

# Israel Kamudzandu – New Testament Studies

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## EDUCATION

### PH.D. NEW TESTAMENT BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION (2005)

Brite Divinity School-Texas Christian University

Fort Worth, TX

- Dissertation: "Abraham as Spiritual Ancestor: A Postcolonial Zimbabwean Reading of Romans 4. (Advisors: David. L. Balch, Carolyn Osiek, Leo Perdue).

### MASTER OF ARTS IN THEOLOGICAL STUDIES – NEW TESTAMENT (2000)

United Theological Seminary

Dayton, OH

- Thesis: "Ancestral Meals: A Communion with the Living Dead in 1 Corinthians 7: 17 – 34." (Advisors: Larry Wellborn, Tom Dozeman).

### MASTER OF DIVINITY (1996): SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Africa University

Mutare, Zimbabwe

### BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (1990)

University of Zimbabwe

Harare, Zimbabwe

## ORDINATION

### ELDER'S ORDERS (1998)

United Methodist Church, Zimbabwe Annual Conference

Murewa, Zimbabwe

### DEACON'S ORDERS (1996)

United Methodist Church, Zimbabwe Annual Conference

Masvingo, Zimbabwe

## LANGUAGE PROFICIENCIES – BIBLICAL & NONBIBLICAL

New Testament Greek, Hellenistic Greek, Hebrew, French, German, Shona, Zulu, Nyanja & Swahili

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

THE LINDSEY P. PHERIGO. ASSOCIATE. PROFESSOR OF NEW TESTAMENT STUDIES & BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION (2014 - PRESENT)

REGIONAL COURSE OF STUDY DIRECTOR (2013 – 2020)

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF NEW TESTAMENT STUDIES (2007 – 2014)

Saint Paul School of Theology

13720 Roe Ave. Bldg. C

Leawood, Ks 66224

- Received tenure.

## PASTORAL APPOINTMENTS

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## ASSOCIATE PASTOR, ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL & PASTORAL VISITATION (2000 – 2004)

University United Methodist Church (UMC)

Fort Worth, TX

## SENIOR PASTOR (1998 – 2000)

Richards Chapel UMC

Springfield, OH

## SENIOR PASTOR (1996 – 1998)

Hatfield UMC

Zimbabwe, Harare

## HONORS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

Texas Christian University Graduate Scholarship (2002 – 2005)

Sisters of Blood \$20K PhD Research Grant (2003 – 2004)

Hebrew and Greek Language Award (2001)

Bishop John Shnack Leadership Scholarship (1999 – 2001)

Spiritual Formation & Peace Award (2000)

Bishop George Bashore Scholarship (1998 – 2000)

Jaime Potter-Miller Student Intern Scholarship to Africa University (1996)

Pastoral Care & Preaching Graduation Award (1996)

Africa University Annual Best Student Award (1993 – 1996)

Africa University Best Preaching Award (1993 – 1996)

Bishop Herbert Skitt Endowment Scholarship for Church Leadership (1993 – 1996)

## PUBLICATIONS

### BOOKS:

*Abraham Our Father: Paul and Ancestors in Postcolonial Africa*, Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2013.

*Abraham as Spiritual Ancestor: A Postcolonial Zimbabwean Reading of Romans*, Netherlands: Brill, 2010.

### ESSAYS/ARTICLES:

“Hermeneutics - Biblical Interpretation, Ancient and Modern Methods: A Wesleyan Understanding of Scripture in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Church” in *Wesleyan Dictionary of Theology* (2013).

“Jesus of Nazareth: A Historical, Birth/Life/Death/Resurrection/Ascension” in *Wesleyan Dictionary of Theology* (2013).

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"Law and Gospel" in *Wesleyan Dictionary of Theology* (2013).

"Pharisees and Sadducees" in *Wesleyan Dictionary of Theology* (2013).

"Biblical Interpretation and Criticism in Neocolonial Africa: Challenges, Conceptualizations, and Needs in the Twentieth Century", Roland Boer and Fernando F. Segovia, eds., *The Future of the Biblical Past: Envisioning Biblical Studies on Global Key* (Atlanta: SBL, 2012). [I. Kamudzandu, 9-25-2015, p.2]

"The Holy Spirit as the Negotiator of Boundaries in Luke – Acts: A Postcolonial Interpretation" in SBL.

"The Nature and Identity of Jesus in Mark 7:24–37: A Zimbabwean Interpretation" in *A Contextualized Reading of Mark*, Daniel Patte, ed., (Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 2010).

"2 Thessalonians: Biblical Scholar Notes for Lay People," in *The Wesleyan Study Bible*, Joel B. Green and William H. Willimon, eds., (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2009).

## SELECTED ACADEMIC PAPERS & PRESENTATIONS

"Precolonial, Colonial and Vernacular Translations of the Bible: A 21<sup>st</sup> century Model of reading, Interpreting and Appropriating the Bible," Signifying Group and Black Lives Matter, An Online presentation, August 20 – 23, 2020.

"Postcolonial - Neocolonial Readings and Interpretations of the Bible in African Indigenous 21<sup>st</sup> century denominations." Invited Panel Presenter, SBL, Annual Meeting, Global South Hermeneutics Group, San Antonio, TX. November 19 – 22, 2016.

"Reception of Holy Communion in the Greco – Roman Early Christianity Groups: A Global South View of the Lord Supper," SBL, Annual Meeting, Early Christian Meals and Banquets Group, Atlanta, GA. November 2015.

"Health, Sickness and Healing in the Gospel of Mark: An African Pentecostal Reading of Jesus in the New Testament," (Gospels in Context Group, SBL, Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA. November 21 – 24, 2009. November

Ancestry and Ancestors in Paul's Letter to the Romans: A Greco – Roman Construction of Aeneas as the Founder of Rome," Invited to present at KU, Religion Department, January 20, 2009.

"The Holy Spirit in Luke – Acts: An Afro - centric Reading and Global South Interpretations of the Bible," University of Dayton, Dayton, Ohio. August 20, 2007.

"Colonial Readings of the Bible and land issues in Zimbabwe: Ecclesial Challenges and Prospective for Unity and Peace," United Theological Seminary, Dayton, Ohio Regional, February 17 – 18, 2006.

## RESEARCH PROJECTS & PENDING PUBLICATIONS

*Identity Formation in the Early Christian Church: Merging of Genealogies in Pauline Congregations* (Due Fall 2021. Philadelphia, Fortress Press).

*Pre-Colonial, Pre – Missional, Colonial, and Vernacular Bible Translations in the Global South Christendom: A 21<sup>st</sup> Century Model for Reading and Interpreting the Bible.* (Due Summer 2021 (WPF&STOCK Publishers).

*Pentecostal Biblical Interpretations and Theology* (Due Spring 2020. Journal of Pentecostal Studies).

## SELECTED COMMENTARIES

Selected Working Preacher Contract Commentaries Published by Luther Seminary.

### 2021

Pending contracted commentaries on Revelations.

### 2020

Romans 12: 1 – 8 & 9 – 21; 13: 8 – 14; 14: 1 – 12

### 2019

Acts 3: 1 – 10

Corinthians 1: 18 – 31

Romans 5: 12 – 19 & 1 – 11

### 2018

Acts 8: 14 – 17; 13: 1 – 3, 14: 8 – 18; 10: 1 – 17, 34 – 48

Ephesians 3: 1 – 12

### 2017

Romans 8: 1 – 11 & 12 – 25; 8: 26 – 39; 9: 1 – 5

### 2016

Revelation 1: 4 – 8; 5: 11 – 14; 7: 9 – 17; 21: 1 – 6

### 2015

Hebrews 9:11 – 15; 10:1 – 14

### 2014

Hebrews 9: 24 – 28

Romans 4:1-5; 6:1b – 11 & 12 – 23, 7:15 – 25

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## ECCLESIAL MEMBERSHIPS & CONFERENCES

Africa University Advisory Board Member

Black Methodist Church Renewal (BMCR) Member

Great Plains Annual Conference UMC

Lee's Summit United Methodist Church Teaching Pastor

Zimbabwe East Annual Conference UMC

## ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

Signifying Scriptures

Society of Biblical Literature

Society of Pentecostal Studies

Wesleyan Theological Society

Global South Hermeneutics Group

## PROFESSIONAL MEETING & CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE

Society of Biblical Interpretation: San Diego (2019)

Association of Theological Schools (ATS) Institutional & Accrediting Member (2016)

Society of Pentecostal Studies: Washington, DC (2006); Atlanta (2010); ATS Chicago (2012); Austria (2013); Tampa (2014); Atlanta (2015).

Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting: Toronto (2002); Austria (2013).

ATS Conference Presenter: Chicago (2013).

ATS Conference on Mid-Career Faculty: Chicago (2012, 2013).

African Council of Churches Meetings: Kenya (2012).

African Biblical Scholars' Conference: South Africa (2010).

ATS Conference on Newly Hired Faculty Members: Pittsburgh (2008, 2009 & 2010).

Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting: San Antonio (2001); Toronto (2002); Atlanta (2003); Philadelphia (2005); San Diego (2007) & New Orleans (2009).

## PROFESSIONAL INSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEES

ST. PAUL SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

Assessment Committee (2017 – 2020)

Admissions Committee (2018 – 2020)

Interim Course of Study Director (2015)

Peace & Justice Faculty Coordinator (2012 – 2015)

Faculty Marshall (2013 – 2015)

Faculty Personnel & Steering Committee (2014 – 2015)

Educational Enrichment Committee (2013 – 2014)

Master Curriculum Chair (2013 – 2014)

International Student Group Advisor (2009 – 2013)

Curriculum Revision Committee (2010 – 2012)

Academic & Professional Development Committee (2009 – 2010)

Diversity & Equity Committee (2008 – 2009)

## UPPER LEVEL NEW TESTAMENT COURSES

Introduction to the New Testament (2016 – 2020)

Reading & Interpreting Greet New Testament (2008 – 2020)

Theological Interpretation of Romans (2009 – 2020)

Women in the Early Christian Church (2010 – 2020)

Women in the New Testament (2010 – 2020)

The Book of Revelation (2011 – 2020)

Biblical Hermeneutics for Clergy Formation (2014 – 2020)

Pauline Epistle to the Romans (2009 – 2017)

Spiritual Formation (2015 – 2017)

Summative Seminar for Graduating Students (2015 – 2017)

Interpreting Gospels (2012 – 2016)

Spiritual Retreats: Encountering the Love of God (2013 – 2015)

Advanced Praxis Seminar (2014)

Gospel of John (2012 – 2014)

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Biblical Visions of Love & Justice & Responsibility for Children (2011)

Ethics of Biblical Interpretation (2010)

Reading Romans (2010)

Peace, Justice & Reconciliation (2008 – 2010)

## COURSES TAUGHT: COURSE OF STUDY

Introduction to New Testament (2008 – Present)

Upper Level New Testament Studies (2010 – Present)

Methodism & Doctrine (2013)

## SERVICE TO SEMINARY

International Student Adviser (2009 – 2014)

Raising tuition and flight funds for students from Africa (2012 – 2014)

Attending community meals with students

Advising students on course registrations

Preaching and serving communion in Chapel

## SERVICE & FUNDRAISING FOR NATIONAL & GLOBAL CHURCH

Support Orphanage Fund, \$33K in Mutare through Bethel UMC in Pittsburgh, PA (2006 – Present)

Raised \$357K for drilling 24 wells in Zimbabwe \$357K (2000 – 2020)

Raised \$105M for Africa Breast Cancer Medical Center Project (2016 – 2019)

Raised \$22K for Zimbabwe Idai storm victims (2019)

Raised \$45K for Underprivileged Grant for Youth & Children (2016 – 2018)

Raised \$347K for Africa's Children's Fund through Ohio West UMC Conference (2005 – 2007)

Raised \$500K for Children of Africa (2006)

Africa University Advisory Member, assisted in raising tuition funds for students

Annual Africa University Trustees & Advisory Meeting Member

Guest speaker at UMC annual conferences

Lead missionary trips to Nicaragua and Zimbabwe

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Serve as missionary and guest preacher in local US churches

UMC district seminars on biblical interpretation