

JTS 2017 Theology Conference Schedule

Friday, September 8 – Free Public Lecture

The Zenas Gerig
Memorial Lecture

7:00 p.m. *Dr. Steed Davidson* – “The Hazards and Opportunities of *Sola Scriptura* for Caribbean Biblical Interpretation”
Dr. Garnett Roper – Response to Steed Davidson

Saturday, September 9 – Conference Registration Required

Registration

8:00 a.m.

Welcome &
Introductions

8:30 a.m. *Dr. J. Richard Middleton*

*Session 1 Papers –
Scripture, Politics,
and the Church*

9:00 a.m. *Ms. Erica Campbell* – “The Parable of the Good Samaritan:
A Political Reading from a Caribbean Perspective”
Mr. David Pearson – “The Anatomy of a Church Healing”

*Session 2 Papers –
The Ethical Challenge
of a Complex Bible*

10:15 a.m. *Dr. J. Richard Middleton* – “The Inclusive Vision of Isaiah
56 and Contested Ethical Practices in Scripture and the
Church: Toward a Canonical Hermeneutic of Discernment”
Dr. Eric Flett – “Food for Thought: The Work of the Spirit
and the Dynamics of Disgust in Acts 10”

*Session 3 Papers –
The Bible and
Rastafari
Hermeneutics*

11:30 a.m. *Dr. Christopher J. Duncanson-Hales* – “Word, Sound, and
Power: The Religious Imagination of Rastafari”
Hermeneutics
Dr. Delano Palmer – “Chiastic Contours, Caribbean
Hermeneutic, and the Book of Acts”

Lunch

12:45 p.m.

*Session 4 Papers –
Identity in the
Caribbean Context*

2:00 p.m. *Dr. Yves Bergeron* – “The Biblical Interpretation of
Demonic Possession and Voodoo-Like Possession as the
Identity of Evil in Haiti”
Mr. André Scarlett – “Black Identity in Light of Slavery,
God’s Sovereignty, and Scripture”

*Session 5 Papers – An
Agenda for Biblical
Interpretation in the
Caribbean*

3:15 p.m. *Mr. Nicholas Smith* – Pastoral Priorities for Biblical
Interpretation in the Caribbean
Dr. Ajilon Ferdinand – “Contextual Interpretation and the
Canonical Narrative: Toward a Holistic Understanding of
the Bible”

Wrap Up and Closing
Activities

4:30 p.m. 1. Looking Forward: A Theme for Next Year’s Conference
2. Presentation of the Jack and Phyllis Middleton Award for
Excellence in Bible and Theology

Dismissal

5:00 p.m.