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PROGRAMME

THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION: A RADICAL REAPPRAISAL



31 MAY - 7 JUNE 2008



NEAPOLIS, THESSALONIKI

FROM THE WOCATI CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

Theological education is a worldwide enterprise fundamental to the mission of the church. In its most immediate and concrete forms theological education is shaped by the religious, educational, social, political and historical traditions within which it exists. Theological education is carried out in a world which is increasingly being made aware of its interdependence and religious pluralism. Its context is both local and global and therefore, it can function more effectively within a worldwide framework.

These characteristics of theological education have led theological institutions to commit themselves to closer cooperation in local, national, and regional levels. It is appropriate that a global network and organization be established to serve, support, and enhance theological education in its constituent parts. To this end, the World Conference of Associations of Theological Institutions was established. The members constituting this Conference join themselves together for the purpose of advancing their shared vision, purpose, and common cause.

PURPOSES

1. To provide an established and continuing forum for members to confer concerning matters of common interest related to theological education;
2. To consider and promote relations of member associations to one another, to other educational organizations and units throughout the world, to appropriate ecclesiastical agencies as they relate to theological education, and to other bodies as may be relevant;
3. To identify and advocate excellence in theological education and ministerial practice and to encourage full compliance with the standards and purposes as established by the member institutions;
4. To provide leadership and understanding of the purposes, role and needs of theological education in the following ways:
 - By cultivating a broad and informed understanding of theological education;
 - By serving as an advocate locally and globally for theological education and its implications for church, society and education in general;
 - By interacting with other appropriate agencies and groups;
5. To provide services to member associations in the following ways:
 - By facilitating co-operation and co-ordination among associations;
 - By gathering, maintaining and sharing information and resources that will facilitate the work of member associations;
 - By encouraging, sponsoring and conducting research on theological education and related matters;
 - By enabling and supporting member associations in implementing standards, policies and procedures by which they may best serve their constituencies;
 - By assisting and guiding the establishment of procedures and criteria for equivalency of academic diplomas and degrees awarded by the institutions in the different regions;
 - By being instrumental in identifying resources for the development of the global nature and implications of theological education;
6. To promote the improvement and advancement of theological education in such ways as may be appropriate.

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SATURDAY: MAY 31, 2008

(Arrival day) After Dinner: WOCATI Executive Committee Meeting

SUNDAY: JUNE 1, 2008

09:00-10:45 | Opening Worship with Orthodox Divine Liturgy at
St. John's the Baptist Orthodox Cathedral
(Presided by our host H. E. Metropolitan Barnabas)

11:30 - 12:30 | **INAUGURAL SESSION**

BYZANTINE HYMNS (By the Choir of the Orthodox
Diocese)

Welcoming Address by His Eminence Metropolitan of
Neapolis and Stavroupolis **Mgr. BARNABAS**

Welcoming Address by the Mayor of Neapolis
Mr. NATHANIEL LADOPOULOS

Address by the Rector of AUTH
Prof. ANASTASIOS MANTHOS

Address by the Dean of the Theological School of AUTH
Prof. IOANNIS KOGOULIS

Address by the Desk for Theological Education of the
Evangelisches Missionswerk
Dr. VERENA GRUETER

Address by the Program Coordinator of the Ecumenical
Theological Education/WCC
Dr. DIETRICH WERNER

A SHORT INTRODUCTION TO THE THEME
by the President of the WOCATI
Prof. PETROS VASSILIADIS

“THE NEED FOR CHANGE IN THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION”

13:30-15:00: Lunch offered by our host Bishop at the PHILOXENIA Dining Hall of the Cathedral

Afternoon session Chaired by Petros VASSILIADIS, President of WOCATI

17:00-17:40: **“THE CHALLENGE OF GLOBALIZATION TO THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION”** (Prof. Ulrich DUCHROW, KAIROS)

17:40-18:30: Discussion

18:30-19:00: Coffee Break

19:00-19:15: **“TWENTY YEARS OF WOCATI”**
(Prof. Hyacinth BOOTHE, WOCATI EC/CATS)

19:15-19:30: **“THE CHALLENGE OF THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION IN THE CONTEXT OF GLOBALIZATION”**(Dr. Magdi S. GENDI, ATIME)

19:30-19:45: **“ECUMENICAL THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION AS AGENT OF TRANSFORMATION”** (Dr. Thu En YU, ATESEA)

19:45-20:10: Discussion

20:30-22:00: Dinner offered by St. Panteleimon Parish, Ambelokipi
• Meeting with women theologians

MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2008

Morning session Chaired by Namsoon Kang, Vice-President of WOCATI

09:00-09:40: **“MAJOR CHALLENGES FOR AFRICAN WOMEN THEOLOGIANS IN THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION”**
(Prof. Isabel PHIRI, Africa)

09:40-10:30: Discussion

10:30-11:00: Coffee Break

11:00-11:15: **“DOING THEOLOGY DOWN UNDER”**
(Prof. Raymond NOBBS, ANZATS)

11:15-11:30:	“CHALLENGE OF INTER-RELIGIOUS DIALOGUE AND PRAXIS TO THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION. THE AFRICAN EXPERIENCE” (Prof. Emmanuel MARTEY, CATI)
11:30-11:45:	“THE CHALLENGE FOR DEVELOPING CONTEXTUAL THEOLOGY IN PLURALISTIC SOCIETY OF INDONESIA” (Dr. Daniel NUHAMARA, PERSETIA)
11:45-12:00:	“THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION IN THE 21ST CENTURY • A RADICAL REAPPRAISAL FROM CARIBBEAN PERSPECTIVE” Dr. Geoffrey MAYERS, CATS)
12:00-12:45:	Discussion
13:00-14:30:	Meeting with the Rector followed by Lunch at University Dining Hall.

*Afternoon session Chaired by Prof. Ioan SAUCA,
Director of the Ecumenical Institute of Bossey, WCC*

17:00-17:40:	“CONTEXTUALIZATION OF THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION IN SOUTH EAST ASIA” (Dr. Huan PO HO, Asia)
17:40-18:30:	Discussion
18:30-19:00:	Break
19:00-19:15:	“ATS • TARGETED AREAS OF WORK 2004-2010” (Prof. Namsoon KANG, ATS)
19:15-19:30:	“PARADIGM SHIFT IN THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION IN INDIA: ADVOCACY TO SOLIDARITY” (Prof. Dr. James MASSEY, BTESSC)
19:30-19:45:	“THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION IN CHINA” (Yuan SHIGUO, CCC)

19:45-20:10: Discussion

20:30-22:00: Dinner offered by the St. Constantine & Helen Parish, Helioupolis •Meeting with young theologians

TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 2008

Early morning Business session Chaired by Prof. NOBBS, YU, NUHAMARA, OYALANA Presidents of WOCATI Member Associations

9.00-10:30: WOCATI 1st Business Session

- a. "Report by the WOCATI President on 'Past Achievements, Contemporary Challenges and Future Perspectives of WOCATI'"
- b. "Financial Report" (by Prof. Williams)
- c. "Constitutional Changes"(by Dr. Banivanua)
- d. "Global Solidarity in Theological Education and the Future Shape of WOCATI. Strategic Recommendations"(by Dr Werner)
- e. Appointment of a Nomination Committee and/or adoption of the Election Slate

10:30-11:00: Coffee Break

*Late morning plenary session
Chaired by Prof. Ofelia ORTEGA, President of WCC*

11:00-11:30: Plenary Discussion on the Future of WOCATI

11:30-11:45: **"MASTER PROGRAMS ON ECUMENICAL THEOLOGY"**
(Dr. Dietrich Werner, ETE - Prof. Anestis KESSELOPOULOS, AUTH)

11:45-12:00: **"THE GLOBAL ETHIC PROJECT"** (Prof. Christoph STUECKELBERGER, Chairman of the Project)

12:00-12:45: Discussion

13:00-15:00: Meeting with Faculty followed by Lunch at University Dining Hall.



15:00-17:00: Short Thessaloniki City tour conducted by Prof. Maria KAZAMIA-TSERNOU.

Afternoon: ETE Jubilee Celebrations. Organized and Chaired by Dietrich Werner Program Coordinator of ETE/WCC

18:00-20:00: Panel with former and present staff members of PTE/ETE (Prof. Ross KINSLER, Prof. John POBEE, Prof. Ofelia ORTEGA, Prof. Jost DUQUE, Dr. Hope ANTONE)

Followed by Presentation of Dr. Ross KINSLER's Book and Other Events

21:00-23:00: Farewell Dinner offered by the Diocese of NEAPOLIS and cultural evening with Greek folk dances.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 2008

All day excursion: Departure at 07:00 a.m.

ON THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST PAUL IN MACEDONIA

Morning: On our way to the biblical sites:

- * A cultural orientation on Greece and its religious status
- * A short presentation of the Church of Greece
- * An archeological introduction, and
- * A theological reflection on St. Paul's mission in Macedonia

Visit to the biblical site of Philippi and Beroia (St. Paul's bema) with a theological reflection on St. Paul's visit to the cities.

Coffee: with Metropolitan of the apostolic diocese of Philippi,
Mgr. PROKOPIOS

Lunch: with Metropolitan of the apostolic diocese of Beroia,
Mgr. PANTELEIMON

Afternoon: On our way to Volos:

- A short presentation of the Church of Demetrias, Volos
- A visit to the famous Mount Olympus /or Meteora Monastic Center
- A visit to Pelion, Volos

20:30-22:00: Dinner offered by the Diocese of Demetrias • Meeting with the Volos Academy of Theological Studies

THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 2008

09:00-10:00: Morning Prayer (Orthodox Ascension Day)

*Morning session Chaired by Pantelis KALAITZIDIS,
Director of the Volos Academy of Theological Studies*

10:00-10:40: **“THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION IN MODERN AND POST-MODERN SOCIETIES. AN ORTHODOX PERSPECTIVE”**
(Prof. Ioan SAUCA, Ecumenical Institute of Bossey)

10:40-11:15: Discussion

11:15-11:45: Coffee Break

11:45-12:00: **“MISSION AND THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION. TOWARD THE 2010 EDINBURGH CENTENARY”**
(Anastasia VASSILIADOU, MTh, CWME/VOTS)

12:00-12:15: **“LES THEOLOGIES DES EGLISES AFRICAINES INDEPENDENTES”**
(Prof. Godefroid Kä Mana KANGUDIE, AOTA)

12:15-12:30: **“THE MANIFESTO ‘POR UNA EDUCACION TEOLÓGICA DE CALIDAD’ ”** (Dr. Matthias PREISWERK, SPT)

12:30-12:45: **“PERSPECTIVES OF ECUMENICAL COOPERATION IN THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION IN EASTERN AND CENTRAL EUROPE”** (Dr. Vladimir FEDOROV, ARTEEE)

12:45-13:00: **“WAATI • PROSPECTS AND PROBLEMS”**
(Dr. Sunday OYALANA, WAATI)

13:00-13:30: Discussion

13:30-15:00: Lunch offered by the Church at the Volos Academy with H.E. Mgr. IGNATIOS

Afternoon session
Chaired by H.E. Metropolitan IGNATIOS,

17:00-17:15:	“THE THEOLOGICAL AGENDA OF THE VOLOS ACADEMY” (Pantelis KALAITZIDIS, M.Th., VOTS)
17:15-17:30:	“DIVERSIFIED THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION • EQUIPPING ALL GOD’S PEOPLE” (Prof. Francis Ross KINSLER, ETE)
17:30-17:45:	“THE CHALLENGES FACING MYANMAR THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION ON BECOMING ECUMENICAL THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION” (Peter JOSEPH, ATEM)
17:45-18:30:	Discussion
18:30-19:00:	Coffee Break
19:00-19:15:	“THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION IN BRAZIL AND THE WORK OF ASTE” (Prof. Fernando BORTOLLETO FILHO, ASTE)
19:15-19:30:	“PARADIGM SHIFT IN THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION IN SOUTHERN AND CENTRAL AFRICA AND ITS RELEVANCE TO MINISTERIAL FORMATION 1980-2010” (Prof. James Nathaniel AMANZE, ATISCA)
19:30-19:45:	“RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IN EUROPE” (Prof. Erik EYNIKEL, TRES • Prof. Nikos MAGHIOROS, EURESIS)
19:45-20:30:	Discussion
20:30-22:00:	Dinner at the Academy offered by the Church

FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 2008

Morning session

Chaired by the Outgoing WOCATI Executive Committee,

09:00-10:30:	2nd WOCATI Business Session
	Further discussion on "The Global Solidarity in Theological Education and the Future Shape of WOCATI." Adoption of new constitution and election of WOCATI officers
10:30-11:00:	Coffee Break
11:00-12:30:	2nd WOCATI Business Session (continued)
13:00-14:00:	Lunch in the town offered by the Church, followed by a free afternoon, or an excursion to Mount Pelion
20:00-22:00:	Closing ceremony followed by Farewell Dinner offered by the Church and a cultural evening

SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2008

END OF CONGRESS

DEPARTURES of the Participants from Volos Academy back to Thessaloniki Airport (or to Athens Airport).



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