

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.**

Welcome & Introductions **8:30 a.m.** *Dr. J. Richard Middleton*

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 2 Papers – The Ethical Challenge of a Complex Bible **10:15 a.m.** *Dr. J. Richard Middleton* – “The Inclusive Vision of Isaiah 56 and Contested Ethical Practices in Scripture and the Church: Toward a Canonical Hermeneutic of Discernment”
Dr. Eric Flett – “Food for Thought: The Work of the Spirit and the Dynamics of Disgust in Acts 10”

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.**