papers – Identity in the Caribbean Context 2:00 p.m. Dr. Yves Bergeron – “The Biblical Interpretation of Demonic Possession and Voodoo-Like Possession as the Identity of Evil in Haiti”

Mr. André Scarlett – “Black Identity in Light of Slavery, God’s Sovereignty, and Scripture”

Session 5 Papers – An Agenda for Biblical Interpretation in the Caribbean 3:15 p.m. Mr. Nicholas Smith – Pastoral Priorities for Biblical Interpretation in the Caribbean

Dr. Ajilon Ferdinand – “Contextual Interpretation and the Canonical Narrative: Toward a Holistic Understanding of the Bible”

Wrap Up and Closing Activities 4:30 p.m.

1. Looking Forward: A Theme for Next Year’s Conference

2. Presentation of the Jack and Phyllis Middleton Award for Excellence in Bible and Theology

Dismissal 5:00 p.m.