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Africa Society of Evangelical Theology (ASET) Draws Scholars and Thought Leaders to Nairobi, Kenya for a Groundbreaking Dialogue on Eschatology: Doctrine of Last Things in African Christianity

[Nairobi, Kenya, 14th to 15th March 2025] – The ASET Annual Conference and AGM, a premier academic gathering in the field of theology, successfully concluded its 15th edition at Africa International University, Karen, Nairobi, bringing together more than 78 scholars, theologians, and church leaders from around the world. The conference, held from 14th to 15th March 2025, offered a platform for robust discussions, thought-provoking presentations, and in-depth examinations of *Eschatology: Doctrine of Last Things in African Christianity*, a subject that continues to shape contemporary theological and Christian ministry discourses.



Conference participants included senior academics and church leaders from countries like Belgium, UK, USA, Kenya, Ethiopia, Nigeria, Ghana, South Africa and many more

This year's event featured a keynote address from esteemed theologian Dr. Wanjiru Gitau, Assistant Professor of Practical Theology and World Christianity, Palm Beach Atlantic University, USA, who presented a groundbreaking address of how biblical theology shapes our view of eschatology. A key takeaway from her keynote address was that eschatology is not only about the future but also involves partnering with what God is doing in the world today.



Dr. Wanjiru Gitau delivering her keynote



Rev. Dr. Nelson Makanda doing the official welcome

The official welcome was done by Rev. Dr. Nelson Makanda, who is the Vice Chancellor of Africa International University. In his address, he challenged the participants to explore how the conference theme should impact current ministry realities. Dr. Gift Mtukwa, outgoing chairperson of the Society also provided a New Testament perspective on the topic, showing how eschatological thought is prominent in the Bible.

Attendees participated in a series of interactive panel discussions and breakout sessions each contributing to the exploration of complex theological issues related to contemporary realities such as mental health, visual and artistic expressions of eschatology in churches and institutions, eschatological themes in African traditional cultures and how biblical eschatology shapes the Church's ministry today. "Eschatology provides hope for providing interventions that are geared towards dealing with issues and systems that negatively affect mental well-being," said Dr. Kevin M. Ndereba, incoming chairperson.



Plans for the 16th Annual Conference are already underway, with the conference possibly to be hosted in Ethiopia in 2026. The Executive Committee looks forward to providing continued opportunities for research, publications, career networking and professional development. The Call for Paper's on next year's conference is on the theme: *Hamartiology: Doctrine of Sin in African Christianity*. This conference is set to explore the many questions around what it means to be human, the role of Artificial Intelligence in ethical discussions as well as a myriad of issues such as sexuality, Gender Based Violence, religious or cultural taboos and various moral dilemmas. Deadline for abstract submission is **31st July 2025**. For more information about the conference or to inquire about future events, please visit www.asetconference.com or contact our secretary Dr. Mary Kihuha on asetsecretary@gmail.com.

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A community of evangelicals engaged in theological scholarship for the African church and society through:

1. Encouraging research and providing a forum for disseminating that research among members and to the wider Christian and academic communities.
2. Creating a context where evangelical perspectives on issues facing the African church and society are addressed.
3. Creating a context for fellowship and networking.
4. Raising funds to finance the activities and events of the ASET
5. Publishing the findings of research in books and journals
6. Contacting other societies that is in accordance with this constitution and the Societies Act in the Laws of Kenya as may be stipulated in the society's by-laws.