



BLACK THEOLOGY FORUM

September, October, November 2016



Thursday 29th September 2016

Mike Royal

GIVING AND THE BLACK CHURCH:
Lifting the offering or Lifting Aspirations?



Thursday 20th October 2016 **** Book launch****

Archbishop Doyé Teido Agama

AFRICA, CHRISTIANITY AND THE BIBLE:
Our Global Destiny



Thursday 24th November 2016

Rev David Shosanya

BLACK FACES IN WHITE SPACES:
*Exploring a subjective understanding of Black Self-
Consciousness in Contested White Space*

THE QUEEN'S
FOUNDATION
SOMERSET ROAD
BIRMINGHAM
B15 2QH

7.00pm
Arrival & Refreshments
(Dining Room)

7.30pm
The Forum
(Wakefield Room)

FREE EVENT!
Please register
in advance

This is a monthly gathering. Please invite other Black and Asian friends who may have an interest in the general thrust of the forum. For catering purposes please advise of your attendance in advance. Please email Gail Harris: harrisg@queens.ac.uk. Accommodation is on offer subject to availability, please email hospitality@queens.ac.uk. For more information about the Black Theology Forum, Black Ministries and Leadership at Queen's, please contact Dr Dulcie Dixon McKenzie: email d.mckenzie@queens.ac.uk

Black Theology Forum at Queen's Foundation

Chair and convener: Dr Dulcie Dixon McKenzie

The Black Theology Forum (BTF) offers a space for the exploration of Black and Asian liberation theologies through critical conversations on a wide range of topics, and merges scholarship and transformative practice. Anyone who identifies as Black and Asian are welcome to attend. The BTF convenes once a month, usually on the fourth Thursday during term time and admission is free. For more details please contact Dulcie McKenzie at Queen's Foundation: d.mckenzie@queens.ac.uk

Mike Royal (29.9.16)

Mike will explore whether the 'giving culture' in Black Majority Churches is a force for good or not. Mike is a leader, speaker, pastor, social entrepreneur and a pioneer of church based social action. He is the co-founder of the award winning UK based TLG (Transforming Lives for Good) The Education Charity and leads on church engagement at the Cinnamon Network. Mike has a Masters degree in Black Theology from the University of Birmingham. He has been a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts since 2010. He is also a part time mental health chaplain working with vulnerable men in a medium secure environment. Mike lives in Handsworth, Birmingham with his spouse Vivienne.

Archbishop Doyé Teido Agama (20.10.16)

Archbishop Agama will give a presentation, launch his new book and sign copies. His presentation will focus on the relationship between Africa and the Bible as a very ancient one and that non-European Christians and particularly those from Africa have made significant contributions to global Christianity. The suffering of Africa could be seen as a retribution for her contributions, rather than the misinterpreted "curse of Ham". The evening will include the launch of Archbishop Agama's book, *Africa, Christianity and the Bible, Our Global Destiny*, which looks at the current and future role of Christians of African heritage here in Britain and around the world. Archbishop Agama is a Christian leader within the Pentecostal Holiness movement. He is presiding prelate and executive director of the Apostolic Pastoral Congress, a collegiate collective of Pentecostal Bishops and Priests, which is part of the evolving "Convergence Movement" in Pentecostalism. He has published eight books, including various theological perspectives on the relevance of ancient Christianity to modern Pentecostalism, and in particular to the emerging Black and multi-cultural churches. He has been married to Helen for over 34 years and they have children and grandchildren.

Rev David Shosanya (24.11.16)

Rev Shosanya will reflect theologically, while also drawing on other disciplines, on the existential and ontological realities of what it means to be a conscious black male, a black face, daily inhabiting and seeking to exercise agency and autonomy in what can be described as white spaces. David will explore the intersectionality between race, gender and culture and will examine how they each impact on perception, performance and personhood. His presentation will include an examination of ways in which the gender politics between black men and women are played out within white spaces. David Shosanya is an ordained Baptist minister, coach, facilitator and professional public speaker. He is passionate about individuals confronting and dissolving the self-imposed limitations that often prevent them from realising their potential and enjoying life to the full. He is a co-founder of the nationally acclaimed Street Pastors Initiative, and is the founder and host of the State of Black Britain Symposium, the National Leadership Summit and the national Black History Month (BHM) Civic Service of Celebration. David writes a monthly column for Keep the Faith magazine and is a regular contributor to 'Word for The Day' on Premier Radio. He is a business and theology graduate with a professional qualification in public speaking. He is married to Yvonne and they have two children and live in Surrey.