



## Call for Abstracts/Papers

6th AUA Seminary Research Conference on:

**September 9-12, 2026**

Adventist University of Africa Theological  
Seminary,  
Nairobi, Kenya

### ***Seventh-day Adventism in Africa: Historical, Theological, and Missiological Perspectives***

The Theological Seminary of the **Adventist University of Africa (AUA)** invites scholars, researchers, theologians, and postgraduate students to submit papers for its **6th Research Conference** on the theme: **“Seventh-day Adventism in Africa: *Historical, Theological, and Missiological Perspectives.*”**

This conference seeks to explore the historical development, theological expressions, and missiological engagements of the Seventh-day Adventist Church within the African context. It aims to nurture scholarly dialogue on the multifaceted interactions between Adventism and African societies, cultures, and religions, as well as to critically assess the church’s role in shaping faith and practice across the continent. The objectives of the conference are to:

1. trace the origins, expansion, and institutional development of Seventh-day Adventism across Africa.
2. examine how theology and mission have shaped Adventist identity and practice within African contexts.
3. assess Adventism’s interaction with African social, political, and cultural realities, including issues of justice, education, and health.
4. promote the development of contextual and indigenous African Adventist theologies.
5. evaluate Adventism’s encounters and relationships with African Traditional Religions, Islam, and other Christian traditions.
6. explore the lived expressions of Adventist faith in worship, spirituality, leadership, and community life across the continent.

#### **The sub-topics of interest include (but are not limited to)**

1. Origins and Expansion of Adventism in Africa: Regional developments and historical trajectories across North, West, East, Central, and Southern Africa.
2. Colonialism and Adventism in Africa: Missionary rivalry, imperial encounters, and the shaping of early Adventist missions and institutions.
3. Adventism in Africa and Public Life: The Church’s engagement with political change, governance, civil conflicts, and social transformation.
4. Migration and Global Adventism: African migration, cross-cultural exchanges, and the contribution of Africa to early and modern Adventism.
5. Gender, Family, and Social Ethics in African Adventism: Gender roles, female religiosity, polygamy, sexual morality, and family life.
6. Race, Racism, and Adventism in Africa: Critical reflections on racial dynamics, justice, and human dignity within the Adventist mission.
7. Culture and Worship in African Adventism: Enculturation, music, dance, and African Traditional Religious influences in Adventist worship and theology.
8. Interreligious Relations and Adventism in Africa: Engagements with Islam, African Traditional Religions, and other Christian and Pentecostal movements.
9. African Adventist Theology and Hermeneutics: African interpretations of Scripture, Ubuntu theology, prophetic inheritance, and contextual Christology.

10. Education and Leadership Formation in African Adventism: The role of Adventist education, private institutions, and ministerial training.
11. Health and Healing in African Adventism: Approaches to health, mental wellness, and healing ministries amid plural African paradigms.
12. Mission and Evangelism in African Adventism: The flow of missionary heritage, new mission strategies, and contemporary evangelistic challenges.
13. Ecclesial Life and Spirituality in African Adventism: Church governance, community life, diverse ecclesial expressions, and lived faith.
14. Adventism and Social Transformation in Africa: Responses to unemployment, poverty alleviation, and empowerment through faith-based initiatives.
15. Faith and Leadership in African Adventism: Christian leadership models, transformational leadership, and ethical influence in society.

### Conference Format and Venue

- The Conference will be held in a [face-to-face/hybrid](#) format on **September 9-12, 2026**, at the Adventist University of Africa, Nairobi, Kenya

### Important Dates

1. Abstract submission deadline (approximately 250 - 350 words): **January 30, 2026**
2. Accept/Reject Notification: **February 15, 2026**
3. Conference Registration Opens: **May 1, 2026**
4. Full paper submission: **June 30, 2026**
5. Early Bird Registration Deadline: **July 30, 2026**
6. Conference: **September 9-12, 2026**

### Abstract Submission Guidelines: The abstract must include the following

1. Title of the paper
2. Complete names of author(s)
3. Institution affiliation (+ city and country)
4. Email address and cell phone number
5. Abstract (approximately 250 - 350 words) submitted in MS Word (.doc or.docx)document

Once you prepare your abstract according to the above guidelines, use the subject line "The Theological Seminary Research Conference" and email your submission to: [tsconference@aua.ac.ke](mailto:tsconference@aua.ac.ke)

### Publication

Accepted papers will be considered for publication in the *Pan-African Journal of Theology* (<https://journals.aua.ke>), subject to the journal' blind review process.

### Conference Registration Fees

1. Participants (Attendees/Presenters):	US\$ 100 per participant
2. Student:	US\$ 50 per participant
3. Early Bird Registration (ends June 30):	US\$ 80 per participant
4. Group Discounts (five participants from the same organization):	US\$ 80 per participant

### Information

For more details or inquiries, please email [tsconference@aia.ac.ke](mailto:tsconference@aia.ac.ke)

**Join the scholars!**