

# 3RD BIENNIAL NORTH AMERICAN REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONALIZING CHRISTIAN HIGHER EDUCATION



*“Learning to Listen, Listening to Learn”*

**JUNE 4 - JUNE 6, 2017 | GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN**

## CONFERENCE THEME

[The International Association for the Promotion of Christian Higher Education](#) (IAPCHE), in partnership with the [Council for Christian Colleges & Universities](#) (CCCU), is pleased to announce an opportunity for scholars, faculty, staff leaders, campus administrators and others in North American Christian higher education to gather and consider how to improve the internationalizing of Christian higher education. At this conference, scheduled for June 4-6, 2017, the focus will be on listening and learning in order to enhance our leading. How do we engage in careful listening and learning across national and cultural boundaries? How do we shape graduates into culturally adept Christian witnesses who are prepared to serve God’s peace and justice in the larger world?

## CALL FOR PROPOSALS

For this conference we invite proposals that address questions such as these:

- ◆ What might North American educators learn from Christians elsewhere who have minority status and must deal constantly with rival faiths and pressure to conform?
- ◆ As we advise and teach students, what attitudes and skills cultivate effective listening and help us bridge gaps in cultural and national identity?
- ◆ How can international institutional partnerships for higher education be enhanced by listening to Christian scholars from many backgrounds and experiences?
- ◆ What can Protestants and Catholics teach one another about their global higher education pilgrimages?
- ◆ What might faculty and staff leaders learn from one another when they compare notes about reshaping undergraduate education across the liberal arts and applied fields?
- ◆ What might Christians learn from other religious traditions when we listen well to their perspectives on purpose and meaning across the world?
- ◆ What can we learn from hearing more about best practices of other institutions in the work of internationalizing Christian higher education?

The educational goal is to create spaces and places where student voices shape institutional responses; where those of either limited or greater means learn from each other; where social justice is a language of strategy and action; where North Americans hear and learn with and from the larger world of Christian witness through higher education. The conference conveners expect that this gathering will provide an important context for learning to listen and listening to learn among all who participate.



## FORMAT OF PRESENTATIONS

**All sessions will be 90 minutes in length.**

**Paper Sessions** will typically consist of two presentations of 30 minutes each plus 15 minutes for discussion, exploring diverse theoretical, philosophical, or practical aspects of the conference themes regarding learning and listening. Presentations will be grouped into sets of similar topics or approaches.

**Panel Sessions** are designed for 2-4 presenters and a moderator to address aspects of a common topic (e.g. a particular program initiative or institutional/cultural challenge). Accounts of actual experiences or initiatives at a particular institution are encouraged.

**Round Tables** will provide an opportunity for up to three presenters to make a more informal 30-minute presentation on a topic of their choice.

**Poster Sessions** are designed to showcase research and scholarship, campus strategies, or programs in process related to the conference theme. Posters will be presented simultaneously and will enable attendees to speak with the presenters on a one-on-one basis.

## HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR PROPOSAL

### 1. Your submission should include:

- **Title** of the Submission
- **Presentation Format** — choose one: Paper Session, Round table, Panel Session, or Poster Session
- **A 2-3 Sentence Description** of your presentation which should not exceed **75 words in total**. These will be used in the conference program.
- **Presenter(s)** - For EACH presenter, list the following:
  - \* Full Name
  - \* Title
  - \* University/Company/Organization and location
  - \* Email Address (all communication about the proposal will be sent via email)

### 2. Email your proposal to [conference@iapche.org](mailto:conference@iapche.org).

Note: There is a limit of one presentation per conference participant.

## DEADLINES

Conference proposals must be submitted by **February 13, 2017**. Notifications of acceptance, rejection or requests for modification will be sent before **March 3, 2017**.

## MORE INFORMATION

**Conference registration, lodging and travel information** is available on IAPCHE's website at [www.iapche.org/events/naconference](http://www.iapche.org/events/naconference) and on the CCCU website at [www.cccu.org/ConferencesAndEvents/CalendarOfEvents/2017/6/IAPCHE](http://www.cccu.org/ConferencesAndEvents/CalendarOfEvents/2017/6/IAPCHE). You may email [office@iapche.org](mailto:office@iapche.org) or call 616-526-7906 with any questions.