ANNUAL REPORT

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Our Profile

Founded in 2014, **Missio Africanus** is a learning community that helps release the missional potential of African and other non-Western Christians in Britain. We help churches recognise and receive the gifts of diaspora Christians, while supporting diaspora communities to disciple the next generation and reach beyond their own communities.

We bring together church leaders, theologians and practitioners from different backgrounds for mutual learning. Through theological education, research, publishing and conversation, we seek to strengthen Christian witness across cultures.

Missio Africanus began in Birmingham with the support of the late Reverend Gabriel Diya, a Nigerian pastor in the Redeemed Christian Church of God. Its work continues to connect voices from Africa, Britain and the wider diaspora.

Trustees



Dr Sheila Akomiah-Conteh
Board Chair



Dr Girma Bishaw



Dr Colin Smith



John Tasker MA



Pastor Joseph Ola



Pastor Modupe Adefala

Other Volunteers



Dr Paul Ayokunle



Dr Damilola Abraham



Executive Director

Missio Africanus is governed by its trustees in accordance with its constitution. The trustees oversee the charity's activities, finances and partnerships. In planning its work during 2025, the board had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. Our educational programmes, public conversations and freely available resources advanced the Christian faith and education in Christian mission and missiology, particularly in relation to diaspora churches and intercultural engagement.

What We Do



THE PAN-AFRICAN THEOLOGICAL ROUNDTABLE

In partnership with African Theology Worldwide, the roundtable brings theologians together to exchange ideas about African Christianity and theology on the continent and in the diaspora.



MOYA CHRONICLES

These accessible reflections invite church leaders and other readers to think critically about African Christianity, theology and everyday ministry. The collection remains available on our website.



MISSIO AFRICANUS: THE JOURNAL OF AFRICAN MISSIOLOGY

Our journal provides a home for scholarly work on African Christianity, mission and related questions across Africa and its diaspora. Past issues remain available to readers online.



AFRICAN THEOLOGICAL SCHOLARSHIP PODCAST

Hosted by Dr Harvey Kwiyani, the podcast makes conversations about African Christianity and theology accessible to listeners around the world.

What We Do

AFRICAN CHRISTIANITY STUDY ROUTES

In partnership with Church Mission Society (CMS) in Oxford, we support undergraduate Certificate and MA study in Theology, Ministry and Mission with a focus on African Christianity, as well as DTh in Practical Theology. The routes bring academic study into conversation with the experience and calling of people involved in ministry.



MISSIO AFRICANUS PUBLISHING

We support the publication of scholarship that helps churches and readers engage with African Christianity, mission and the contributions of African Christian leaders.



THE ACTS 11 PROJECT

Missio Africanus is a primary partner in the Acts 11 Project, also known as the Centre for Global Witness and Human Migration. The partnership creates space for churches, researchers and mission practitioners to explore how migration is reshaping Christian faith and witness.

2025 Highlights



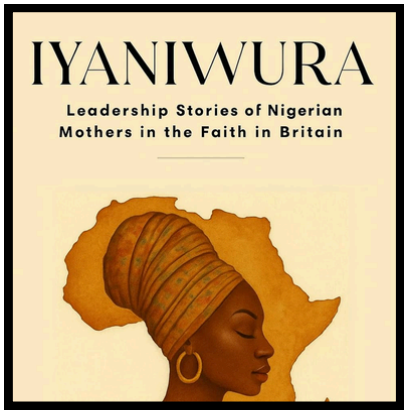
AFRICAN CHRISTIANITY EDUCATION

Four students joined the African Christianity study routes during the year, and three students graduated. Delivered with CMS Oxford, the programme continues to help students examine the history, theology and lived experience of African Christianity and apply that learning in their own contexts.



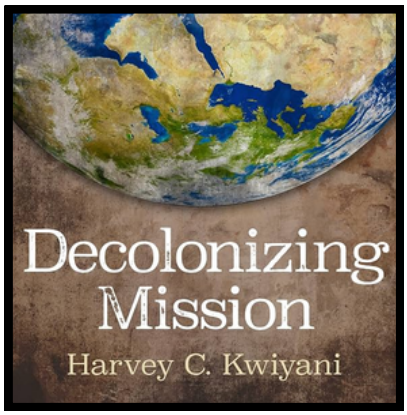
RESEARCH ON FAITH BETWEEN GENERATIONS

The joint research with the University of Roehampton into how first- and second-generation African diaspora Christians live out and pass on their faith was completed in 2025. Its findings helped inform a June Acts 11 webinar on faith and faithfulness between the generations.



PUBLISHING AFRICAN WOMEN'S STORIES

Ìyániwúrà: Leadership Stories of Nigerian Mothers in the Faith in Britain by Pastor Modupe Adefala, which featured as an ongoing project in our 2024 report, was published in 2025. It brings greater visibility to the contributions of Nigerian women whose ministry in Britain has often received too little attention.



PUBLICATION OF 'DECOLONIZING MISSION'

Our Executive Director, Dr Harvey Kwiyani, published his much-anticipated book ***Decolonizing Mission*** in 2025 which the International Bulletin of Mission Research has named among its **Ten Outstanding Books in Mission Studies, World Christianity, and Intercultural Theology for 2025**.

The Acts 11 Partnership

Mission in a world on the move

The Acts 11 Project explores the relationship between human migration and Christian mission. As a primary partner, Missio Africanus shares in a conversation that closely reflects our own purpose: recognising the gifts of Christians who have moved across borders and encouraging mutual learning within the wider church.

The partnership's 2025 programme brought together theological reflection and practical questions facing congregations. It considered how churches welcome people experiencing displacement, how faith is passed between generations, and how Christian mission can be shaped by mutuality across cultures.

Webinars and digital gatherings

- ***How Welcoming Are We?*** — 12 March: Emily Shepherd, co-founder and CEO of Welcome Churches, explored how local UK churches support refugees and others facing forced displacement.
- ***Mission, Migration and African Christianity*** — May: Professor Esther Mombo offered a keynote contribution to the conversation about migration, African Christianity and mission.
- ***Faith and Faithfulness Between the Generations*** — June: This webinar provided a setting in which to share learning from the completed research with the University of Roehampton.

Throughout the year, the Acts 11 team also published reflections on global Christian migration, Scripture, hospitality, decolonising mission and intercultural witness.

Conferences and in-person events

- **Chinese Heritage in British Christianity book launch** — April: The project co-hosted a celebration of *Chinese Heritage in British Christianity: More than Foreigners*, edited by Alexander Chow. The event created space to hear and discuss experiences that enrich the story of Christianity in Britain.
- **Greenbelt Festival** — August: The Acts 11 team was represented by Dr Harvey Kwiyani and contributed to a panel and shared insights connected with his new book, *Decolonizing Mission*.
- **Research Conversations Day**: God, Mammon and Empire — 21 October: Co-hosted with the CMS Pioneer teaching team, the day brought academic and practical perspectives into conversation around books published in 2025 by David Smith and Harvey Kwiyani.

Together, these gatherings helped sustain a wider conversation about belonging, partnership and Christian witness in a changing world.

2025 in Numbers



THE PAN-AFRICAN THEOLOGICAL ROUNDTABLE

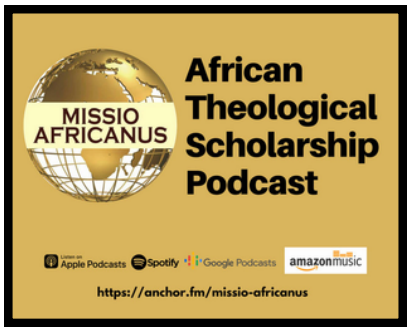
3 Roundtable gatherings held with an average monthly attendance of **30 theologians.**

- *Bridging the Gap: Addressing Black-White Academic Achievement Gaps* by Chanel Fort (USA)
- *Reimagining Hospitality in Mission: A Diaspora Perspective from 1 Peter* by Tricia Stephens (USA)
- *Faith, Community, and Mental Health: A Case Study of Kenyan Immigrants in the U.S.* by Faith Njenga (Kenya / USA)

CHURCH MISSION SOCIETY

AFRICAN CHRISTIANITY STUDY ROUTES

- 4 new students joined during 2025.
- 3 students graduated.



AFRICAN THEOLOGICAL SCHOLARSHIP PODCAST

- **2,472** plays/downloads (total)
- Accessed from **60 countries**
- **Top 5** countries: USA, UK, India, Singapore, & South Africa
- **1 in 4** listeners are **female**

2025 in Numbers







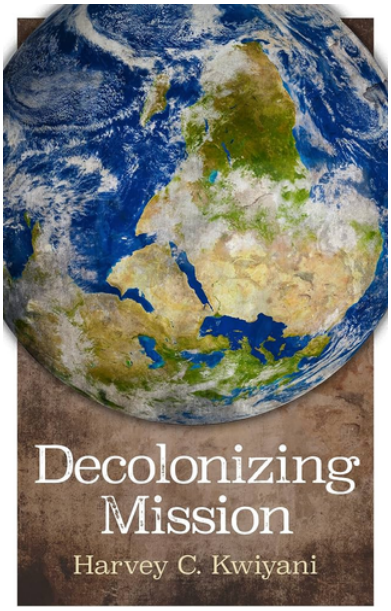
MOYA CHRONICLES

- **38 episodes** in total
- Accessed **1812 times in 2025**
- Accessed from **66 countries**
- Most visitors are from **UK, Nigeria, US, Ghana, South Africa, Netherlands, Singapore,** and **Germany**.
- **Top 10 Episodes in 2025:**
  - *WAFBEC/WOFBEC: An African Christianity Hub You May Not Know About* by Joseph Ola
  - *The Emergence of Afro-Gospel and Its Implications for Christian Theology of Music* by Akpe Okuchukwu
  - *The Ubuntu Philosophy and African Christianity: Personhood and Community* by Josiah Oyeyemi Oyekan
  - *A Cow That Has No Tail: An African Theological Reflection on African Christianity* by Joseph Ola
  - *AICs and Their Unique Contributions to the Changing Landscape of Christianity* by Damilola Abraham
  - *African Christian Parents and the Task of Parenting in the West* by Paul Ayokunle
  - *The Japa Syndrome and New Opportunity for Foreign Mission* by Damilola Abraham
  - *Marriage Mentoring: An African Perspective* by Olumide Agboghoroma
  - *A Plea For a Robust African Theology of the Spirit* by Harvey Kwiyani
  - *African Diaspora Christians as Agents of the Next Reformation and Revival in the West* by Damilola Abraham

Looking Ahead

MISSIO AFRICANUS PUBLISHING

Decolonizing Mission (African Edition)



Decolonizing Mission, published in the UK in 2025, addresses one of the most pressing questions facing the global Church today: how can Christian mission be faithfully practised in a postcolonial world? While the book engages a global theological conversation, its questions are especially urgent for the African Church.

Across Africa today, churches are growing, theological institutions are expanding, and a new generation of Christian leaders is emerging. Yet many of the theological conversations shaping African Christianity remain inaccessible to those who most need them, often because of the high cost and limited availability of academic books on the continent. This project seeks to address that challenge by producing the first African print edition of Decolonizing Mission.

The initial goal is to print and distribute 1,500 copies to pastors, theological colleges, mission leaders, and students across the continent. These copies will be made available through theological institutions, ministry networks, and Christian leaders who are shaping the future of mission in Africa.

MISSIO AFRICANUS 2025 ACCOUNTS
1st January to 31st December 2025

	2025 General	2025 Liverpool Church Plant	2025 Liverpool School of Theology	2025 African Christianity	2025 Total	2024 Actual
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Category						
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE						
Income						
Donations	980	500			1,480	1,431
Book Sales	75				75	0
Ministry Training			150		150	0
Total Income	**1,055**	**500**	**150**	**0**	**1,705**	**1,431**
Expenditure						
Ministry Training						
CMS Course Delivery Contribution				0	0	2,500
Bursary Programme				0	0	1,750
Diaspora Network Development		20		208	228	0
Decolonising Mission	606			660	1,266	0
Operational Costs						
IT and Media Costs	526	87			614	586
Travel	250				250	0
Total Expenditure	**1,383**	**107**	**0**	**868**	**2,358**	**3,116**
Result	**-328**	**393**	**150**	**-868**	**-653**	**-1,685**
BALANCE SHEET						
Balances						
Balance b/f	1,160	0	0	868	2,028	3,713
Surplus	-328	393	150	-868	-653	-1,685
Balance c/f	**832**	**393**	**150**	**0**	**1,375**	**2,028**
Current Assets						
Bank	769	393	150	0	1,312	2,097
Cash in hand					0	0
Debtors	74				74	137
Current Assets	**843**	**393**	**150**	**0**	**1,386**	**2,234**
Current Liabilities						
Cheques not cleared					0	206
Creditors	11				11	0
Current Liabilities	**11**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**11**	**206**
Net Current Assets	**832**	**393**	**150**	**0**	**1,375**	**2,028**

Notes

1. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (Charities SORP FRSSE) (effective 1 January 2015) and applicable accounting standards. They are prepared on a receipts and payments basis, and include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which Missio Africanus is responsible.

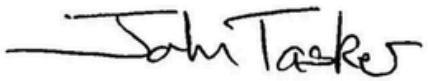
2. The charity had no employees during the year, and did not pay any trustee to provide services. Donations made to the charity by trustees during the year totalled £693.50 (Last year £609.50). Normal expenses incurred in the course of the charity's activities were reimbursed to trustees - Joseph Ola and John Tasker - totalling £383.12 (Last year £206.13).

3. The remaining restricted funds held for the African Christianity programme were dispersed during the year to acquire copies of *Decolonising Mission* from SCM Press, and the fund closed.

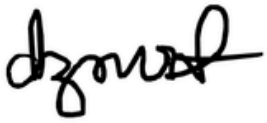
4. Development of the diaspora network in Liverpool led to restricted funds being established to hold donations for the Liverpool School of Theology and a church plant in Liverpool.

These accounts were approved by the trustees on 23 September 2026 and signed by two trustees on behalf of the board.

John Tasker MA
Treasurer



Revd. Joseph Ola MA
Secretary





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