



# THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF EASTERN AFRICA (CUEA)

“Consecrate them in the Truth”

## FACULTY OF THEOLOGY

# Call for Papers

## MAIN THEME: DEVELOPMENT OF THEOLOGY OF INCULTURATION: 40 YEARS OF CUEA'S EXISTENCE

### 26<sup>th</sup> Interdisciplinary Theological Session, CUEA

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024

In 1984, the regional ecclesiastical authority, The Association of Member Episcopal Conferences of Eastern Africa (AMECEA,) founded the Catholic Higher Institute of Eastern Africa (CHIEA) to provide education in Sacred Theology to the AMECEA region which comprises of the following countries: Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Sudan, South Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia. The Institute was authorized by the Congregation for Catholic Education to offer two-year Licentiate programmes in Theology on 2nd May 1984 (cf. Prot. N. 821/80/34) and was officially inaugurated on 3rd September 1984 by the late Rt. Rev. Bishop Medardo Mazombwe, the then Chairman of AMECEA. One year later, Pope John Paul II formally opened it on the 18th August 1985. It was erected as a Catholic University by AMECEA on 5th June 2000. Among the Objectives of the Faculty of Theology is the “positive values in the various cultures and philosophies are to be sought out, carefully examined, and taken up. However, systems and methods incompatible with Christian values must not be accepted (Veritatis Gaudium 71:2).”

The International Theological Commission reflected on Faith and Inculturation in 1988 and in Section III on Present Problems of Inculturation observed that: The inculturation of the Gospel in modern societies will demand a methodical effort of concerted research and action. This effort will assure on the part of those responsible for evangelization: (1) an attitude of openness and a critical eye; (2) the capacity to perceive the spiritual expectations and human aspirations of the new cultures; (3) the aptitude for cultural analysis, having in mind an effective encounter with the modern world” (no. 23).

A receptive attitude is required among those who wish to understand and evangelize the world of our time. Modernity is accompanied by undeniable progress in many cultural and material domains: well-being, human mobility, science, research, education, a new sense of solidarity. In addition, the Church of Vatican II has taken a lively account of the new conditions in which she must exercise her mission, and it is in the cultures of modernity that the Church of tomorrow will be constructed. The traditional advice applicable to discernment is reiterated by Pius XII. “It is necessary to deepen one's understanding of the civilization and institutions of various peoples and to cultivate their best qualities and gifts... All in the customs of peoples which are not inextricably bound up with superstitions or errors should be examined with benevolence and if possible, preserved intact” (no. 24).

In view of these circumstances, the Faculty of Theology invites the CUEA fraternity, the Constituent Colleges as well as other scholars from Africa and beyond to an Interdisciplinary Theological Session for a discussion based on the above Main Theme and the Sub-Themes below. We want to give our contribution as we evaluate the Inculturation that has already been achieved in the past 40 years and propose ways to make the Gospel more at home in African cultures.

## Sub-Themes

1. FAITH AND INCULTURATION IN AFRICA AFTER 40 YEARS, AN EVALUATION
2. INCARNATION OF THE WORD AS CULTURAL INCARNATION
3. AFRICAN THEOLOGIANS ON INCULTURATION
4. LITURGICAL INCULTURATION IN AFRICA
5. BIBLE AND CULTURE
6. AFRICAN CULTURES AND EVANGELIZATION
7. CULTISM AND PROBLEMS OF INCULTURATION
8. RELIGIOUS EXTREMISM IN AFRICA
9. GLOBALIZATION, SECULARISM AND INCULTURATION
10. INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACHES TO INCULTURATION IN AFRICA (MORAL, SPIRITUAL, DOGMATIC AND JURIDICAL)
11. THE CHALLENGES OF TRANSLATIONS (BIBLE, LITURGICAL BOOKS, CODE OF CANON LAW, CATECHISM, ETC.).

## Abstract/Papers

These should be submitted in electronic format (M-S Word) to Rev. Prof. John Lukwata at lukwata@cuea.edu or Rev. Dr. John Bosco Asiiimwe at: jasiimwe@cuea.edu and copied to dean\_theology@cuea.edu

## Important Dates:

Submission of Abstracts (**between 300 to 500 words**) to be done by **15th January 2024**

The acknowledgment of the accepted abstracts by **25th January 2024**

The deadline for submission of full papers by **23rd February 2024**

**WELCOME**