

GLOBAL EDUCATION AND CLERGY DEVELOPMENT

Subject: Call for Response Papers to Global Theology Conference 2024 Presentations
Date: May 1, 2022
To: Regional Education Coordinators and Writers of Responses to GTC 2024 Presentations

Dear Friends,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The Church of the Nazarene will gather for its fifth Global Theology Conference (GTC) in April 2024 at the Seminario Teológico Nazareno del Cono Sur in Pilar, Argentina. The theme of the conference is “In the Power of the Spirit” (Luke 4:14).

The nature of theology is dialogical, relational, and most of all prayerful. It must be viewed in a global perspective. The Global Theology Conference significantly gathers the collegium of pastoral theologians and academic theologians; coming together, by invitation, as teachers, pastors, superintendents, and other ministers (clergy and lay) that give their lives in service to the gospel. Persons gather not exclusively for the purpose of debate, argument, or apologetic. Participants gather also for the purpose of worship, prayer, for “the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace” (Eph. 4:3), and for mission. A key component of the conference entails the opportunity to develop relationships with brothers and sisters from around the world.

For Global Theology Conference 2024 we have selected six presenters (one from each of our global regions) for three sessions available in *Didache: Faithful Teaching* 22:1 <https://didache.nazarene.org/>

- Session 1: “In the Power of the Spirit – Holy Spirit”
Dr. Svetlana Khobnya (Eurasia) and Rev. L. Felipe Borduam (South America)
- Session 2: “In the Power of the Spirit – Holy People”
Dr. Rob Fringer (Asia-Pacific) and Dr. Stanley Bhebhe (Africa)
- Session 3: “In the Power of the Spirit – Hope of New Creation”
Dr. Scott Daniels (USA/Canada) and Dr. Ivelisse Valentin-Vera (Mesoamerica)

For all three sessions we call for response papers to each plenary presentation. Paper responses **should run no longer than 1500 words, or 6 pages at 250 words per page**. Respondents may include footnotes beyond the 1500-word limit, but footnotes will not be translated, so refrain from adding additional commentary in the footnotes. Please follow the *Didache* submission guidelines:

<https://didache.nazarene.org/index.php/submission-guidelines-mainmenu-31>

Because of the above mentioned set up of plenary presentations and responses, this means that we need:

Africa Region respondents for

- Session 1: “In the Power of the Spirit – Holy Spirit”
- Session 3: “In the Power of the Spirit – Hope of New Creation”

Asia Pacific Region respondents for

- Session 1: “In the Power of the Spirit – Holy Spirit”
- Session 3: “In the Power of the Spirit – Hope of New Creation”

Eurasia Region Respondents for

Session 2: “In the Power of the Spirit – Holy People”

Session 3: “In the Power of the Spirit – Hope of New Creation”

Mesoamerica Region respondents for

Session 1: “In the Power of the Spirit – Holy Spirit”

Session 2: “In the Power of the Spirit – Holy People”

South America Region respondents for

Session 2: “In the Power of the Spirit – Holy People”

Session 3: “In the Power of the Spirit – Hope of New Creation”

USA/Canada Region respondents for

Session 1: “In the Power of the Spirit – Holy Spirit”

Session 2: “In the Power of the Spirit – Holy People”

Please, send your responses to the email address provided for your specific region:

- Africa Region: gtc@africanazarene.org
- Asia-Pacific Region: aprec@apnaz.org
- Eurasia Region: alanders@eurasiaregion.org
- Mesoamerica Region: jbanos@mesoamericaregion.org
- South America Region: jjulca@samnaz.org
- USA/Canada Region: gtc@nazarene.org

The responses will be handled regionally and several regional criteria will be considered alongside the quality of the written response. We also want to state that all of the responses will be considered for a future edition of *Didache*, even if the respondent is not invited to the conference. Send in your paper by **November 1, 2022**. The regions will review the papers by January 31, 2023 and forward their selections to the Global Review Team in February 2023. By April 2023 the final global response papers will be selected and the authors will be informed and invited to the Global Theology Conference in Argentina.

We pray for you as you consider writing a response to the plenary presentations for God’s guidance and discernment. For questions and further instructions, please contact your respective Regional Education Coordinator.

Grace & Peace,



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