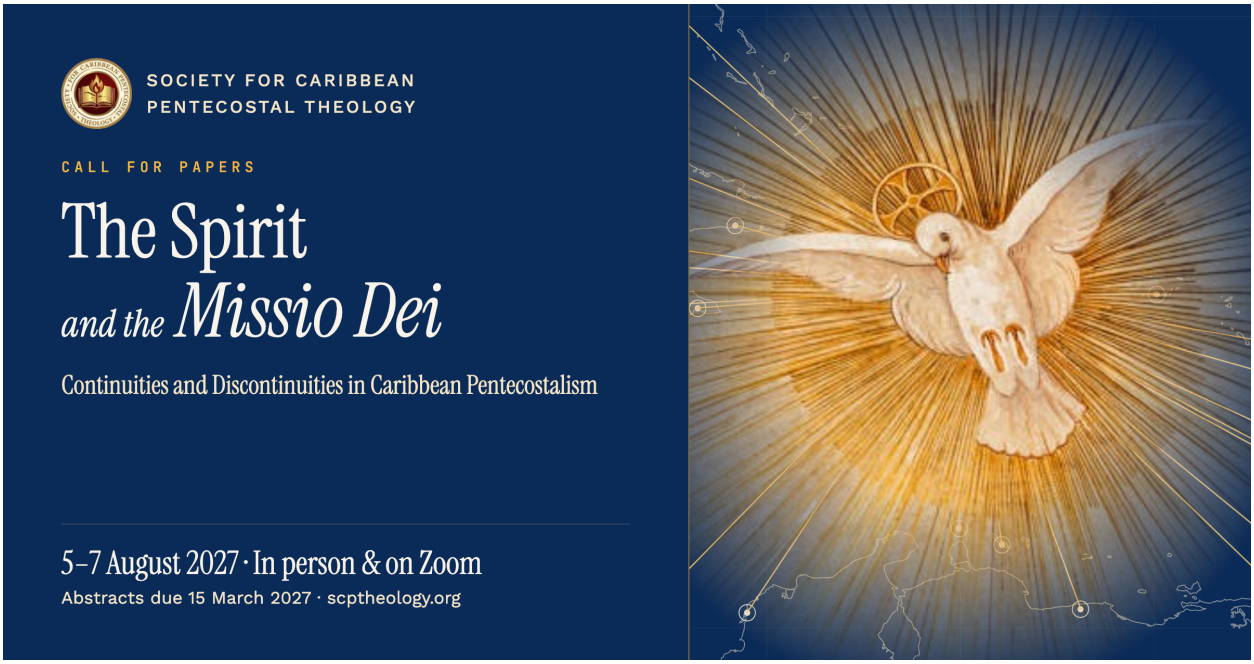
SOCIETY FOR CARIBBEAN PENTECOSTAL THEOLOGY

Call For Paper 2027 is Open Now



Theme: The Spirit and the *Missio Dei*: Continuities and Discontinuities in Caribbean Pentecostalism

Dates: August 5–7, 2027

Location: In-Person & Virtual (Zoom)

Time: 08:30–17:30 AST

Languages: Spanish & English

Conference Theme

The relationship between the Spirit and the *Missio Dei* constitutes an important dimension of Christian theological reflection. Within Pentecostal traditions, the work of the Holy Spirit has historically shaped understandings of evangelism, ecclesial life, spiritual empowerment, social engagement, and the church's participation in God's mission in the world. Yet Caribbean Pentecostalism is neither a static nor a homogeneous phenomenon. Its historical development has been characterized by continuities, discontinuities, tensions, and transformations that reflect changing theological commitments, cultural encounters, institutional structures, and transnational

relationships. From its historical emergence and missionary trajectories to its contemporary expressions across the Caribbean and its diaspora, Pentecostalism has continually negotiated its theological identity and participation in the *Missio Dei*.

The Society for Caribbean Pentecostal Theology (SCPT) invites scholars, researchers, theologians, educators, graduate students, and practitioners to participate in its 2027 academic conference titled: *The Spirit and The Missio Dei: Continuities and Discontinuities in Caribbean Pentecostalism.*

This conference seeks to critically examine how Caribbean Pentecostal communities have understood, embodied, negotiated, and transformed their participation in the Missio Dei. Particular attention will be given to the relationship between pneumatology and missiology, the historical trajectories of Caribbean Pentecostalism, and the networks through which theological ideas, ecclesial practices, and cultural expressions circulate. Rather than presupposing a uniform understanding of Pentecostal mission, the conference welcomes critical, historical, biblical, theological, and interdisciplinary approaches that explore both the continuities and discontinuities shaping Caribbean Pentecostal identities and practices. We particularly encourage contributions that investigate the relationship between the Holy Spirit, ecclesial formation, intercultural engagement, theological education, and the changing configurations of Pentecostal networks in the Caribbean and beyond.

Intended Audience

Students, faculty members, researchers, ministers, theologians, and professionals in related fields are invited to participate. Those interested in presenting papers should submit an abstract of up to 250 words through the link provided at the end of this announcement.

Publication Opportunity

Selected papers may be invited for inclusion in an edited volume subject or in an issue of our academic journal. Additional information regarding publication opportunities will be provided after the conference.

Abstract Requirements

The abstract should clearly state:

- The research objective and research/reflection question
- The theoretical framework
- The methodology and sources consulted
- A summary of the main expected or achieved results
- 250 words limit.
- Five keywords.

Submission Deadline

March 15, 2027, at 17:00 (AST)

Thematic Areas

Paper proposals for short papers may address a wide range of topics related to biblical, theological, and ecclesial studies, including but not limited to:

- Hebrew Bible / Old Testament
- New Testament
- Systematic Theology
- Practical and Pastoral Theology
- Pentecostal Missions
- History of Pentecostalism
- Global Christianity
- Pentecostal Pneumatology
- Caribbean Pentecostalism
- Pentecostal Education
- Interdenominational and Interreligious Dialogue
- Reception and Dissemination through Media (Radio, Television, social media, etc.)
- Pentecostal Women and Men

This conference theme seeks to promote theological reflection on the future of Pentecostal theology in a variety of contexts and may encompass interdisciplinary areas such as public policy, education, economics, disability studies, sexuality, gender, and leadership.

Presentation Format

- Each paper presentation will be allotted 20 minutes**.**
- A 10-minute session for questions and discussion will follow.

Conference Registration

- Early-Bird Registration: $50 — through March 15, 2027.
- Regular Registration: $65 — March 16 through June 15, 2027.
- Late Registration: $75 — June 16 through August 1, 2027.

Registration fees apply to participation in the conference. Additional information regarding in-person and virtual attendance will be provided during the registration process.

Contact Information

For questions regarding the conference, please contact: info@scptheology.org